

# Cowboys win, 17-8, over Hoxie

**By Tom Betz**  
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The fireworks that greeted the Goodland football team when they ran onto the field at Cowboys Stadium on Friday must have sparked something, as the boys came from behind to defeat the Hoxie Indians 17-8.

Coach Jonathan Dansel said he wanted to excite the Cowboys fans and get them into the game with his team, which made its first home appearance after losses on the road to Atwood and St. Francis.

The crowd was on their feet and many were out on the field to form parallel lines for the team to run through as the fireworks went off and the players burst through the cheerleaders' hoop. The marching band brought the crowd to their feet again with the presentation of a giant American flag as they played "God Bless the U.S.A."

Announcer Jeff Mason told to the crowd that Carl Friedrichs, home on leave from Iraq, was in the stands.

Once the pregame hoopla was out of the way, the Cowboys took the field. They did not give up a touchdown to the Hoxie offense, but did give one to the defense on a fumble.

The Goodland defense stopped one drive at the Cowboys 1 in the second quarter, but Hoxie led 8-0 at the half.

Hoxie got the ball to start the third quarter, but could not move and had to punt to the Cowboys.

"At half time I told them it was still 0-0 and we had given them a touchdown," Dansel said Sunday. "I told the boys they were the better football team out there, and that one sack and we were down by eight."

"We marched the ball up and down the field all night. I told them they had to fight for it, 'you can win if you want it.'"

The Cowboys' first touchdown was set up by a 68-yard pass and run by senior tight end Tyler Hillmer to give the team a first and goal at the Indians' 4. The touchdown came on a two-yard run by junior fullback T.J. Hawkins with 5:08 left in the third quarter. A two-point conversion run by sophomore Casey Henderson was good to tie the game at 8.

In the fourth quarter, the Indians were driving, but junior Forest Trachsel intercepted a fourth-down pass by sophomore quarterback Joe Ratcliffe at the Cowboys 13.

It took the Cowboys 11 plays, capped off by a 53-yard run by Henderson, to make it 14-8 with 5:35 left. The point-aftertry was no good.

The Cowboys got another chance to score at the end of the game after stopping the Indians at the Hoxie 27. Hawkins had three plays to get the Cowboys to the 11, and sophomore quarterback Travis Angelos made it first and goal at the 8 with 2:29 left.

A holding call on the Cowboys pushed them back to the 17. The Indians took two time outs to save the clock, but on fourth and goal from the 12, Ren Scherling hit his first field goal of the season to make it 17-8.

"On the field goal Ren had asked me earlier in the week if we ever kicked one," Dansel said. "I told him I would kick one if we needed one. I am confident in his kicking ability."

"I felt by making the field goal it would take two scores to beat us."

Hoxie's score came in the first quarter when it appeared the Cowboys were driving to get a touchdown on their first drive.

The Indians kicked off to start the game and freshman Jay Cotter returned the ball to the Cowboys 19.

It took the Cowboys 11 plays, including a 39-yard run by Henderson, to get a first down at the Indians' 10.

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Wednesday Night Scratch Classic League Sept. 13		
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League Standings:		
Adronics	29-11	
Phil's Pro Shop		27-13
J&L Deliveries		21-19
Sigco	17-23	
Floyd's Refrig. & AC		13-27
Steve's Body Shop		9-11
Fitzgibbon's Inc.		4-16
Weber Kennels		no



Goodland Cowboy T.J. Hawkins (on the bottom) put the team on the board with a two-yard run to make the score 8-6 in the third quarter Friday at Cowboys Stadium. Hawkins ran for about 100 yards in the game. The Cowboys won 17-4 for their first victory of the season.

ans' 14. Hawkins carried to the 10, and Henderson leaped over a pile of players and dragged four Indians with him to give the Cowboys a first and goal at the 4.

Hawkins carried to the 3, but on second down the Cowboys were called for illegal procedure, and then Henderson was caught in the backfield on a busted play for a loss to the 15. Angelos tried to pass to Hillmer, but the ball went off his fingertips in the end zone.

On fourth down, Angelos retreated to pass, but he was hit and dropped the ball. Hoxie's Jake Moss picked it up and ran the length of the field for a touchdown with 5:44 left in the first quarter. The two-point conversion was good and Hoxie led 8-0.

