

Brewster unable to come back in second loss of year

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BREWSTER — The Brewster High School football team was unable to overcome a disastrous first quarter against Jennings, losing their first home game of the season 40-20.

Things looked bad as Jennings' Adam Wahlmeier ran the opening kick back to the Brewster 30, but a clip called the play back to Jennings' 13. A few plays later Jennings was at first and goal on the one.

The 'Dawgs held, pushing the Coyotes back before taking over on their own eight yard line, but Brewster quarterback Jacob Falcon threw and interception and Jennings took over on the Brewster 21 with 5:26 left in the quarter.

Thirty seconds later, Jennings' Grant Bailey crossed the goal line for the first score of the night. A successful 2-point conversion made the score 8-0.

Brewster took over on their own 15, but fumbled and Bailey was again in the right place, scoring the Coyotes second touchdown. The conversion failed and the score was 14-0 with 4:36 remaining.

Sean Swanson returned the kick to the Brewster 18 and Falcon rushed to the 31 on the first play. Jennings stopped Brewster on their own 38 and took over with 1:40 left in the quarter.

A holding call made it second and 20, but J.W. Lahnanan caught a Ryan Miller pass on the next play and ran in for the third Jennings touchdown. The 2-point conversion was successful.

Brewster was forced to punt on the next possession. A tip created a short 10-yard punt and the quarter ended with Jennings driving at the Brewster 28.



Brewster was able to hold inside the 10 and took over on their own 11 to start the second quarter. They were forced into a three and out situation and Jennings again took over on their own 38.

Five plays later the score was 30-0 Jennings after another Bailey reception and 2-point conversion.

Brewster came right back with a Swanson return for a touchdown. The conversion failed and Brewster was on the board, trailing 30-6 with 6:30 in the half.

The 'Dawgs held Jennings returned a punt on fourth and 20 to the Jennings 34 yard line. Three penalties later, Brewster was on their own 26 with second and 30. Two plays later, Jennings took over on their own 27 after a Brewster punt.

With 2:08 left in the half, John Luckert sacked Miller and forced a Jennings punt that was returned to the Jennings 13 by Falcon.

Facing third and 13, Falcon was un-

der heavy pressure when he found J.R. Baird in the endzone for the second Brewster score. The 2-point failed and Brewster trailed 30-12.

The second half found the teams trading possessions until Coyote Chris McKenna crossed the goal line with 4:07 for the only score in the quarter. Jennings was called for holding on the first 2-point attempt, but Miller found McKenna on the next try, making the score 38-12.

An early safety, set up by after Tyson Dixon was stopped at the one yard line returning a fourth and 20 Jennings punt, made the score 40-12.

Neither Brewster nor Jennings could move the ball in the fourth quarter. Jennings made it to the Brewster eight yard line at the 9:02 mark, but was pushed back.

Heavy pressure force an incomplete pass on first down and Baird stopped Adam Wahlmeier at the one. Wahlmeier was again stopped on third down, by Swanson and Baird on the four yard line and Miller was sacked by Luckert and Baird on fourth down.

Both teams were wearing down, with a lot of cramps in the fourth quarter. Falcon ran a punt in for a touchdown with five minutes left, but was called back to the 30 on a clip.

The final score came with 35 seconds left when, on first and goal at the two, Falcon took the ball in on a sneak and the 2-point was successful.

The Bulldogs will in Sharon Springs to meet their old coach, Larry O'Connor on Friday night at 7:30 p.m.



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Brewster's Jacob Falcon got off a pass in a 40-20 loss to Jennings on Friday. The 'Dawgs travel to Sharon Springs on Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

Golf tournament 'successful'; practice starts in October

We had a great turn out on Tuesday, Aug. 28 for our fourth annual benefit golf tournament for men's basketball. We set records for hole sponsorships, corporate sponsorships (business & family), and golfers.

