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Former Cowboys end first season of football

Two former Goodland Cowboys ended their first season of college football last Sunday as the Broncbusters of Garden City Community College lost to Coffeyville 40-26 in the semifinals of the conference playoffs.

Freshmen Derrick Raymer and David Livengood both graduated from Goodland High in 2005.

Raymer was the Broncbusters' punter this season, averaging nearly 38 yards per kick with his longest at 58. Nine of his punts ended up as touchbacks and he had one blocked.

Raymer scored two points on a two-point conversion during Sunday's game in a dramatic play that started with a fumble.

As a backup tailback, Livengood rushed 10 times for 29 yards. His longest run was for 10.

Both played on special teams, each recording one tackle.

In Sunday's Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference game, Coffeyville started the scoring on a 74-yard pass play halfway

through the first quarter. About five minutes later, the Red Ravens added a field goal and took an 11-0 lead into the second quarter. There Coffeyville scored on another 74-yard pass play to lead 18-0 at half-time.

The Broncbusters scored the first points of the second half on a 10-yard touchdown run to make it 18-8.

Both teams scored a touchdown later in the third quarter and the Ravens led 25-15 going into the fourth.

About halfway through the period, Garden City scored on a 26-yard pass play.

On the extra point kick attempt, the ball was fumbled. Raymer picked it up and ran in for two points to make it 25-23.

Less than three minutes later, Garden City scored on a 44-yard field goal and the Broncbusters took the lead, 26-25.

Coffeyville responded with a touchdown a little over a minute

later to regain the lead at 33-26. The Ravens added another touchdown on a 15-yard fumble return to make the final 40-26.

The Broncbusters, who defeated Coffeyville 25-21 on Oct. 8, finished their season with a 7-3 record. The Red Ravens, now 8-2, face Dodge City Community College on Sunday in Coffeyville for the conference championship.

Dodge City upset Butler County Community College in the other semifinal game 23-17. The Conquistadors, who trailed 17-14 going into the fourth quarter, tied the game on a field goal then scored a touchdown on a 63-yard pass play for the win.

In this week's poll by the National Junior College Athletic Association, Coffeyville rose three spots to No. 11 while Dodge City entered the top 20 at No. 15.

Butler County, which spent the past eight weeks as the nation's top-ranked team, dropped to No. 5. Garden City fell 11 spots to No. 18.

Choice of voters in athletic polls leave questions

As a serious fan of college athletics, one of the things I do every week is check out the polls in both football and volleyball at all levels, not just NCAA Division I.

Sometimes I do wonder about some of the choices the organizations make when compiling their list of voters.

When I check out a preseason poll, I like to believe each voter makes some kind of evaluation of each team and puts some thought into his or her selections.

But I now realize that some of these "experts" must either throw darts, roll dice or flip coins when making their decisions, especially for preseason polls. More realistically, I suspect some simply go off a team's ranking in the final poll of the previous season and leave it at that.

I'm going to use the NCAA Division II football poll by the American Football Coaches Association



greg stover

● greg's gripes

as my example as I compare the preseason poll released on Aug. 23 and the one released Tuesday after the season's 10th week.

First let me say I do understand that a surprise team or two will come out of nowhere and get into the top 25, just as there will be some disappointments where teams simply do not live up to expectations. But these should be rarities, just one or two, maybe three at the most.

The record goes beyond that.

The preseason poll listed the 26 teams (there was a tie at 25) the voters thought would be the best

among the 150 colleges and universities playing Division II football this season. Twenty-two other teams received at least one point in the preseason balloting.

The way it works, the voters pick their top 25 teams, with the top choice earning 25 points, their second choice getting 24 and so on. There are 25 voters, all head coaches of Division II teams.

Ten weeks later, 16 of the original 26 are still ranked in the top 25. Of the missing 10, four were listed among the "others receiving votes" including Texas A&M-Kingsville, which dropped out of the top 25 for the first time this week.

That leaves six which are no longer getting votes from anybody, not just one or two. Of those six, four will still finish their season

with winning records and another one, the Colorado School of Mines, is 5-5 heading into its final game against Adams State College (Colo.).

The sixth team on the list of disappointments is the University of Central Oklahoma, which is 2-7 for the season. It's hard for me to accept that serious preseason evaluation on everybody's part led to the Bronchos being ranked No. 12.

Now on the other side of the equation, there are nine teams in the top 25 which weren't there when the season started. Five of them did receive votes and earned between 2

and 60 points, so at least some of the voters recognized the talent and potential of these teams.

That leaves four teams, again not one or two, which came "out of the blue" to kick butt.

