

Cowboys shoot down Eagles, 50-24

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The Goodland High School football ended its season on a high note Thursday night by beating the Colby Eagles 50-24.

The Cowboys finished their season 4-5 while Colby ended its year 0-9.

Goodland scored first on a 61-yard touchdown run by sophomore Casey Henderson, then sophomore Ren Scherling kicked the extra-point for a 7-0 Goodland lead.

Colby came back with a short touchdown pass as time ran out in the first quarter, and after making the two-point conversion, led 8-7.

The Eagles' lead only lasted about 90 seconds, as senior Jase Herl connected with senior Derek Fenner for a 66-yard touchdown pass which returned the lead to Goodland 13-8.

The Cowboys scored three more touchdowns in the second quarter and led 36-8 at half-time.

Both teams scored touchdowns in the third and fourth quarters, making the final 50-24.

"We went through a rough stretch for a while," said Goodland coach Jon McLean, "so it was good to end

the season with a win. I'm happy for the seniors."

The first possessions for both teams ran three plays and a punt. On the first play of Goodland's second possession, the Eagles were called for off-sides, giving the Cowboys first-and-5 on their own 39.

From there, Henderson got the ball, ran to the right side of his line, eluded some tacklers with the help of some good blocking and ran 61 yards to the end zone. Scherling kicked the extra-point and Goodland led 7-0.

Colby started its second possession on its own 36, but on third-and-8, senior defensive tackle Mark Starr sacked the Eagle quarterback for a 4-yard loss, forcing a punt.

Starting from their own 6, the Cowboys ran 15 plays but could only advance the ball 21 yards and were forced to punt. A low snap led to a Cowboy fumble and Colby's Justin Schields recovered it, giving the Eagles first-and-goal from the 5.

Two plays later, Colby quarter-



Miller



Hillmer



Kling

back Cole Garcia hit tight end Travis Parker for a 6-yard touchdown, making the score 7-6 just as the quarter ended. Eagle running back Joe Heier then ran in the two-point conversion and Colby took the lead 8-7.

Four plays after the kickoff, Herl threw a halfback option pass to a wide-open Fenner for a 66-yard touchdown, and the Cowboys were back on top 13-8. Goodland's two-point conversion failed.

Less than a minute later, senior linebacker Brandon Tatman recovered a Colby fumble, giving the Cowboys first-and-10 on the Eagle 20. Two plays later, Fenner ran into the end zone from 15 yards out. Senior quarterback Bob Miller ran in for two points, and Goodland led

21-8 with a little over nine minutes left in the half.

Colby's next possession stalled and the Eagles were again forced to punt.

Starting from their own 27, the Cowboys drove to the Colby 36, where on second-and-8 Miller threw a pass to

junior wide receiver Tyler Hillmer which fell off his fingertips incomplete. The Cowboys came right back with the same play and this time Hillmer made the catch and sprinted into the end zone. Fenner ran in the two-point conversion and Goodland's lead widened to 29-8.

Five plays later, on fourth-and-4 from their own 17, the Eagles tried to pass for a first down during a fake punt but it fell incomplete.. The Cowboys took over with just 49 seconds left in the first half.

On the next play, Miller again connected with Hillmer for a touchdown, and with Scherling's kick, that made the half-time score 36-8.

Halfway through the third period, Herl again hooked up with Fenner on the halfback option, resulting in

a 26-yard touchdown play. Scherling's third extra-point kick made the score 43-8.

About three minutes later, Garcia threw his second touchdown pass of the night for Colby, this time to Heier from 30 yard out. He passed to tight end Jeremy Dietz for the two-point conversion and the score was now 43-16.

Less than 90 seconds into the fourth quarter, Miller bulled into the end zone from two yards out for Goodland's seventh touchdown and with Scherling making it 4-for-4 on extra-point kicks the Cowboys led 50-16.

With about seven minutes left in the game, Coach McLean began to give his backup players some playing time. The Goodland fans cheered in appreciation as the seniors came off the field ending their high school gridiron careers.

Colby mounted one last drive from its own 34 to the Cowboy 4, where Garcia again hooked up with Parker for a touchdown pass with 19 seconds left on the clock. Munderloh rushed for the two-point conversion, making the final 50-24.

Goodland had 455 yards of total offense while holding Colby to less

than 200. Fenner led the Cowboys rushing attack, gaining 82 yards on 20 carries. Henderson ran eight times for 81 yards and senior Wyatt Dautel picked up 45 yards on 11 carries.