More than 80 people participated in this year's tourney. We had great weather and great fun. The course was in terrific shape (Good job Lonnie Melvin) and the Colby Country Club was a great host (Thanks David Pool). Six of the 21 participating teams left with some great prizes.

After the brief awards ceremony we held a benefit auction. We had great participation during the auction. We had more than 20 items donated from people or businesses in our community. The proceeds from the tournament benefit our basketball program. We will be able to run a quality basketball program thanks to your support!

I thank everyone that played in the tournament. Hope you had fun! I thank all the businesses in Northwest Kansas that sponsored a hole or donated auction items for this year's event. We had more than 60 businesses/people support this year's benefit. The people that purchased items at the auction. Thank You! Thanks everyone for helping make this year's event such a success!

Now, I suppose you want us to continue to win more games. Of course, so do I. Well, it's way too early to tell. This year's group has started off right in the weight room. We are lifting and running hard. Working to get into shape. Official practice begins Oct. 1. We have been playing pick-up games. Getting to learn how to play together. We return just three players from last year's team so it will take a little time to get to know one another. We also have started teaching/reviewing fundamentals in our basketball class and also during individual workouts. We run a program that is all encompassing (much like Division I schools) we have study hall, weight training, condition, individual skill development etc. Last season we did make some significant strides but by no means was last year a "great" year. We achieved some milestones and I expect us to continue to build on last season. Win more games? Check us out this winter! First home games are Nov. 2-3 when we host the Western Sprinklers Tip-Off Classic.

Jottings

• Danielle Freeman, our coach for the college dance line, wants to thank everyone for donating to her dance team. We had Danielle and the girls

participate in the golf tournament. They took bets on hole #8 and won more than they lost. They will be able to purchase some much-needed equipment for the team.

• A special thanks to Daryl Strecker, Rod Ryan, Keith Downing, and Todd Barrows for organizing this year's golf benefit! THANKS!

• My pre-season #2 team in the country, Oregon State, dropped its opener at Fresno State. Shows you how much I know about football. I will stick with Oklahoma at #1.

• Congrats to the Colby High football team for getting their first win on the season last Friday.

• Rich Epp has once again started his sports talk radio show. Be sure to check it out. It airs Mondays from 4-5 p.m. on KQLS 100.3 FM.

• Our roster has changed a little in the past few weeks. We lost three players to homesickness and added one player. Marcus Harrison, Baltimore, William Smith, Saginaw, Mich. and Ricky Myers, Charlotte, N.C. all returned home over the Labor Day Holiday. Dedic Spooner, Milwaukee arrived over the holiday weekend and started classes on Sept. 4. Dedic attend Milford Academy Prep School in Milford, Conn. last year. He is 6'8" and weighs 230 pounds. We currently have eight out of state players and six in state players on our team. Jayhawk rules allow only six out of state players to be certified in November. Neither Ricky or Marcus was assured of one of those six spots, in addition, both dealt with a case of "home sickness". We like the present make up of our team. We are a stronger more physical group of young men than last season's team and our in state talent is the best overall we have had in Colby in my three seasons as head coach. I believe it's safe to say that this will be our best team. We are much stronger first man through 10th man than either of my first two seasons. Our depth should allow us to be more up tempo on defense and on offense.

• Next home volleyball match is Wednesday. Hope to see you out supporting the Lady Trojans!

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Seventh grade now 1-0

The Colby Middle School seventh grade football team opened their season with a 24-0 win over the Goodland Mustangs on Aug. 30.

After a scoreless first quarter, running back Cody Mead scored on a 6-yard run and Josh Dack tacked on the 2-point conversion to put the Eagles ahead 8-0 at half-time.

The third quarter found neither team able to score.

Eagles found the endzone twice.

Quarterback Sam Munderloh scored on a 1-yard run and Dack converted again. Dack score next on a 20-yard run and fullback Scott Blanton ran in the extra points to make the final 24-0.

During the first half the team made too many mental mistakes," said coach John Miles, "but they settled down in the second half and both the offense and defense got untracked and controlled the game.

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