

Eagles lose to Goodland Cowboys

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There was a lot of scoring by both teams Thursday night at Dennen Field during the annual showdown between the Colby and Goodland football teams, but it was the Cowboys who came away with the win 50-24.

It was the final game of the season for both teams with Goodland finishing 4-5 and the Eagles 0-9. This was the fourth straight victory for the Cowboys over Colby. Last year, Goodland won 52-22 in Cowboys Stadium. The last time the Eagles won was during the 2001 season when Colby won 31-6. Goodland went 0-9 that year.

Goodland scored seven touchdowns, five in the first half, to the Eagles' three. All three of Colby's touchdowns came on passes by senior quarterback Cole Garcia.

The Goodland Cowboys scored first on a 61-yard touchdown run by running back Casey Henderson. Ren Scherling kicked the extra point and Goodland led 7-0.

Colby's next possession stalled and the Eagles punted the ball back to the Cowboys. However, after 15 plays and three first downs Goodland had only moved the ball 21 yards and on fourth-and-23 was forced to punt. The Cowboy punter fumbled the ball with sophomore Justin Schields recovering it for the Eagles on the Goodland 5.

Two plays later senior Garcia connected with sophomore tight end Travis Parker for a 6-yard touchdown pass as time ran out in the first quarter putting Colby on the scoreboard. Junior running back Joe Heier then ran around the left end for the two-point conversion and the Eagles led the game 8-7.

Four plays after the subsequent kickoff, Goodland's Jase Herl threw to running back Derek Fenner on the halfback option hitting him for a 66-yard touchdown pass. Garcia kept the Cowboys from

scoring the two-point conversion and Goodland now led 13-8.

After Parker returned the kickoff to the Colby 37, the Eagles were called for holding which pushed them back to their 22. Colby fumbled on the next play which was recovered by Goodland on the 20-yardline.

Two plays later Fenner found a hole and scored from 15 yards out. Quarterback Bob Miller then ran for the two-point conversion making the score 21-8.

Although the Eagles' next possession was kept alive on a roughing-the-kicker penalty, Colby still was forced to punt a few plays later.

Starting from their own 27, the Cowboys drove to the Colby 36 where Miller hit wide receiver Tyler Hillmer for a 36-yard touchdown pass and with Fenner's two-point conversion run Goodland increased its lead to 29-8.

The Cowboys were able to add another touchdown to their score with just 43 seconds left in the half on a 17-yard touchdown pass from Miller to Hillmer. Scherling kicked his second extra-point of the game and Goodland was able to take a 36-8 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Both teams scored a touchdown in the third quarter. The Cowboys struck first about four minutes into the period on another halfback option pass from Herl to Fenner, this time from 26 yards out. Scherling's kick then made the score 43-8.

Later with about three minutes left in the quarter, Garcia connected with Heier for a 30-yard touchdown pass. Garcia then passed to senior Jeremy Dietz for the two-point conversion to make the score 43-16.

In the fourth quarter, again both teams scored a touchdown. Goodland scored on a 2-yard touchdown plunge by Miller about 90 seconds into the period and with the extra-point kick the Cowboys increased their lead to 50-16.

Colby scored its touchdown with just 19 seconds left in the game on Garcia's third touchdown pass of the game, his second to Parker, from four yards out. Junior Sam Munderloh ran into the endzone for the two-point conversion making the final 50-24.

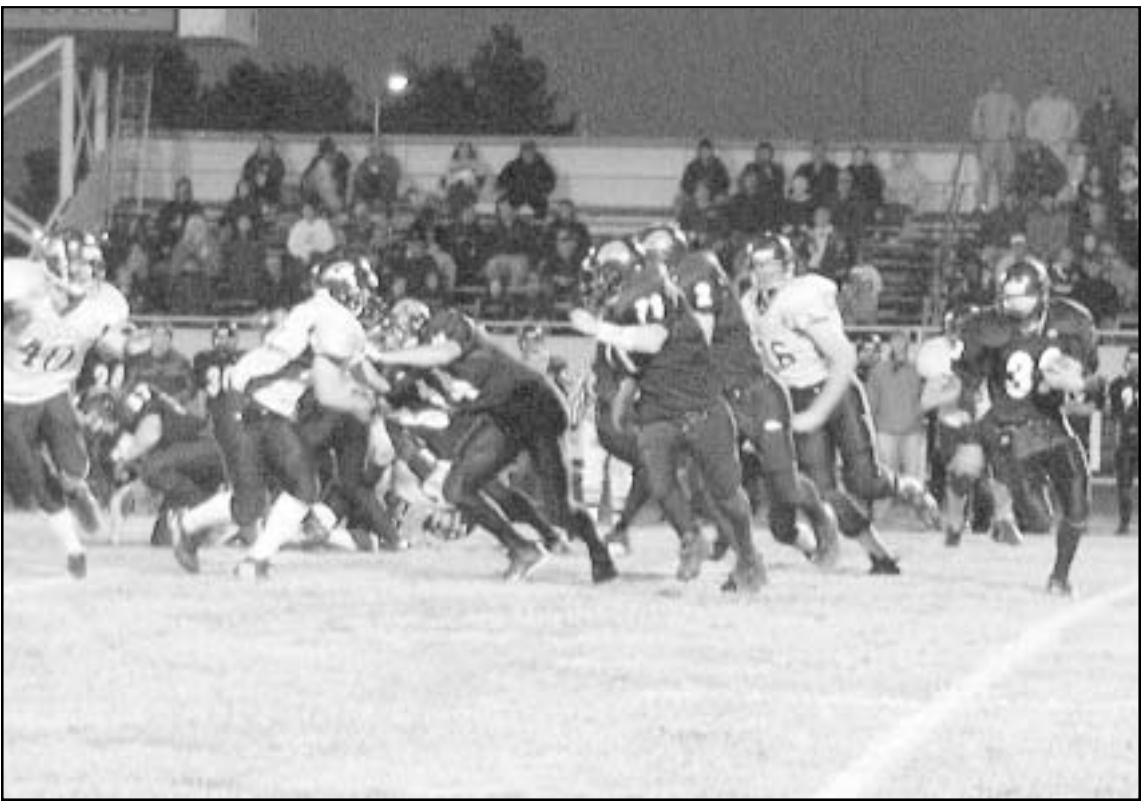
Heier led the Eagles in rushing gaining 57 yards on 10 carries. Munderloh picked 43 yard on 14 carries and Garcia got 14 yards on six rushes. Parker ran twice for six yards.

