

Cowboys slog through cold for win, 8-6

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The rain stopped before kickoff Thursday, but a cold wind and soggy field made it tough on the players. Still, the Cowboys hung on to win 8-6 over the Colby Eagles and snare a berth in the state playoffs.

With the win, the Cowboys move into the first round of the Class 4A playoffs with a 2-1 record in district and a 3-6 overall record.

They will play at Andale (9-0) at 6 p.m. Mountain Time today.

"I told you after the Ulysses game that if we could win the last two games, we would be going to the playoffs," Cowboy Coach Jonathan Dansel told the team as they gathered at the end of the game Thursday.

"I don't care if we are 3-6," he said. "We are going to the playoffs and that means the record is zero to zero. Anything can happen."

"You made the plays that mattered, and we found a way to win tonight. We have to get ready for the playoffs and it will take our best effort to win."

The Cowboys scored their touchdown midway through the first quarter on a 9-yard run by junior Casey Henderson.

The Eagles were called for being off sides on the point-after kick, and with the ball moved to the 1 1/2-yard line, Coach Dansel decided to

go for two points. That turned out to be the difference in the game.

Freshman Fernando Martinez ran for the conversion to give the Cowboys an 8-0 lead that held up until the last three minutes of the game.

The score came on a 60-yard drive in nine plays and a penalty with 3:44 left in the first quarter.

For most of the game, both teams stayed between the 40-yard lines. The Cowboys turned the ball over on three fumbles.

The Eagles helped the Cowboys keep drives alive with three personal-foul penalties including a face mask penalty in the third quarter that got the Cowboys out of the shadow of their goal post and gave Goodland a first down at the Cowboy's 19.

In the fourth quarter, the Cowboys found themselves deep in their own territory at the 23 and going backwards.

Two illegal procedure penalties left them with a fourth and 15 at the 17. Punter junior T.J. Hawkins had to kick from near the end zone and that gave the Eagles the ball on the Cowboy 43.

With the clock running down, the Eagles mounted a nine-play drive that included a fourth-and-eight conversion on a pass from senior quarterback Ryan White to junior wide receiver Eli Robert.

The spot was close and the officials brought the sticks across the



Junior Casey Henderson had an open lane in the first quarter Thursday as he ran nine yards for the Cowboys only touchdown.

Goodland defeated the Colby Eagles 8-6 to advance to the Class 4A state playoffs.

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field to measure.

With another pass, White tried a toss into the endzone, but it was incomplete.

On third and 8 from the 19, White ran for 18 yards run to give the Eagles a first and goal at the one.

Sophomore fullback Tanner Kriss fought into the end zone to make it an 8-6 game with 2:45 remaining.

The Eagles went for a two-point

conversion to tie the game, but the pass from White was knocked away by Cowboys senior Tyler Hillmer and junior Forest Trachsel to preserve the lead.

The Cowboys were able to recover the Eagle's onside kick off, but had to punt to Colby with 1:02 left.

The Eagles tried to complete a couple of long passes, but the Cowboys held and took over on downs

with 33 seconds left.

Sophomore quarterback Travis Angelos took a knee and watched the clock run out.

After the game, Coach Dansel met with the Cowboys near the endzone at the east end of the field and told his team he was proud of how they had handled the game. He said they should be proud of their efforts.

Fernando Martinez carried the

ball 29 times for 111 yards. Angelos carried 11 times for 16 yards and Henderson carried 7 times for 30 yards and the lone touchdown. Hillmer had 18 yards on a reverse.

Angelos completed five of nine pass attempts, with all five completions going to Henderson for 70 yards.

Angelos was sacked once for a loss of six yards.

Nine teams from region advance to playoffs

Nine teams from northwest Kansas will play in the first round of the state football playoffs tonight.

The Goodland Cowboys (3-6) in Class 4A face top-ranked Andale, which defeated Kingman 51-16 Thursday to remain undefeated at 9-0. The winner of tonight's game will face the winner of the Buhler (6-3)-Russell (5-4) game at Buhler.

The fourth-ranked Ulysses Tigers (8-1) defeated Hugoton 64-0 to assure their position as the top Class 4A playoff team from District 16. The Tigers play Pratt (5-4) today at home, and with a win will face the winner of the Smoky Valley-Nickerson game on Saturday.

The third-ranked Class 3A Scott City Beavers defeated Thomas More Prep-Marion of Hays 40-6 to remain undefeated at 9-0.

The Beavers will play Lakin (5-

Directions to game

No major highway will take Cowboys fans right to the Andale High stadium, and it's at least a five-hour drive to the town north-west of Wichita, about 300 miles south and east of Goodland.

The stadium is at 700 Rush Ave. in Andale, and the game will kick off at 6 p.m. Mountain Time.

