

Football team suffers tough loss to Bulldogs at home

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On a pleasant Friday evening for football in Bird City, the visiting Haxton Bulldogs defeated the hometown Cheylin Cougars by a score of 28-14. The two teams competed well, with the score remaining close throughout the contest.

The Bulldogs scored the initial touchdown of the game in the first quarter, taking a 7-0 lead into the second period. Both teams then scored in the second quarter, making the half-time score 14-8 Haxton. In the third quarter, the Cougars scored once, but Haxton scored twice to push their lead to 28-14. The final quarter saw good, hard play but no scoring to finish out the contest.

"We had too many mistakes to

beat a good team," said Coach Max Keltz. "I think we will learn from them and continue to improve."

Defenses for both teams seemed to have the upper hand, as both offenses struggled at times. The Cougars were unable to get any offense through the air, as they were 0-7 in passing. The Cougar defense sacked the Bulldog quarterback four times in the contest, forcing them to stay with the ground game. The Cougars had 12 different players with tackles or assists. The leading tackler was Noah Jones, followed by Ethan Young, Austin Manners, Keenan Reeh and Joshua Keltz. Along with the four sacks, the Cougar defense recorded four tackles for a loss.

"The defense played well, they

just unfortunately gave up four or five big plays," said Cougar fan Ray Magnani.

Offensively, the Cougars had 218 yards rushing from three different ball carriers. Leading rusher was Jermiah White, with 180 yards on 17 carries and scoring one touchdown. Austin Manners had 34 yards on nine carries and had one 2-point conversion. Quarterback Kenan Reeh recorded four yards and scored a touchdown. White had one long run of 57 yards, but most of the game was characterized by short, hard running.

The Cougar season recored is now 1-1. The team will travel to Grinnell on Friday to take on the Grinnell/Wheatland football team at 7p.m.



CHEYLIN COUGAR Ethan Young brings his opponent down hard in Friday's game against the Bulldogs.
Times photo by Darci Shields



Cougar cheerleaders and mascot cheer on the sidelines at Friday's home game.

Photo by Jan Busse

Ag Talk with Jeanne

Planning for Planting Wheat: Seeding Rates and Depth

By: Jeanne Falk, K-State Multi-County Agronomist

In the scheme of planting wheat, many factors have been determined when the tractor pulls into the field. However, seeding rate and depth can still be decided, within reason.

Seeding rates in western Kansas range from 600,000 to 900,000 seeds per acre planted (40 to 60 lbs at a rate of 15,000 seeds per pound). Considering 80% germination and emergence, the plant population may vary from 450,000 to 750,000 plants per acre. Seeding rates for irrigated wheat are 900,000 to 1,350,000 seeds per acre (60 to 90 lbs/ac of 15,000 seeds per pound). This would result in a final stand of 720,000 to 1,080,000 plants per acre.

Traditionally, seeding rate is viewed as pounds of seed per acre. However, seeding rates of wheat are increasingly viewed similar

to corn seeding rates, as seeds per acre. This is due to the variability of seed size in seed wheat. For example, Overlay is a variety that normally has large seeds when compared to other varieties. This would result in fewer seeds per pound and if planting in pounds per acre, fewer seeds planted per acre.

Lower seeding rates will tiller more than higher seeding rates. This can allow the wheat plant to make adjustments based on the available soil water. During tillering in the fall (mid Oct.), wheat can use over 0.6 in/wk.

Seeding rates can be adjusted upwards by 10 to 20%, if planting conditions are good or if quicker cover is desired. Seeding rates should also be increased 50 to 100% when double-cropping behind row crops. This is due to the later planting date and compensating with challenges associated with seed-to-soil

contact and residue. In addition, this also potentially compensates for the decreased time for tillering by adding more plants per acre.

Wheat can emerge from various depths, but a planting depth of 1½ inches is optimal. The important part of planting depth is the length of the coleoptile. Coleoptile length is related to the height of the wheat. Many times a taller variety will have a longer coleoptile, although there are always exceptions. In addition, wheat emerging in hot soils can experience problems with the coleoptile. Extremely warm soil can cause the coleoptile to shorten and prevent it from emerging from the soil surface.

In dry soil, a hoe drill can help place seed deeper into soil moisture. However, when creating deep furrows, be aware that a heavy rain can further bury the seed. This can cause a deeper 'planting depth' than intended and decreased seedling emergence.

State extension office provides advice and tips for helping children be successful with homework

A new school year typically brings a mix of excitement – and anxiety.

While each family will be unique, Charles A. "Chuck" Smith, K-State Research and Extension child development specialist, explained that parents will face similar issues, such as getting children to and from school, balancing school activities with family life, and making sure the homework is done.

Homework? It's the child's work, so what should a parent's responsibility be?

"Homework can strengthen the classroom experience," said Smith, who encouraged parents to help younger children organize their time to include time for homework and to provide a quiet place for a

child to do his or her homework, without radio, television or other distractions.

Parents also are encouraged to be available if a child should have questions, said Smith, who encouraged parents to try to lead the child to an answer or conclusion, rather than volunteering the answer.

"A child needs to take responsibility for his or her work, and to take responsibility for completing the assignment," the child development specialist said.

Failure to complete an assignment will have consequences, and that also can be a learning experience for a child, Smith said.

More information about managing family life successfully and providing opportunities for

children to learn and grow is available at K-State Research and Extension offices throughout the state and on Smith's Web site: www.k-state.edu/wwparent/.

Helpful Tips

Newspaper Weeds-Away

Start putting newspaper in your plants to work the nutrients in your soil. Put wet newspapers, overlapping in layers, around the plants as you go, cover with mulch and forget about weeds. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic, they will not get through wet newspapers.

Broken Glass

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