

Oakley unsaddles Cowboys 34-7

By Greg Stover
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The Oakley High football team came to Goodland on Friday intending to beat the Cowboys and remain undefeated, and that is just what the Plainsmen did, coming from behind to win 34-7.

Goodland scored first on a 2-yard touchdown run by senior running back Derek Fenner with 29 seconds left in the first quarter, and with sophomore Ren Scherling's extra point, led 7-0 going into the second period.

About five minutes later, though, Oakley scored its first touchdown and with the two-point conversion took an 8-7 lead. The Plainsmen added another touchdown late in the second quarter and took a 14-7 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Oakley did all the scoring in the second half. The Plainsmen scored a touchdown and a two-point conversion in the third quarter to make it 22-7, then a pair of touchdowns in the fourth making the final 34-7.

Oakley is now 5-0 for the season while the Cowboys fell to 3-2.

"The team played hard," said Coach Jon McLean, "but the game got away from us in the fourth quarter."

He said turnovers were a big part of the game, as Goodland gave up two interceptions and a fumble. The Cowboys also fumbled on a fourth down play, and although they recovered the ball, Oakley took over on downs.

McLean said five or six mistakes were key to the game.

"We seemed to keep shooting ourselves in the foot," he said, "with penalties, turnovers and mistakes on both offense and defense."

In the first quarter, though, things seemed to be going the Cowboys' way. After receiving the opening kickoff, Oakley gained just 12 yards opening during its first possession and was forced to punt. Senior Jase Herl returned the ball to the Cowboys' 37-yard line.

Goodland was able to drive down to the Oakley 23, but on fourth-and-

8 the Plainsmen linebacker Robert Cooksey intercepted a Cowboy pass, returning it nine yards.

Then with first-and-10 on their own 19, the Plainsmen could only gain two yards and were forced to punt again. The kick was partly blocked by junior John Mosbarger and the ball was recovered by junior Jon Cook on the Oakley 31.

Eight plays later, Fenner bulled in from a yard out for a touchdown, and with Scherling's kick, Goodland led 7-0.

Starting from midfield after the kickoff, the Plainsmen drove down the field, scoring on a 4-yard run by Calder Keller. A pass play for the two-point conversion was good and Oakley took over the lead 8-7 with a little over 10 minutes left in the first half.

A penalty on the kickoff return caused Goodland to start its next drive from its own 10. From there, the Cowboys were able to mount a long drive highlighted by a 56-yard pass play from senior quarterback Wyatt Dautel to Herl. However, on fourth-and-3 from the Oakley 24, the Cowboys fumbled and the Plainsmen took possession on downs.

Four plays later, Oakley was forced to punt, and although the Plainsmen tried to get Goodland to jump offsidess on fourth down, the Cowboys were not fooled.

Starting from its own 34, Goodland was able to drive to the Oakley 30. The Cowboys could get no further and turned the ball over on downs.

Two plays later, Oakley quarterback Chase Sperber found a hole on the left side of his offensive line and rambled 60 yards for a touchdown. The pass for the two-point conversion fell incomplete and the Plainsmen now led 14-7 with just over a minute left in the first half.

The Cowboys could not get far on their next possession, and the gun sounded ending the half.

Goodland opened the third quarter with a 40-yard drive down to the Oakley 25, but again the Cowboys



Senior running back Derek Fenner (dark jersey) bulled in from one yard out for Goodland's only touchdown during the Cowboys' homecoming game Friday against the Oakley. The Plainsmen won the

game 34-7 to remain undefeated for the season. Goodland takes on Ulysses on Friday in Cowboy Stadium.

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failed to convert on fourth down and the Plainsmen took over.

Oakley next mounted a 75-yard drive capped by a 6-yard touchdown run by Keller who also ran in the two-point conversion, increasing the Plainsmen's lead to 22-7.