In the second quarter, the Indians intercepted an Angelos pass at the Cowboys 39. Junior running back Patrick Eland had a 25-yard run on third down to give the Indians a first and goal at the Cowboys 4.

The Cowboys defense stiffened, and on three plays the Indians were only able to get to the 6. On fourth down, Ratcliffe tried to scramble around left end, but he was stopped at the 1.

The Cowboys were able to move the ball out to the 34 and held on to end the first half.

"I was proud of the defense for not giving up any scores," Dansel said. "One play on offense we gave up on pass protection and they got us."

"The offense was clicking and both of our running backs hit the

hole a lot harder. The offensive line got off the ball a little better and gave us some holes to run through.

"We keep improving every week, and with the defense we keep building on it every week. We have got to be great this week as we face a tough Scott City team. They are fast and we will have to be good to beat them.

"If you had told me Scott City would beat Ulysses 14-7 I would have said there was no way, but after watching the films Scott City was the better team."

Dansel said Sunday he had not seen the game stats, but knew that Henderson had over 100 yards rushing, and that Hawkins was close to that if not over 100. He thought Angelos had a better game, and connected on some good passes plus

some good running.

After shaking hands with Indians Coach Rich Stephens at the end of the game, Dansel gathered his players in front of the east goal post.

"When we do the little things right," Coach Dansel told the team pointing to the scoreboard, "big things happen."

Dansel said he felt the special fireworks and music helped set the tone for the game, and thanked Ron Lucas for the fireworks and Shad Sheldon for the music equipment.

The win gives the Cowboys a 1-2 record as they go back on the road to Scott City on Friday, and then to Hays on Friday, Sept. 29.

# Girls run well in meet

## Wind devils team on tough course

**By Sharon Corcoran**  
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A couple of Cowgirls had good races at the Oakley cross country meet Thursday, but the wind and tough competition seemed to get to most of the Goodland runners.

Precious Gonzales finished 18th out of 32 runners with a time of 20:32.46, and Stephanie Sheldon finished 22nd in 20:48.05.

Angie Medrano finished 29th in 23:22.57, and Cassie Cooper was 31st in 23:26.37.

In the boys' race, Dallas Price was 28th out of 33, finishing in 24:09.47, Ben Waugh was 29th in 25:12.48, Bryan Gray 30th in 25:15.39, Chris Geeseka 32nd in 28:16.28 and Chanuntuch Anutropibil, a foreign exchange student from Thailand, 33rd in 29:07.58.

The Cowboys finished fifth as a team, but the girls didn't have a team score.

"It wasn't our best," said Coach Richard Schwasinger.

Gonzales and Sheldon had good races, he added, and it was the girls' first time running the 4,000-meter race.

It was windy Thursday, he said, and when the wind hit them, some of the runners just fell apart. The boys seemed to be affected by not having the team's lead runners there, the coach said; it was a whole different race for them.

Goodland always seems to have some trouble in Oakley, he said, with timing or something.

Goodland's times were OK, Schwasinger said, and their efforts fair.

"I was impressed with the competition," he said. "Greeley County is going to be phenomenal, Oakley was great and Colby is tougher than nails."

And Goodland is working on improving, he said.

"Our focus is on the end of the year," the coach said, "regional and state."

Goodland will run at 2:45 p.m. today at Ulysses. The whole team will be out again, Schwasinger said.



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## School calendar for September 20 to September 26

**Wednesday:** Gold Day

**Thursday:** Black Day, 2 p.m. Girls V Golf at Scott City High School

**Friday:** Gold Day, Mid-Term, 11:30 a.m. AFS Walk, 6:30 p.m. V Football at Scott City High School.

**Saturday:** 7:30 a.m. Girls V tennis @ Garden City High School, 8 a.m. Girls C/9th Volleyball @ Oberlin, 8:30 a.m. V Cross Country @ Stanton High School, Girls V and JV Volleyball - Colby Volleyball Quad.

**Monday:** 3:30 p.m. Girls C/9th Volleyball @ Colby Volleyball 'C' Quad, 4:30 p.m. JV Football - Scott City High School, 7 p.m. Board of Education Meeting.

**Tuesday:** Gold Day, 9 a.m. Girls V Golf @ Ulysses High School, 2 p.m. Girls V Tennis @ Colby Tournament, 4 p.m. V Cross Country @ Overlin Cross Country Meet, 4:30 p.m. V, JV. and C Volleyball - Goodland Volleyball Quad




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