

Eagles fall 27-7 to Hays

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The undefeated Hays High School Indians relied on a couple of big plays and a stifling defense to stop the Colby Eagles 27-7 Friday night at Colby's Dennen Field.

Hays, ranked in Class 5A coming in, was able to stop the Colby offense in the red zone, but only put seven points on the board in the first quarter themselves.

The touchdown came on a third and four at the Colby five yard line with 4:16 left in the first quarter.

The second quarter was a battle for field position by both teams, until Hays culminated a 53 yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown run with 53 seconds on the clock.

An on-side kick set up first and 10 for Hays on the Colby 39. A big pass on the next play made it first and goal from the one and three plays later Hays scored with only 13 second left.

A 2-point attempt failed, making the score 20-0. Another on-side kick attempt also failed, but the Eagles managed one play before half-time.

The third quarter went by with both teams unable to accomplish anything in the endzone.

In the fourth, a Colby drive ended in an 11-yard touchdown run by full-back Brent McCoy on an off-tackle play.

The drive began with Colby tak-



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Ryan Arensdorf got some blocking help from fellow Colby High School Eagles, Eric Seemann, Jeff Reavis and Schuyler Sharpe Friday night. The Eagles fell to the undefeated Hays High Indians 27-7.

ing over on their own 39. On second and 10, Jared Cranston found Jeff Reavis for 40 yards, who was finally brought down at the Hays 22. On fourth and 10, the Indians were called for pass interference, giving Colby a first and 10 on the 11.

McCoy got the call and kept driving after being hit just beyond the line of scrimmage, dragging at least one defender across the goal.

With a point after attempt good, the score was 20-7 Hays.

An onside kick attempt by the Eagles failed and Hays drove 47 yards to score the last touchdown of the game with

1:57 on the clock.

The Eagles were held to 161 yards total offense. The running game was stopped with only 59 yards.

Ryan Arensdorf had 19 yards on 16 carries, McCoy had 17 on six carries and Rusty Raymo had one carry for 17 yards. Cranston scrambled eight times for a total of six yards.

Cranston passed for 102 yards. He went 9-for-19 for 47 percent. Jordan Harris was his primary receiver with four catches for 58 yards.

Arensdorf had three catches for minus two yards. Tight end Ryan McLemore had one catch for 10 yards

and Jeff Reavis had the big 40 yard reception.

Harris also led the defense in tackles with 13, followed by Eric Seemann, again in double figures with 10.

Brent Diebert had eight, Nic Schroeder and McCoy had seven, Arensdorf had six, Brett Dempewolf had five, Raymo and Schuyler Sharpe had four each.

McLemore and Troy Bielser had three and Tanner Brown had two.

The Eagles will travel to Concordia on Friday night for varsity action starting at 7 p.m.

Lady Eagles 3-1 in Oakley tourney

OAKLEY — The Colby High School Lady Eagle volleyball team went 3-1 in Oakley on Saturday, beating Wheatland, Oakley and Grinnell, but falling to Goodland.

The Lady Eagles beat Wheatland in two games, 15-10, 15-12. Summar Stephens had six kills, Sally Schlick had five, Bethanie Linden had four, Megan Blatt had two and Jessica Bricker and Tiffany Focke had one.

Blatt had 16 points, 100 percent serve accuracy and one ace. Linden had six points, 90 percent and an ace. Stephens had two points and 100 percent and Focke had one point and 100 percent.

Bricker had 90 percent and Schlick and Kylee Hunter had 100 percent.

Oakley also fell in two games, 15-7, 15-10. Stephens had four kills, Blatt had three, Linden and Bricker had two each and Schlick had one.

Stephens had six points, 100 percent and an ace. Schlick had five points and 100 percent and Hunter had five points and 85.7 percent. Blatt had four points, 88.9 percent and three aces. Linden had four points, 75 percent and one ace. Bricker had three points and 71.4 percent and Focke had three points and 100 percent.

Grinnell held on for three games,

losing game one 15-6, winning game two 15-11 and losing the last game by the same score.

Stephens had 11 kills, Focke and Hunter had four and Blatt, Linden, Bricker and Schlick had three each.

Blatt had 12 points, 100 percent

and an ace. Bricker had seven points, an ace and 80 percent. Focke had seven points and 92.3 percent.

Stephens had four points, 100 percent and an ace. Schlick had four points and 90 percent.

Hunter had four points and 88.9 percent and Linden had two points and 80 percent.

The final game found the ladies playing a tough Goodland team close, losing 15-11 and 15-13.