The good news for Kansas is that the highest ranked of the four is the Ichabods of Washburn University at No. 5. The Ichabods are 9-1 for the season and have wins over three top-25 teams including back-to-back wins over Pittsburg State University and Northwest Missouri State University. Both were ranked in the top five when they lost to Washburn.

Of course polls are little more than estimates and opinions, and that the real evaluation of who is the best is done on the field by the players.

However polls do serve a purpose, and those doing the voting need to do serious evaluations before making their picks, or let someone else do it.

In the end, the playoffs will decide who is No. 1 in Division II, which is the best and I say the only way to do it. And if you think that was a criticism of the Bowl Championship Series, you were right.

Sports television schedule

SATURDAY MORNING

10:00 4/6 ABC PGA Golf The Tour .
22/28 ESPN College Football Teams.
23/29 ESPN2 College Football Minnesota at Indiana.

30/27 FXSP Colorado State Insider
51/49 TRAV World Poker Tour.
61/72 SPK The Ultimate Fighter
10:30 30/27 FXSP College Football Texas at Baylor.
11:00 61/72 SPK The Ultimate Fighter

AFTERNOON

12:00 5 HBO Inside the NFL .
13/7 FOX Raceline
28/40 TNT NASCAR Racing Busch Series.
61/72 SPK The Ultimate Fighter
12:30 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC College Football Tennessee at Notre Dame.

7/11 CBS Cycling Volvo Best Buddies Challenge.
1:00 7/11 CBS College Football Today
22/28 ESPN 23/29 ESPN2 College Gameday Scoreboard

61/72 SPK The Ultimate Fighter
1:30 4/6 ABC College Football Regional Coverage — California at Oregon, North Carolina State at Florida State, Wisconsin at Penn State or Big 12 Game TBA.

7/11 CBS College Football Alabama at Mississippi State.

12/3 WB The American Athlete
22/28 ESPN College Football Illinois at Ohio State.
2:00 23/29 ESPN2 Bull Riding PRCA Xtreme.
30/27 FXSP FSN Pro Football Preview
61/72 SPK The Ultimate Fighter
3:00 23/29 ESPN2 Bull Riding PRCA Xtreme.
30/27 FXSP Helmets Off

61/72 SPK The Ultimate Fighter
3:30 30/27 FXSP Ultimate Fantasy Football
4:00 2/2 PBS Cabin Country Bird Hunting.
30/27 FXSP FUEL TV's 54321 Weekly Update
51/49 TRAV World Poker Tour .
61/72 SPK The Ultimate Fighter

4:30 22/28 ESPN 23/29 ESPN2 College Gameday Scoreboard
30/27 FXSP College Football Saturday Kickoff

5:00 13/7 FOX Pregame
22/28 ESPN College Gameday Scoreboard
30/27 FXSP College Football Texas A&M at Texas Tech.

61/72 SPK The Ultimate Fighter
99/39 WGN Race Car Driver.
5:15 23/29 ESPN2 College Football Vanderbilt at Florida.

5:30 99/39 WGN Race Car Driver Jimmy and Sebastian duke it out on the go-kart track.
5:45 22/28 ESPN College Football Miami at Virginia Tech.

SUNDAY MORNING

10:00 7/11 CBS NFL Today Time tentative.
13/7 FOX Fox NFL Sunday
23/29 ESPN2 PGA Golf The Tour Championship
11:00 4/6 ABC PGA Golf The Tour Championship
7/11 CBS NFL Football Oakland Raiders at Kansas City Chiefs. From Arrowhead Stadium.

13/7 FOX NFL Football Regional Coverage — Atlanta at Miami, Carolina at Tampa Bay or Detroit at Minnesota.

22/28 ESPN PBA Bowling Mile High Classic.
23/29 ESPN2 Figure Skating MasterCard Skate Canada International .

30/27 FXSP FLW Outdoors From Morehead City, N.C.

60/79 UNIV Fútbol de la Liga Mexicana UNAM vs. Atlante.

61/72 SPK Maximum MLB
63/67 BRAVO Celebrity Poker Showdown.

AFTERNOON

12:00 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC Running New York City.
30/27 FXSP Classic Patterns

12:30 5 HBO Legendary Nights.
22/28 ESPN Billiards 2005 Men's Sudden Death

30/27 FXSP Dimestore Fisherman
1:00 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC Countdown to Green

23/29 ESPN2 MLS Soccer Eastern Conference Final.
30/27 FXSP FSN Live at the Barbershop

61/72 SPK Xtreme 4x4
63/67 BRAVO Celebrity Poker Showdown.

1:30 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC NASCAR Racing Nextel
22/28 ESPN Billiards 2005 Men's Sudden Death.

30/27 FXSP Football Colorado
2:00 7/11 CBS NFL Football Pittsburgh Steelers at Green Bay Packers. From Lambeau Field.