The quickest way to get there from Goodland should be to follow I-70 east to Salina (231 miles) and then go south on I-135 (84.1

miles) to I-235 north of Wichita. Take K-96 west toward Hutchinson six miles. Turn left onto West 53rd for 7.1 miles, then turn right (north) onto N. 215th Street W for 1 mile. Turn left (west) onto West 61st St. N. for 2.4 miles and that should become Rush Ave. and bring you to the stadium. This route is 337 miles and should take a little over 5 hours.

4) tonight at home.

If Scott City wins, they will face the winner between Gypsum-Southeast of Saline (9-0) and

Norton (7-2) on Saturday.

Norton defeated Oberlin 36-6 on Thursday to advance to the playoffs.

Holcomb (8-1) will play Hoisington (8-1) tonight in the first round of Class 3A play, and the winner will face the winner of the Phillipsburg (8-1) and Sacred Heart (7-2) game at Phillipsburg.

The fourth-ranked St. Francis Indians (8-1) defeated Atwood (7-2) 32-0 on Thursday, but both teams will move onto the Class 2-1A playoffs. The Indians get WaKeeney-Trego County (6-3) at home tonight and the Buffaloes travel to Oakley to face the third-ranked Plainsmen (9-0). Oakley defeated Hoxie 30-0 on Thursday to remain unbeaten. Trego defeated Quinter 8-0 on Thursday.

If St. Francis wins, they will face the winner of the Stanton County (8-1) and Meade (7-2) game on Saturday.

If the Plainsmen win, they will

face the winner of the Lacrosse (9-0) and Sublette (6-3) game at Lacrosse on Saturday.

In the 8-man Division II playoffs, the Brewster-Triplains Titans (7-2) beat Weskan 50-0 on Thursday and are on the road to face Victoria (8-1) today in the first round.

If the Titans win, they will face the winner of the Wilson (6-3) and Ingalls (5-4) game tonight at Wilson. The Titans' two losses were to Grinnell, 40-30, and Sharon Spring, 42-32.

The fifth-ranked Sharon Springs Wildcats won their 11th straight game, beating Northern Valley 58-0 in a contest called at halftime.

The Wildcats will play Palco (5-4) at home. If they win, they will face the winner of the Moscow (6-3) and Bucklin (4-4) game on Saturday.

bowling results

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October 25

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- Weber Kennels 88-72
- Floyd's Refrig. & AC 83.5-76.5
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Coyotes lose game

The Coyotes of Kansas Wesleyan University lost on the football field for the first time this season to Bethel College 10-3 Saturday in North Newton.

Three teams now share the top position in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference standings. Wesleyan, Bethel and Friends University are all 7-1 overall and 6-1 in the conference. Bethel lost to Friends 21-0 on Oct. 14 and Friends lost to Wesleyan 20-18 on Sept. 16.

Bethel scored first in Saturday's game against Wesleyan on a 34-yard field goal in the first quarter. The Coyotes' Anthony Padilla connected on a 38-yard field goal late in the second quarter to tie the half-time score at 3.

Neither team scored in the third quarter. In the fourth, the Threshers drove to the Wesleyan 2-yard line, where on fourth and goal they lined up for a short field goal. However, after the snap, the holder flipped the ball to the kicker, who ran untouched into the end zone for the game's only touchdown.

Bethel's defense stopped the Coyotes' next two drives, the first with an interception and the second when Wesleyan came up short on a fourth-and-two run with less than two minutes left.

Bethel running back Beau Cox, a 2005 graduate of Weskan High, ran for over 100 yards for the second straight week, gaining 132 yards on 23 carries against the Coyotes.

Wesleyan will try to get back on the winning track next Saturday.

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School calendar for November 1 through November 7

Wednesday: Gold Day; Musical Practice, Elementary Bank Day, 3 p.m. PDC Meeting, 6 p.m. FB Coaches All-League Selection Meeting @ Colby.

Thursday: Black Day, Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., PLAN Test Day in HS Cafeteria - All day, Musical Practice

Friday: Gold Day, Musical Practice, NO SCHOOL, Parent/Teacher Conferences 8 a.m to Noon,

Saturday: Musical Practice, Regional Football, 8 a.m. JH KMEA Band/Choir @ Hays High

Monday: Musical Practice; Fall Athletic Buffer Week, FCCLA Wiffleball Tournament, 3 p.m. Scholar's Bowl @ Colby.

Tuesday: Gold Day; Musical Practice; Fall Athletic Buffer Week, FCCLA Wiffleball Tournament, JH & North School Picture Retakes, HS Scholar's Bowl - Oberlin - 3 p.m., West Site Council Meeting - 4 p.m., 7/8 BB @ Hocie 3:30 p.m. (A&B), Herb Swartzkoff BB Clinic 6 p.m.

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