

# Practice makes perfect for Cowboys

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It's remarkable sometimes what a week's practice can do for a team.

A week after getting pounded by St. Francis 30-6, Goodland returned to Cowboy Stadium and did some pounding of their own, beating the Rawlins County Buffaloes 33-8.

After surviving a scoring threat by Rawlins County early in the first quarter, the Cowboys drove 89 yards in 14 plays Friday, scoring on a 23-yard touchdown run by senior running back Derek Fenner. The extra-point attempt failed, leaving the score 6-0.

Neither team scored in the second period, as Goodland took its six-point lead into the locker room at halftime.

Whatever coach Jon McLean said during the break must have made an impact, as his players came out and scored three touchdowns in the third quarter, including a 35-yard fumble return by senior Brandon Tatman.

Trailing 27-0 halfway through the fourth period, Buffalo quarterback Ryan Bergling connected with running back Ben Warta for a 49-yard pass play and a touchdown. Bergling then hit wide receiver Jordan Dunker for the two-point conversion and Rawlins County was on the scoreboard, 27-8.

A little over a minute later, Goodland responded with a 1-yard touchdown run by Fenner. With sophomore Ren Scherling's extra-point kick, the Cowboys extended their lead to 33-8, which held until the gun.

"Last week at practice, we made a ton of changes on defense," McLean said. "We played much better defense against Atwood and were a lot more physical."

McLean said he made nine player adjustments on defense, resulting in better teamwork and improved coverage. In Friday's game, Goodland gave up just three plays of over 10 yards, all through the air, and allowed just one touchdown.

The Cowboys held Atwood to 67 yards rushing, however the Buffaloes were able to gain 146 yards through the air for 213 total yards. Goodland rushed for 356 yards and passed for 31 more.

Goodland was penalized eight times for 65 yards and Rawlins County three times for 20 yards. Both teams lost two fumbles.

One change McLean made on offense was to move Fenner from split end to running back, which paid off in a big way. Fenner led Goodland's ground attack with 191 yards on 27 carries. He scored three of the Cowboys' five touchdowns



Senior running back Derek Fenner (with ball) broke through the middle of Atwood's line for a 23-yard touchdown during the first

quarter of Goodland's 33-8 win over the Buffaloes on Friday at Cowboy Stadium. Photo by Liz West/The Goodland Star-News

on runs of one, four and 23 yards. Fenner also ran for a two-point conversion.

After a short opening kickoff, Goodland started with first-and-10 on its 37-yard line but could get anything going and was forced to punt. The Buffaloes broke through to block the kick and Atwood got the game's first big break with first-and-10 at the Cowboys' 20.

However, Goodland's revamped defense rose to its first challenge stopping the Buffaloes on fourth and three from the 13 and taking over on downs.

From their own 11, the Cowboys marched down the field and with four minutes left in the first quarter, Fenner broke through up the middle for 23 yards and a touchdown. Amish-handled hold foiled the extra point, however Goodland had a 6-0 lead.

Neither team could sustain a drive during the rest of the first half, and the score remained 6-0 at halftime.

Things were different for Goodland in the second half, as the Cowboys took the opening kickoff and drove 77 yards on five plays, scoring on a 30-yard run by senior fullback Bob Miller. Fenner ran in for the two-point conversion and Goodland led 14-0.

Two plays after the kickoff, Tatman grabbed an Atwood fumble and sprinted in for Goodland's second touchdown in less than 45 seconds making the score 20-0. The extra point kick was wide left.

Atwood was able to drive from its

own 29 to the Cowboys' 18, but a holding penalty and some tough defense stopped the Buffaloes. Goodland again took over on downs.

From first-and-10 at their own 40, the Cowboys marched down the field, with Fenner scoring from four yards out and with Scherling's kick led 27-0 with three minutes in the third period.

Still trailing 27-0 at the start of the fourth, the Buffaloes began to move, but on fourth-and-nine at mid-field, a pass fell incomplete. However, a roughing the passer penalty kept Atwood's drive alive. Four plays later, Bergling hit Warta for a 49-yard pass play for a touchdown, and with the two-point conversion made the score 27-8.

The Cowboys needed just 49 seconds to go 70 yards after that, scoring on Fenner's third touchdown run of the night from a yard out to make it 33-8. The drive was highlighted by a 51-yard run by Miller. Scherling's extra-point kick was wide right.

After an exchange of possessions, a 65-yard punt by Goodland pinned Atwood at its own 11-yard line with just over two minutes left on the clock. The Cowboys' defense continued to be stubborn and the game ended with the Buffaloes punting on fourth-and-12 from their own 9.

Miller also ran for over 100 yards, getting 147 on 14 carries. Senior Jase Herl carried the ball four times for 13 yards.

Goodland quarterback Wyatt Dautel completed one pass to senior Heath Chatfield for 31 yards and ran nine times for nine yards.

Fenner was the Cowboys' leading tackler with 13, including a pair of quarterback sacks. Junior Jon Cook had 10 tackles, Miller nine and senior Mark Starr seven.

Sophomore Casey Henderson had eight tackles, including two sacks.

Goodland faces a tough challenge this Friday as the team travels to Oberlin to face the Red Devils of Decatur Community High. The Devils improved to 3-0 for the season this past Friday by beating Colby 20-6.

## Scores from area schools

Area High School Football  
Sept. 16  
Northwest Kansas League

Goodland 33, Atwood 8

Oberlin 20, Colby 6

St. Francis 32, Quinter 6

Oakley 8, Hoxie 6

Western Kansas Liberty League

Hitchcock County (Neb.) 49, Brewster 20

Grinnell-Grainfield 22, Tribune 16

Sharon Springs 64, Healy 58

Winona 26, Rolla 22

Victoria 20, Weskan 16

Rexford 60, Glasco 12

Rozel 30, Bird City 26

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Abilene 16, Clay Center 6

Maryville 37, Concordia 20

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## Broncbusters lose to Butler

Saturday, Butler County Community College proved to Garden City fans why it is on top of the national junior college football poll by beating their Broncbusters 62-31.

With the win, the Grizzlies are 4-0 for the season; they will face Fort Scott Community College next Saturday.

The Greyhounds of Fort Scott fell to 0-4 after losing to Highland Community College 35-29 this past weekend.

Garden City, now 2-2, will try to break a two-game losing streak on Saturday at Dodge City. Former Goodland Cowboy Derrick Raymer is Garden City's punter this season.

Going into the game against Butler County, Raymer has punted 17 times averaging just over 34 yards per kick, his longest going for 58 yards.

Dodge City also is 2-2 after losing on the road Saturday to Coffeyville Community College 28-7.

The Red Ravens of Coffeyville, ranked No. 3 by the National Junior College Athletic Association, are now 4-0 and visit Independence Community College on Saturday. Independence fell to Hutchinson Community College this past weekend 28-12.

The Blue Dragons of Hutchinson travel to Colorado Springs on Saturday to face the U.S. Air Force Academy Prep School. The Highland Scotties also have a non-conference matchup this weekend, a home game against Graceland University's junior varsity.

Graceland, in Lamon, Iowa, is a member of the Heart of America Athletic Conference of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

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