

Colby falls in battle of Eagles

By Jay Kelley

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The Colby High School Eagles fell in Wray, Colo. 33-0 Friday night in a game where the Eagle offense seemed stymied by a tenacious Wray defense.

Colby came down the field on their initial drive and looked like they would score first, but Wray stopped them at the goal.

The Wray Eagles answered with two touchdowns in the first quarter and two in the second quarter, taking a 27-0 lead into half-time.

The only score of the second half came on a 10-yard run with 5:56 in the fourth quarter.

The Colby running game was able to

net only 62 yards. Ryan Arensdorf gained 95 and Brent McCoy gained 37, but Wray defenders got to quarterbacks



Jared Cranston and Brian Sulzman for -70 yards.

The normally prolific Eagle passing game was also held back, with Cranston held to 6-for-18 and Sulzman

at 1-for-2. Arensdorf was the primary receiver with 2 catches for 58 yards, followed by Jordan Harris with 2-for-40, Jeff Reavis, 2-for-58 and Josh Houtz with a single 5-yard catch.

Eric Seemann led in tackles with 11, Harris had nine, McCoy had eight, Brent Diebert and Cade Moses had seven apiece, Nic Schroeder and Rusty Raymo had six each, Ryan McLemore and Drew Miller had five each, Tanner Brown and Troy Bielser had three apiece and Brent Dempewolf had one.

The Eagles are preparing for homecoming on Friday.

They will face the Oakley Plainsmen, who are 2-1, at Dennen Field at 7:30 p.m.



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Summar Stephens got a kill against Hoxie for the Colby High School varsity volleyball team. Stephens and her teammates went 1-2 and will be in Goodland for a quad on Saturday at 10 a.m.

Volleyball team hosts home quad

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The Colby High School varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams hosted a quad with Hoxie, Scott City and Oakley at the high school and elementary gyms on Saturday. The varsity came away 1-2 and the jayvee went 2-1.

The varsity ladies opened against Hoxie, winning the first match 15-6, but falling in the second 15-7. The Lady Eagles were up 12-0 in the third match, but Hoxie wouldn't give up, coming back for a 16-14 win.

Jessica Bricker and Sally Schlick had six kills apiece. Megan Blatt, Bethanie Linden and Summar

Stephens had five each.

Schlick had 10 points and 80 percent efficiency, Bricker had nine and 63.6, Tiffany Focke had seven and 100, Linden had five and 81.8, Summar Stephens had two and 100 and Blatt had two and 75.

The second game found the ladies against Scott City. After a 15-3 loss in the first game, the Lady Eagles hung tough in the second and downed Scott City 15-13. The third round went to Scott City 15-8.

Stephens had eight kills, Kylee Hunter had six, Blatt had five, Linden had four, Schlick had three and Focke had one.

Blatt had seven points and 100 per-

cent efficiency, Schlick had five and 90, Linden had four and 100, Focke had four and 88.9, Bricker had three and 100, Hunter had three and 100 and Stephens had 100 percent.

The final match of the day found the Eagles taking out some frustrations on Oakley with a 15-3, 15-2 win.

Bricker had eight kills, Linden and Stephens had five each and Schlick had three.

Next varsity action is in Goodland on Saturday against Scott City and Wheatland. Matches start at 10 a.m.

Jayvee

The junior varsity went 2-1, downing Oakley 15-8 in the first set, losing a tough match 16-14 in the second and dominating the third 15-4.

Against Scott City, they lost 15-12 in a tough first match. The second went the Lady Eagles' way with a 15-8 win, but they couldn't hang on in the third and lost 15-13.

The ladies downed Hoxie in two games, 15-8 and 15-10 to finish the day.

The jayvee will also be in Goodland on Saturday.

Wildcats show support

MANHATTAN (AP) — Instead of waving purple-colored "Powercat" flags, they stood in the rain and bought Powercat T-shirts hastily printed in red, white and blue.

Instead of the chatter and buzz of carefree tail-gaters there was an empty silence.

Not carried on the autumn breeze was the delicious aroma of steaks and chops roasting slowly on thousands of portable grills.

Not seated at makeshift picnic tables sipping adult beverages and winking at security guards "enforcing" the campus ban on alcohol were about 50,000 fans.

Not opening their home season against underdog Louisiana Tech on Saturday were the Kansas State Wildcats.

Save for a few young people walking around under gray, threatening skies, the whole place seemed deserted.

"It's so sad. I remember all the fun and the tail-gaters, said Rebekah Greiman, a former student who had come with her husband to see the game and visit friends.

"I sank \$100 into the tickets," she said. "I doubt I'll ever get the money back because I bought them from somebody who bought them from somebody, you know. But that's OK. I understand."

Football means more to Kansas Staters than to most collegiate communities. For more than half a century, theirs was the losingest school in the sport — the first NCAA program with 500 losses. Long-suffering K-Staters

went for decades without a winning season.

Then coach Bill Snyder arrived in 1989 and the Wildcats astonished everyone by turning into one of the nation's top programs, filling their students and fans with a fierce "purple pride."

Giving up just one game hurt. But hardly anyone felt like complaining.

"I'd rather care about the affects of terrorism and watch news reports than celebrate my team," said Robert Latore, a junior from Olathe. "Sports are a luxury and there's no need to be preoccupied with it now."

Chris Hayden, a Manhattan resident and lifelong fan, was willing to put the game aside.

"We have to honor the dead," he said. Then he added with a grin, "But it doesn't really matter. We would have beaten the crap out of Louisiana Tech anyway."

While attending a brief practice at the stadium Saturday morning, Kansas State president Jon Wefald was not surprised at what he found.

"I think we were all just kind of going through the motions," he said. "Everybody was pretty quiet."

Not everyone thought the right decision was made.

"I'm really upset," said Elizabeth Spencer, another season-ticket holder. "We need something to make this feel normal — something that's always there. Don't get me wrong. I'm saddened by this, but we need to spend time with our friends, get some release and go on with our life."



First down



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Golden Plains High School's Jesse Miller was stopped after a big gain in a 52-18 drubbing of Jennings in homecoming action in Rexford on Friday night. The Bulldogs put up 22 points before Jennings could get on the board.

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Area Briefs

College rodeo coming to Colby
The Colby Community College Rodeo Team is hosting the Fifth Annual National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association rodeo Sept. 21-23 at the E.L. Garrett Arena in the Thomas County

Fairgrounds in Colby. Performances on Friday and Saturday are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. There will be more than 450 contestants from 18 colleges in Kansas and Oklahoma competing in nine major college rodeo events. Admission at the gate is adult — \$6, children under 12 — \$3, and children under 5 — free with parent. Advance tickets are available at the local Vanderbilts, Sport Shoppe, and the College Bookstore.

Golf Tournament scheduled

The Eighth annual Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 27 at 12:30 p.m. at the Colby Country Club. Registration begins at 11:30. Format is four person scramble and the fee is \$50 with cash prizes awarded to the top teams in each flight. For information call the chamber office at 462-3401.

Local Schedule

Tuesday, Sept. 18

Colby Middle School 7/8th grade volleyball at Hays-Kennedy at 3:45 p.m.

Brewster High School varsity volleyball hosts Healy at 3 p.m.

Junior varsity football at Weskan at 5 p.m.

Golden Plains High School varsity and junior varsity volleyball triangular with Cheylin and Brewster in Rexford at 3 p.m.