

Brewster tops Healy Eagles, 44-36

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Homecoming games are supposed to be exciting and the Brewster High School Bulldog football team got all they could ask for in a 44-36 win over Healy Friday night in Brewster.

The Bulldogs scored on their first drive when Jacob Falcon found Jake Long in the end zone to take an 8-0 lead, but neither team was able to penetrate the red zone until, with two minutes left in the first quarter, Healy answered to tied the score.

Healy stripped the ball from Falcon on the next drive and ended the quarter on third and one at the Brewster 24.

They converted after the quarter break and, on first and 10 at the Brewster 20, Kurt Fenster found Mark Johnson open for a touchdown. The two-point play was good and Healy led 16-8.

Brewster answered with another Falcon-Long passing combination on the opening play of their drive from their 15 yard line. The two-point was good and the score was tied.

Healy came right back, putting together a 54 yard drive on six plays, all passes, culminating in Fenster finding Johnson again, this time on third and 10 at the Brewster 14. The two-point was moved back to the seven yard line after motion on the Healy line and a reverse failed to score.

Healy led again, 22-16 with 9:11 left in the half.

Brewster's first play of their drive found Falcon rushing from the 16 yard line to mid-field, but four plays later a fake punt failed and Healy took over on their 36.

Healy had been passing into coverage all night, a dangerous game against Long and Josh Ryan. The plan backfired on a first and 10 at the Brewster 20 when Ryan picked off a pass intended for Michael Fulmer.

Brewster took over on their 37 with 6:51 left until half-time. Three plays later, they tried to convert on a fourth and two, but the pass fell through the hands of Jarrett Carpenter and Healy took over again.

The Eagles couldn't move the ball

and punted, giving Brewster one more chance at their own 15.

Ten plays later, Falcon ran into the end zone on a fourth and goal at the two. He found Ryan in the end zone for two more points and Brewster led 24-22.

Healy decided to take a knee and finish the half behind by only two points. They opened the third quarter with a lackluster drive that ended when Ryan stripped the ball away from Clint Johnson on fourth and 11.

Brewster had great field position at the Healy 23, but were unable to capitalize, going out after four plays.

Healy's next possession started on their own 19 with 9:07 left in the quarter and ended five plays later with a 35 yard touchdown pass to Johnson and a two point conversion, giving the Eagles a 30-22 lead.

The lead was short-lived, however, as Brewster came back with a bruising 11 play, 53 yard scoring drive. Sean Swanson carried the ball six times, including a one yard run into the end zone on third and goal. Falcon found Carpenter in the end zone for another two points and Brewster led 32-30.

Healy went out after four plays and Brewster took over with another big drive that ended with a 24 yard touchdown run by Swanson. The two-point failed and Brewster led 38-30 with 20 seconds in the quarter.

Healy ended the third quarter in possession, but were unable to move the ball. On third and 15 at their 21, Fenster tried to find Johnson again, but Swanson intercepted and ran into the end zone. The conversion failed, but Brewster led 44-30 with 11:07 left in the game.

Healy's last score came on the next drive a 53 yard pass to Johnson. The conversion failed, leaving the score 44-36 with 10:20 left.

Brewster used a clock-eating running game, relying on the big fullback Swanson. Healy's last chance came with 3:07 left.

Starting on their 11, they moved down to the only their 37 before a pass was tipped and Long intercepted. Brewster took over with 1:55 left and

ran twice. Falcon took a knee on the next two plays to seal the win.

Brewster had 311 yard rushing, of which 184 were credited to Swanson on 28 carries with three touchdowns. Falcon had 98 yards on 24 carries and a touchdown.

Joel Selby had 18 yards on seven carries and Carpenter had two carries for 11 yards.

Falcon went 6-for-11 for 170 yards, including two touchdown passes to Long for 65 yards apiece. Carpenter had one 22 yard reception, Swanson had a four yard reception, Ryan had seven yards on one catch and Selby caught one for four yards.

Falcon and Swanson had 11 tackles each. Carpenter, Long and Lucas Moore each had nine. Jesse Crumrine and Ryan have five apiece, Aaron Smith and Tyler Johnson had two each and Selby and Cory Grantz had one each.

Carpenter had a sack and Falcon, Swanson, Long and Ryan each had an interception. Smith added a fumble recovery.

The 'Dawgs will be in Grinnell Friday night. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Consider yourself tackled!



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Two Colby Middle School Eagles wrapped up a Norton player Monday afternoon at Dennen Field. The 7th-grade team lost to Norton 18-0, to even its record at 3-3. Full details of Monday's game as well as details of last week's action against Burlington and a 'B' team update will be published this week.

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Lack of clutch hitting dooms Cardinals in pennant series

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals' inability to get clutch hits was the most obvious reason they'll miss a World Series appearance for the 15th straight season.

But manager Tony La Russa didn't have much good to say about any aspect of the team's play after their season-ending 2-1 loss to the San Francisco Giants in Game 5 of the National League championship series Monday night.

Pitching shortcomings and so-so defense also contributed to the Cardinals falling short, in La Russa's mind. Matt Morris put them in an early hole in Game 1, the bullpen failed in Game 4 and the Cardinals won Game 3 despite an almost comedic performance in the field in the early innings.

"It was total team. We got bad location, we didn't hit, our defense wasn't as good as usual," La Russa said. "I don't think we played all that badly but they played better, and when it's down to the final four you've got to raise your level of play."

The Cardinals were 0-for-8 with runners in scoring position against Kirk Rueter and Felix Rodriguez in Game 5 and finished a feeble 3-for-39 in the NLCS after they batted .278 in the regular season.

They left five men on the first three innings, and 10 overall for a two-game total of 22 — numbers that will haunt them in the offseason.

"You just go out there and don't score runs, that's the kind of situation you run into," Jim Edmonds said. "You never want to go into the ninth inning on the road tied."

"There's nothing but disasters that can happen."

The lone success was Fernando Vina's sacrifice fly in the seventh off Rodriguez that snapped a scoreless tie.

Even Morris' determined pitching wasn't enough as the Cardinals made their second five-game exit in the NLCS in three years. They haven't been to the World Series since 1987

and haven't won it all since 1982.

It was a quiet end to a turbulent season for the Cardinals, who recovered from the death of pitcher Darryl Kile and numerous pitching injuries to win the NL Central and make their third straight playoff appearance.

"It was storybook," reliever Steve Kline said. "It just didn't have the right ending."

The Cardinals were forced to use 14 starting pitchers in the regular season, but benefited from the unlikely midseason comeback by Andy Benes and the emergence of 28-year-old rookie Jason Simontacchi.

They were hamstrung in the playoffs by Scott Rolen's sprained left shoulder, which kept him unavailable throughout the NLCS. The team optimistically included him on the roster for the second round, but he never made significant progress and that left La Russa with a short bench.

"That's just an excuse," La Russa said. "When they outplayed you in every category, how much is Scott going to change that?"

Morris lasted 8 2-3 innings, his longest outing since he beat the Cubs with a four-hit shutout on May 13. La Russa allowed Morris to bat in the top of the ninth, but finally removed him after two-out hits by David Bell and Shawon Dunston.

"I think he was giving me the opportunity to win or lose it," Morris said. "I ended up losing it."

Lofton, who had been 11-for-20 against Morris in his career counting the playoffs, followed with a single off Kline.

Last year, Kline gave up the winning hit in the Cardinals' division series elimination game to Tony Womack, also in Game 5.

"He threw a slider up, that's not what he was trying to do," La Russa said. "At key times when they had to make pitches, they did. We didn't. When we had to have better at-bats, they did. We didn't."

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