Starting from its own 35, Goodland was able to drive to the Oakley 34. There on fourth-and-1, Fenner got enough for the first down but fumbled as he got hit.

Six plays later Keller appeared to score on a 62-yard pass play, but it was nullified on a face mask penalty. However, since it was a spot foul, Oakley still had gained enough for a first-and-10 on Goodland's 28. On the next play, Keller took the handoff, running to the left then

back to the right, and into the end zone for his third touchdown of the game.

The two-point conversion failed and the score was now 28-7 with under seven minutes left in the game.

Seven plays later, Dautel threw his second interception, giving Oakley first-and-10 on its own 20. After driving 11 yards, the Plainsmen's drive stalled and they were forced to punt.

However, a roughing-the-kicker penalty allowed Oakley to retain the ball with a first-and-10 on its own 45, and two plays later running back Kelly Younkin ran into the end zone from 42 yards out. The two-point conversion failed and the score was

now 34-7 with three minutes left in the game.

Penalties hampered Goodland's final possession and Oakley took over on downs and ran out the clock for the win.

Goodland ran for 194 yards on 50 carries while Oakley rushed 38 times for 289. The Cowboys completed 6 of 13 passes for 131 yards. The Plainsmen were 3 of 6 for 70. Goodland had the edge in first downs 17-12.

The Cowboys were penalized eight times for 65 yards, the Plainsmen seven for 40.

Fenner was Goodland's leading rusher, gaining 75 yards on 20 carries. Senior Bob Miller ran 17 times for 63 yards. Herl rushed for 22

yards on three carries, Dautel 16 on six, and junior Jerrod Goodman picked up 18 yards on three rushes.

Dautel completed 6 of 12 passes for 131 yards. Herl caught five for 120 yards and Miller caught one for 11.

On defense, the Cowboys were led by Dautel with 11 tackles, including four unassisted. Fenner had 10 tackles with Miller, and senior Heath Chatfield and sophomore Casey Henderson each had six.

The Cowboys get to stay home again this Friday when the Tigers of Ulysses High visit Goodland. The Tigers defeated Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays on Friday 42-0 in Ulysses.

Tigers fall to Colorado Mines 46-10

The Fort Hays State University football team lost to the Colorado School of Mines 46-10 Saturday, dropping to 2-4 for the season.

The Orediggers scored their first touchdown 35 seconds into the game and led 21-0 after the first quarter. Mines scored again 11 seconds into the second quarter to make it 27-0.

The Tigers got on the board with about 10 minutes left in the first half on a short touchdown run. With sophomore kicker Justin Barr's extra point, the score was 27-7.

The Orediggers kicked a pair of field goals later in the second quarter and led 33-7 at halftime.

Both teams scored a field goal in the third period to make it 36-10 going into the fourth. Mines added another touchdown and a field goal in the final period to win 46-10. The Orediggers are now 3-0 in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and 3-3 overall.

Fort Hays State is now 2-2 in the conference. The Tigers travel to

Durango, Colo., on Saturday to face the Skyhawks of Fort Lewis College. The Skyhawks are now 3-2 overall and 3-1 in the conference after defeating Chadron State College (Neb.) 42-35 Saturday.

Barr's 31-yard field goal in the third quarter was his seventh out of 10 attempts for the season. Barr was named the conference's special teams player of the week after kick-

ing four field goals in the Tigers' 18-15 win over Adams State College (Colo.) two weekends ago.

In other games around the conference Saturday, the University of Nebraska at Kearney defeated Adams State 61-24; Mesa State College (Colo.) beat Western State of Colorado 20-3; and New Mexico Highland University won its first game of the season with a 26-24 vic-

tory over Northwestern Oklahoma State University in a non-conference matchup.

This Saturday, Mesa State visits Chadron State, Nebraska-Kearney goes on the road to face Colorado Mines, Adams State plays host to New Mexico Highlands and Western State travels to Western New Mexico University in Silver City for a non-conference game.

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