## Mustangs teams split first games with Colby

but the eighth-grade Mustangs lost with 1:25 left. 16-0 at Cowboys Field.

#### **Seventh Grade**

The Grant Junior High seventh graders scored their two touchdowns on runs of 41 and 81 yards by Riley Oharah.

The Mustangs would have had four touchdowns, but had two called back on penalties.

Oharah's first touchdown was for 41 yards with 3:25 remaining in the second period.

A pass attempt for the extra point was no good, and the score at halftime was 6-0.

In the third quarter, Oharah intercepted an Eagle pass to give the Mustangs a first down at their own

The seventh-grade Mustangs to Garrett Geist for 13 yards, and on fourth down the snap went over the won their opening game against the the next play Oharah was off for 81 punter's head into the end zone for Colby Eagles 14-6 last Thursday, yards and his second touchdown a safety, giving the Eagles a 2-0

Bellamy threw to Geist for the Mustangs a 14-0 lead.

Late in the fourth quarter, the Eagles mounted a drive that gave them a first down at the Mustangs' 11.

Dalton Snyder ran for four yards and was tackled by J.J. Farris. On the next play, a host of Mustangs stopped Eagle Jordan Rasmussen for no gain.

Snyder ran around right end for the touchdown to make it 14-6 with 1:31 remaining. The two-point con- on Thursday, Sept. 14, for games version attempt by Justin Slavens was no good.

#### **Eighth Grade**

The eighth graders started on Reed Bellamy completed a pass their 21, but could not move. On

lead.

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On the free kick, the Eagles got two-point conversion to give the the ball at the Mustangs' 37, and ran for a touchdown to make it 8-0. The point-after try was no good.

> The Eagles scored again in the second half to make the final score 6-0

> There were a lot of flags flying, but Coach Gregory Craig said that was to be expected in the first game.

> The seventh grade faced Hoxie at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday at Cowboys Stadium.

> Both teams will travel to Atwood beginning at 3:30 p.m. Mountain Time. The eighth-grade game will follow the seventh grade.



Riley Oharah broke tackles and scampered down the sideline for an apparent touchdown, but there was a flag on the play called it back. However, on the next play Oharah was off again and scored the first of his two touchdowns for the seventh-grade Mustangs against Colby Thursday.

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## Coach pleased with defense, will work on offense

#### By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News First-year coach Jonathan Dansel was pleased with his defense after the Cowboys' first game in Atwood on Friday, a 20-6 loss, even if the offense couldn't get wound up.

"The defense played well all Monday, "but for the rest of the team, well, they have some work to do."

"We had trouble with the punt team," Coach Dansel said.

"It hurt us pretty bad. Without those mistakes, we would have been sitting better.

"Atwood capitalized on our mistakes; that is what good teams will do. I think we will get some of that corrected this week."

Friday the Cowboys travel to St. Francis to take on the Indians, who

opener on Friday.

Kickoff will be at 6 p.m. Mountain Time and the National Weather Service is forecasting a partly cloudy evening with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms.

The temperatures should be in stands." night, pretty much," Dansel said the 60-degree range when the game begins.

> Dansel said the running against Atwood by juniors Casey Henderson and T.J. Hawkins was good in the early part of the game. "Henderson did not get a lot of

holes," he said.

"They did things differently and "The offensive line made some tion. mistakes, but it was a first game and you expect some mistakes. They will learn from those."

Dansel noted that the Cowboys

"First game, you learn a lot as a coach," he said, "and learn a lot from watching the film.

"Defensively, I was very proud of the players. They played with a lot of emotion and made some huge

afternoon, and Coach Dansel said practice and correct things and get ready for St. Francis.'

we did not prepare for the changes. three passes and had one intercep-

'He did very well.

"We have got to hang onto the move Doke back to tight end, where

ball. We dropped it three times and he did a god job last year." that hurt us. It wasn't very pretty on offense.

'Overall, I was pleased with how they played, and Doke was a leader on the field. We may make some changes this week. If Doke is not the quarterback, it will not be because he did not do a good job. We have to find a way to move the ball.

"I have to try to get some more people in on offense who did not get to play this week."

Wednesday Dansel said he was making some changes, and wanted to give some people who got a shot he feels deserve to play more this week.

"I am making a change at quarterback," Dansel said.

"I was proud of Doke's effort. We are going to try Travis Angelos and

Looking at the game on Friday,

Dansel said the Cowboys will stick with the base offense and take op-

portunities to pass. "We will run what the defense

allows us to do," he said. Dansel said he know the Indians are a tough team that plays "smashmouth" football and likes to run the wishbone offense.

"We need to keep the game close," he said.

"The wishbone is tough to defend. We have been working on de-



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whipped Oberlin 46-0 in the season came out without any injuries.

The Cowboys practiced Monday they were going to watch about half an hour of film, "and go out and

Dansel said he was pleased with junior quarterback Josh Doke's play in his first game; he completed

"He stepped up for never, ever playing the position," Dansel said.

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