Garcia completed five of eight passes for 66 yards and three touchdowns. Parker caught two passes, both for touchdowns, for 16 yards. Heier caught two for 44 yards and a score. Dietz caught the other pass for six yards.

The Eagles had 186 yards of total offense, 120 on the ground and 66 through the air, and picked up eight first downs. Colby was penalized 10 times for 120 yards.

Munderloh led the Eagles defense recording 12 tackles, eight of which were solo. Parker had nine tackles followed by Garcia with eight and freshman linebacker Scott McCoy with seven.

Colby held its senior recognition ceremony before the game honoring the seniors and their parents after which a local boy scout troop conducted the game's flag raising



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Colby High School running back Joe Heier ran with the ball while teammates blocked against the Goodland Cowboys. The Eagles lost their last game of the season, ending their 2005 campaign with an 0-9 record.

ceremony while the Eagle marching band played the national anthem. The annual "Battle of the Bands" provided the halftime entertainment.

In other games around the Northwest Kansas League Thursday, St. Francis beat Rawlins County High

of Atwood 44-14; Hoxie dominated Decatur Community High of Oberlin 40-0; and Quinter fell to Dighton-Ness City 46-21.

The Oakley Plainsmen finished a perfect regular season with a come-from-behind 14-7 win over Trego Community High of WaKeeney.

In District 15 play, the Panthers of Concordia beat the Tigers of Clay Center 31-14 to become the district's top seed in the state Class 4A playoffs which start next week. Clay Center also advances to the playoffs for the second straight season.

SportsLine

Colby Lady Eagle runners to state meet

The Colby High School Lady Eagle runners will travel to the state cross country meet in Wamego. The meet begins at 9 a.m.

Colby volleyball traveling to state tourney

The Colby High School Lady Eagles volleyball team will travel to the state volleyball tournament in Salina on Friday. Bracket play is on Friday and match play is on Saturday.

Volleyball awards potluck Nov. 1

There will be an awards potluck dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 1 for the Colby High School volleyball team at 6:30 p.m. at the high school commons. Drinks will be provided. Please bring your own table service. Parents and students are encouraged to attend. The program is open to the public.

Football potluck planned

An awards potluck for the Colby High School football team will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10 in the high school commons area. Drinks will be provided. Please bring your own table service. Parents and students are encouraged to attend.

AP Briefs

BASEBALL
NEW YORK — Less than 24 hours after helping the Chicago White Sox win their first World Series since 1917, AL championship series MVP Paul Konerko was among 62 players who filed for free agency.

Konerko, who hit .283 with 40 homers and 100 RBIs during the regular season, is one of the top hitters available on the market. Approximately 200 players are eligible to file by the Nov. 10 deadline, and free agents can start discussing contract terms with all teams the following day.

Philadelphia Phillies closer Billy Wagner and Los Angeles Angels

catcher Bengie Molina also filed, as did Boston first baseman Kevin Millar and third baseman Bill Mueller.

FOOTBALL
AURORA, Colo. — Denver Broncos offensive lineman Dwayne Carswell was in critical but stable condition with an excellent prognosis after he was involved in an accident that ripped the driver's side door off his car.

Carswell fractured multiple ribs, ruptured his diaphragm and spleen and sustained internal injuries.

He was in intensive care at a Denver hospital after a five-hour operation to remove his spleen and repair internal organ damage.

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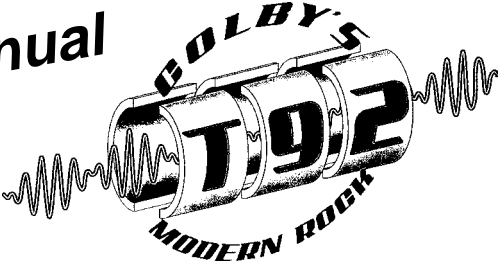


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