

Cowboys avoid shutout, 55-6

The Cowboys found themselves in deep trouble in Indian country Friday, but they did score the first points against St. Francis of the year to avoid a shutout in a 55-6 loss.

The Cowboys tried a different combination in the backfield, with sophomore Travis Angelos starting at quarterback and Josh Doke moving back to tight end.

The Cowboys totaled 120 yards of offense to 305 for the Indians. Angelos completed 5 of 14 passes for 69 yards and two interceptions. The longest was for 30 yards to Tyler Hillmer. On the ground, the Cowboys had 51 yards on 26 plays for a 2-yard average.

Cowboy running back Casey Henderson had 34 yards on nine plays, his longest for 28 yards on the last play of the game.

The Indians had 280 yards rushing and completed one pass for 25 yards on their 49 plays.

Coach Jonathan Dassel said he saw improvement in some areas, but they just were not enough.

"It is hard to win ball games when you put the ball on the ground," he said.

"Their defense was tough, but we made it tougher on ourselves than it should have been."

The Cowboys' touchdown came with 1:08 left in the second quarter on a 12-yard run by Angelos, making the score 43-6.

The drive started with a kick off return by Bob Doxon for 25 yards to the Cowboys 47.

Angelos passed downfield to Hillmer, who gave the Cowboys a first down at the Indians' 24. The pass went into double coverage, but Hillmer came back to make a great catch.

On second down, the Indians were flagged for pass interference, giving the Cowboys a first down at the 12. Angelos ran the ball in for a touchdown on first play, but his two-point conversion attempt was stopped.

Turnovers told a story: The Cowboys gave up five fumbles and the two interceptions, while the Indians fumbled three times and lost one.

"On offense, we were not disciplined," Dassel said, "and you can let the score get out of hand. They were a very good team, but I was disappointed in the scoreboard."

The Cowboy defense had trouble stopping the Indians first-string offense. They did stop them midway through the second quarter, but lost the punt on a fumble.

The defense stopped the Indians' second string twice on fourth-down plays in the second half. With St. Francis' 40-point lead, the clock did not stop in the second half except for timeouts.

The Cowboys punted four times in the first half and once in the second without the kind of problems they had in the first game against Atwood.



Cowboy running back T.J. Hawkins tried to stiffarm Joel McAtee of St. Francis on Friday on a third-down play in the first half. The Cowboys lost to the Indians 55-6 at Green Field in St. Francis. This

week, the team will play Hoxie at Cowboys Stadium at 6 p.m. on Friday.

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the Indians' A.J. McAtee at the Cowboys 16.

Dassel said there were no injuries in the St. Francis game, other than bumps and bruises.

"I didn't see us loafing on defense," Dassel said. "The guys played hard, but they didn't follow the assignments. You can play your heart out, but if you don't do what is asked, the defense can break

down. "I expected more out of us. Our kids learned something from the film. We have seen what mistakes we made and now we have to go out this week and correct it in practice."

The boys play the Hoxie Indians at 6 p.m. Friday. Dassel said he would like to see fans get to Cowboys Stadium early to give the kids some support during warmups.

He said there may be some fireworks when the team takes the field, but that has not been confirmed.

Dassel said Hoxie plays a lot of formation, and the Cowboys have a lot of preparation to do this week.

"I think this is a game we have a good shot at winning," he said. "We have to do better at reading keys on offense and take advantage on defense."

Sophomore quarterback gets feet wet against Indians

Sophomore quarterback Travis Angelos got a quick welcome from the St. Francis Indians on Friday, as he was tackled on the second play by Levi Weeden and fumbled to give the Indians their first possession at the Cowboys 9.

"He did not do bad for a sophomore," coach Jonathan Dassel said. "He got his feet wet. He has a lot to learn, and he will get better each week.

"Being the first time doesn't make it easier, and facing a potential Division 1 linebacker like Weeden is harder."

Two plays later, the Indians' Jordan Gienger scored off the left side for the first touchdown with 10:34 left in the first quarter. Indian Joel McAtee stretched ahead for the two-point conversion and lead 8-0.

On the next Cowboys' possession, Angelos was hit as he tried to

pass, and the ball was intercepted by Indian Nathan Ketzner. On the next play, Indians quarterback Ted Crabtree passed to Adam Peter, who was wide open, for a 26-yard touchdown. The two-point conversion was no good and St. Francis led 14-0.

On their third possession, the Indians scored in two plays and an off-sides against the Cowboys. The two-point conversion was good to

make it 22-0 with 7:11 remaining in the first quarter.

The Indians fumbled on their next possession, but the Cowboys' drive stalled after one first down in Indian territory at the 38. Angelos was sacked back to the Cowboys 46, and on third down, a pass to Doke was off his finger tips. Hawkins punted to A.J. McAtee at the Indians 17, and he returned it to the 33, where Hawkins made the tackle.