13/7 FOX MLB Postgame
30/27 FXSP Poker Superstars Invitational Tourn.

2:30 13/7 FOX Raceline
22/28 ESPN Billiards 2005 Men's Sudden Death

3:00 23/29 ESPN2 Karate ISKA World Power Breaking and Team Form Championships.

30/27 FXSP Darts World Championships of Darts.
3:30 22/28 ESPN Billiards 2004 Trick Shot Magic

23/29 ESPN2 Karate ISKA World Power Breaking and Team Form Championships. From Orlando, Fla.

30/27 FXSP FSN Presents: Nothin' But Knockouts
4:30 23/29 ESPN2 Karate ISKA World Power Breaking and Team Form Championships.

5:00 13/7 FOX Steel Dreams
22/28 ESPN SportsCenter

23/29 ESPN2 NHRA Drag Racing
30/27 FXSP Beach Volleyball AVP Nissan Series

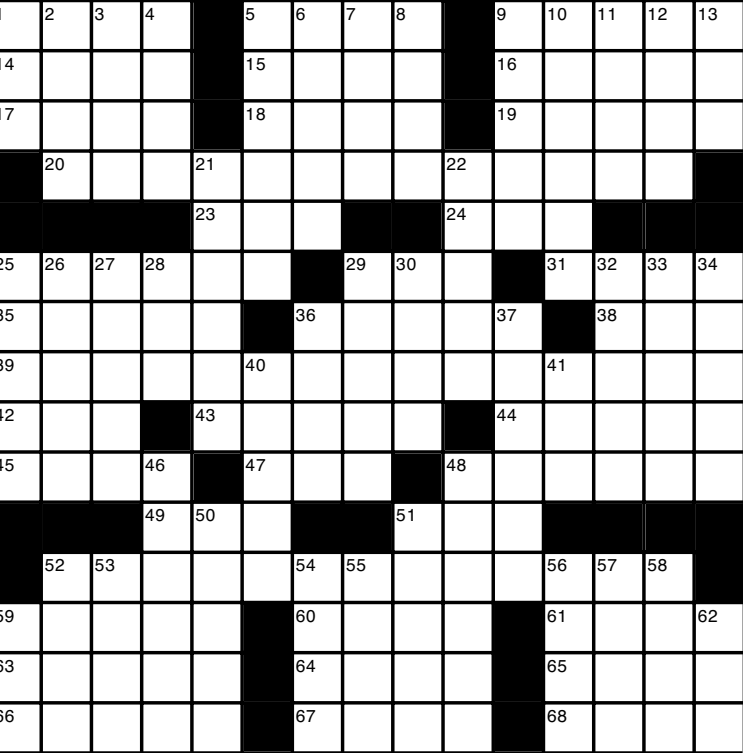
5:30 22/28 ESPN NFL Primetime

Crossword Puzzle

Round and Round

ACROSS

- "SportsCenter" cable channel
- Starbucks size
- Genies' homes
- ___ 'Pea ("Popeye" kid)
- ___ gin fizz
- Like neon or krypton
- Get pooped
- Fine-tune
- They're taboo
- Auto spec sheet figure
- Lode output
- Beach shade
- Half the "Who's on First?" team
- Catch on to
- Item on a to-do list
- Actress Garbo
- Goof off
- Wire service inits.
- Charge account feature
- Time of anticipation
- Cat's nine
- Formal proclamation
- Slithery swimmers
- Gen-___ (boomer's kid)
- Burdens of proof
- Go hastily
- Rainbow's shape
- Thread-making device
- Thrash about
- Zoo home
- Witch's concoction
- Line from the heart
- Diabolical
- ___ IRA
- Scatter about
- Walk like a sot



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- ___ buco (veal dish)

DOWN

- Body shop fig.
- Loretta of "M*A*S*H"
- Andean land
- ___-do-well
- Souvenir garment
- On one's own
- Like a Hail Mary pass
- Grouchesque look
- Yorba ___, Calif.
- Consecrate with oil
- Cafeteria list
- Old hands
- Paul and John: Abbr.

- Most
- Storage spot
- See eye to eye
- Alla ___ (2/2 time)
- Cut at an angle
- Ear: Prefix
- Doomed one
- Bacon's partner
- Many Autobahn autos
- Cumin or coriander
- Saint ___ and Nevis
- Deliberate loss
- Battlefield furrow
- Female fox
- University URL ending
- Certain Muslim
- "1984" author George

- Spouse's sibling
- Farming major
- Place for mail
- Henry VIII's sixth, Catherine ___
- Cake decorator
- Basilica center
- River through Aragon
- Cupid counterpart
- Reply to "Shall we?"
- Mi followers
- The ___ ("Tommy" band)

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