Junior running back Jarrod Goodman rushed four times for 31 yards, Miller ran six times for 22 and Herl gained 19 yards on five carries.

Henderson, Fenner and Miller each scored one rushing touchdown. Fenner and Miller both ran for two-point conversions.

Herl completed all three of his passes, all caught by Fenner, for 127 yards and two touchdowns. Miller completed two of six, both to Hillmer, for 56 yards and two touchdowns.

Sophomore defensive back Jake Kling led the Cowboy defense with nine tackles, followed by Miller with seven. Starr, Tatman and junior Taylor Frazier each had six.

Eight seniors have played their final seasons as Goodland Cowboys and are now taking a well-earned rest before getting ready for winter sports, which start practice on Nov. 14.

Goodland runner earns medal at state meet



Junior Kerek Mason (left) placed 19th at the state Class 4A cross country championships Saturday at the golf course in Wamego. Photo by Jeff Mason/The Goodland Star-News

Junior Kerek Mason finished 19th to snare a medal at the state Class 4A cross country championship Saturday in Wamego.

Coach Don Smith said Mason got a "side stitch" about a half mile into the race which he could not shake off, and it was a major challenge just to finish among the top 20.

"Kerek had a great start and was running fifth or sixth when he developed a side stitch," Smith said, "which did not go away, and he started to lose position as the race went on."

Mason ran the five-kilometer course in 17 minutes, 16.91 seconds, 11 seconds faster than he did as a sophomore at last year's state meet. He finished 29th on the same course that year.

Smith said although Mason was disappointed, he was glad to make it to the platform to receive a medal and looks forward to returning to the state meet next year.

Cole Ginther, a senior at Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, won the state title in 15:57.38. Abilene's Tyler Fennema, who led the race early on, was the runner-up, leading his team to a second-place finish.

Ginther and Fennema also finished 1-2 at the regional meet on Oct. 22 in Buhler, where Mason ran third.

The Bulldogs of Baldwin High won the team title with 51 points. Abilene tallied 63, followed by El Dorado with 82, Independence 121 and host Wamego with 125.

Colby senior Jessica Stephens finished her high school cross country career by placing seventh while helping the Lady Eagles to a seventh-place finish also. Stephens ran the two-mile course in 12:22.08.

Eudora's Brittney Graff won the girls' race in 11:49.43.

Baldwin High took the girls team championship with 70 points, with Wamego second at 100. El Dorado was third with 104, followed by Eudora with 106 and DeSoto with 139. Colby's score was 142.

Like last year, Wamego was the site for the state Class 1A, 2A and 3A championships.

The Oakley High girls won the Class 2A title and the boys of Brewster High placed fifth in Class 1A.

Coach Smith said he thought all the Cowboys and Cowgirls runners made good progress throughout the season.

The team's problem is numbers, he said, and he hopes to recruit more runners next year so that the school can compete for more team titles rather than just running as individuals.

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Area High School Football Oct. 27
Northwest Kansas League
Goodland 50, Colby 24 St. Francis 44, Atwood 14 Oakley 14, WaKeeney 7 Hoxie 40, Oberlin 0 Ness City-Dighton 46, Quinter 21
District 15
Concordia 31, Clay Center 14
Western Kansas Liberty League
Bird City 34, Brewster 18 Sharon Springs 68, Winona 20 Weskan 58, Rexford 22 Healy 54, Ransom 36 Kensington 62, Grinnell-Grainfield 18 Deerfield 72, Tribune 26

Colby finishes fourth at state

The Colby High School volleyball team finished fourth at the state Class 4A tournament held this weekend at the Bicentennial Center in Salina.

The Lady Eagles, who were seeded fifth, entered pool play Friday with a 28-5 record. Colby opened with a 25-23, 26-28 and 25-15 win over Clearwater.

Right after that, the Eagles had to hit the court again against top-seeded Girard High, beating the Lady Trojans 25-20, 16-25 and 25-19. In its final match in pool play, Colby fell to Santa Fe Trail High of Carbondale 25-15, 25-13.

Finishing second in pool play, the Eagles advanced to the semi-finals where they lost to Wamego 25-21, 25-20. Colby faced Hayden High of Topeka in the consolation match losing 25-19, 25-17 to finish fourth.

Colby's Lissa Mazanec, a sophomore middle blocker, was named to the all-tournament team.

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