On the first play of the second quarter, Gienger broke away for 52 yards and a first down at the Cowboy 10. He carried on second down for 7 yards and a touchdown. Crabtree ran in for the two-point conversion to make it 30-0.

The Cowboys got the kickoff at the 31, and Angelos completed a pass to Brandon Rome for a first down at the Goodland 48. The Cowboys got a first down at the Indians 41, but a pitch to Henderson fell on the ground and the Indians pounced on it.

The Indians took four plays to

score, with the big one a 43 yard run by Joel McAtee to make it 36-0 with 7:26 left in the half. The point-after kick was no good.

The Cowboys were unable to move and punted to the Cowboy 43. The Indians failed to get a first down and punted for their only time. It was picked up by Henderson, who was hit by Weeden and fumbled. A.J. McAtee recovered for the Indians at the Cowboys 16.

With the second string in, the Indians Trent Raile ran for 15, but was just short of the goal line. The Cowboys defense stiffened, but on fourth and goal Raile broke through to make it 42-0. The point-after kick was good to make it 43-0 at half-time.

In the second half, the Cowboys had to punt when their first drive stalled at their own 44. The Indians were backed up to their 17 and it took 10 plays for them to score. The big play being a 63-yard run by Gienger to give St. Francis a first down at the Cowboys 14. Cowboy A.J. Stephens tackled Gienger to

save the touchdown. Three plays later, the Indians scored to make it 49-6 with 5:18 left in the third. The point after was no good.

With the Indians leading by 40, the clock continued to run.

On the next Cowboys possession, Angelos threw his second interception, which Joel McAtee returned to the Cowboys 30. The Cowboys stopped the Indians and took over when Raile was inches short on fourth down at the 10.

On second down, the Cowboys fumbled and an Indian picked it up and ran for a touchdown. The point after was no good, making the score 55-6.

Doxon got the kickoff at the 25 and returned it to the 44, where it took four Indians to bring him down. On first down, the Cowboys fumbled, though, and B.J. Killingsworth recovered for the Indians.

The Cowboys stopped the Indians, and got the ball at their 45 with 35 seconds left. On the last play of the night, Henderson ran for 28 yards to the Indian 27.

12-year-old wins two gold medals

A 12-year-old girl with Goodland ties won two gold medals at the Progressive Position Air Pistol National Championship in Bowling Green, Ky., this summer.

Leah Mayer is the of daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mayer, Fort Collins, Colo.; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Mayer, Brewster, and Stan and Delores Kenny, Goodland; and great-granddaughter of Harry and Doris Newell of Goodland.

Mayer scored 380 points out of a possible 400 on the first day of the competition at Western Kentucky University in July. She was nearly perfect on the second day, scoring 394 points for a 776 total. She put 34 shots in the 10-point area and six in the nine-point circle.

"I knew that I would do well, but I didn't know that I would do this well," Leah said, adding that she excited, but needed to stay calm to shoot her best.

Leah earned her way to the national championships by winning the Colorado state competitions at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Competitors shoot in various positions, based on age, at paper targets 10 meters away. The 10-point bullseye is

about 9 millimeters or less than half an inch across.

Progressive pistol was designed to introduce youth to the sport of pistol without having them support the weight of the pistol for a 30- or 60-shot match. The youngest shooters, up to age 12, shoot from a supported position – sitting stacked with sandbags to support their arms. The next age group, 15 and under, shoot from a standing position behind the tables using two hands. The

oldest shooters, 16 and over, shoot from a standing position using only one hand. The top scoring older shooters at the National Championships earn a spot on the Olympic development team.

Mayer said her goal is to move up the ranks over the next few years and earn a spot on the Olympic team. She practices as often as she can throughout the year, and then daily eight to 10 weeks before championships.



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School calendar for September 13 to September 19

Wednesday: Black Day, Elementary Bank Day, Central Site Council Meeting at 4 p.m.

Thursday: Gold Day, Girls JV Tennis @ Hays High – 2 p.m., Cross Country at Oakley – 3 p.m., 7/8 VB @ Rawlins Co – 3:30 p.m., 7/8 FB @ Rawlins Co @ 3:30 p.m. JH Cross Country @ McCook Inv – 4:30 p.m., College Information Night for Seniors in HS Cafeteria 7 p.m.

Friday: Black Day, 7:15 a.m. Yearbook Conference, 6 p.m. Varsity Football – St. Francis Community High School

Saturday: 9 a.m. 7/8 VB Round Robin (H) MJFH & JH Gym

Monday: Girls V Tennis @ Scott City – 12 p.m., Girls V Golf @ Colby – 2 p.m., G JV Golf @ Russell – 2 p.m., JV FB @ Hoxie – 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Black Day, HS & JH School Pictures, Girls JV Tennis (h) – 2 p.m., Cross Country @ Ulysses Inv – 2:45 p.m., 7/8 VB Quad @ Hays – 2:45 p.m., 7/8 FB @ Burlington – 4 p.m.

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