Stephens had seven kills, Blatt had six, Schlick had four, Linden three and Bricker and Focke one each.

Bricker had seven points and 90.9 percent. Linden had four points, 100 percent and an ace. Stephens had four points and 88.9 percent.

Blatt had three points, 87.5 percent and an ace. Schlick had two points and 83.3 percent and both Hunter and Focke had two points and 100 percent.

The Lady Eagles' next action is in McPherson at 9 a.m. Saturday.



Oklahoma hangs on to beat Wildcats

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — It would seem that perhaps no one was more stung than Mike Stoops by Oklahoma's defensive performance against Kansas State.

The Sooners bottled up tailback Josh Scobey and generally did a good job of containing the running of quarterback Eli Roberson. But they didn't do well against the pass, and it nearly cost them in a 38-37 victory Saturday.

That left Stoops, co-defensive coordinator and associate head coach, bothered Sunday afternoon.

"We'd play really good at times, then we'd look like we never played defense before. It's really frustrating," said Stoops, who coaches the secondary.

"We left 'em with the last option and they hit it. We just need to be smarter. I think we took away a lot of the things they wanted, but the last resort, going vertical and throwing three guys down the field and us not being able to play it, is not very good execution of our defense."

Roberson hurt Oklahoma at times with his running, finishing with 115 yards and three touchdowns on 23 carries. But he was equally effective through the air, throwing for 257 yards and a touchdown.

His ability to hit big passes helped the Wildcats rally from a three-touchdown deficit in the second half.

"I was proud of the fact he hung in there," KSU coach Bill Snyder said. "He grew up a great deal today. He struggled in a lot of ways through the course of the ball game, but by the same token, each time that he did, he still came back."

Stoops was most upset about Roberson's 57-yard touchdown pass to Ricky Lloyd that made the score 38-33 with 2:02 remaining. The 2-point conversion pass made it a three-point game.

"Really, you can accept some of that other stuff. But that was hard to accept, that one," he said. "We didn't show much poise or much discipline back there on our positioning on the ball."

Stoops said part of the problem was that Kansas State forces teams to prepare for a

number of things, running and throwing. He also felt his defense, which lacks depth due to the losses of three players this season, grew tired on a warm afternoon.

Cornerback Michael Thompson was seriously hurt in an automobile accident in March. Defensive back Terrance Simms is out for the season with a knee injury, and defensive end Dan Cody left the team after being diagnosed with clinical depression.

"When you play in long games like that, we get wore out," Stoops said. "That's just what happens when you're not deep and you play a physical team like we did Saturday."

Head coach Bob Stoops said he liked the way the Sooners (4-0, 1-0 Big 12) responded to Kansas State's ruggedness.

"I'm very proud of our players to have withstood it," he said. "We found a way to make enough plays to win the football game, and that's special."

Quarterback Nate Hybl passed his toughest test as the starter. He was battered by Kansas State defenders, and

at times appeared a bit wobbly, but he never left the game. He was intercepted three times, but threw for 283 yards, including touchdowns of 63 and 75 yards to Antwone Savage, and he led the Sooners on a 17-play drive in the

fourth quarter that led to a field goal and a 38-27 lead.

"I thought Nate Hybl was just excellent," Bob Stoops said. "He made some great passes and our receivers made some big plays."



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Chiefs maul 'Skins

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Asked what was wrong with the Washington Redskins, Kansas City Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil gave a blunt answer that deflected the blame from an old friend.

"They don't have enough good football players," Vermeil said. "If Marty Schottenheimer's got enough football players, I promise you they'll play well. They got some old guys that like to moan, that finally have to go to work for a living. I've been through that before."

Redskins fans don't seem to agree. No one was booed more than coach Schottenheimer at Sunday's home opener, a 45-13 loss to Vermeil's Chiefs.

"I'm as disappointed as any time I've been in my coaching experience," said Schottenheimer, 0-3 for the first

time in his 16-year coaching career. "I've never been through anything like this. It just deepens my resolve. It's going to be a lot of hard work."

Told of Vermeil's comments, Schottenheimer seemed taken aback. He said his team does have talent, and that even if it didn't, "I wouldn't want to hide behind that, frankly."

While the debate over blame intensifies in Washington, Kansas City (1-2) can celebrate its first victory under Vermeil. It was impressive, too — the offense produced seven consecutive long scoring drives and 546 total yards.

"The way that you saw all of us — kind of like 'boom, boom' down the field, a pass here, a run there — that's the way that this offense works," said Priest Holmes, who had 225 yards total offense.

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