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Colby Eagle quarterback Ryan White, 11, far right, with ball, tried to avoid Goodland Cowboys Josiah Goodley, center, and Josh Doke, left, during their matchup Thursday in Goodland. The Cowboys advance to the 4A state playoffs.

## Bulldogs roll to playoffs

The Brewster Bulldogs are heading to the playoffs. The Bulldogs (7-2, 4-1) defeated Weskan Thursday 50-0. The game ended half-way through the fourth quarter because of the 45-point rule.

The 8-man Division II playoffs begin Tuesday. Brewster will travel to Victoria, which is 8-1 on the season, and ranked No. 3 in the state by Kansasprepfootball.com

The Bulldogs' two loss were against Grinnell in the first game of the season, a 40-30 loss, and the fifth-ranked Sharon Springs Wildcats. Brewster lost that game 42-34 to the undefeated Wildcats.

Sharon Springs was the district champion and will take on 5-4 Palco Tuesday.

The 8-man state championship will be played at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18 at Newton High School.



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Brewster's Andrew Starns, left, carried the ball while Aric Grob ran interference during the Bulldog's 50-0 win over Weskan Thursday. The Bulldogs earned a berth in the playoffs, which begin Tuesday. They will travel to Victoria.

## Season ends for Colby Eagles

By Tisha Cox

Colby Free Press

The Colby High School Eagles' bid for a berth in the playoff bracket ended Thursday, but head coach Bob Ray is not disappointed with his team's performance.

The Eagles (1-8) lost on the road 8-6 Thursday against the Goodland Cowboys. The Cowboys (3-6) will move on to the 4A state playoffs Tuesday.

The Eagles played a strong defensive game, holding the Cowboys scoreless after their first touchdown and two-point conversion in the first.

"Overall they never quit on it," Ray said.

The first quarter was a defensive battle between the two teams, who kept trading possessions until the first score of the game, which came with 3:44 left in the first quarter.

Goodland scored a touchdown on a nine-yard run up the middle from Casey Henderson.

During the extra point attempt, Colby was flagged with an offsides penalty. The Cowboys changed their strategy, pulling their kicking personnel and instead choosing to go for a two-point.

Fernando Martinez converted on the attempt, making the score 8-0.

After the touchdown, Colby received. At 2:45 left in the quarter, Colby quarterback Ryan White threw an incomplete pass third and 14. A play later, Goodland got the ball back.

However, the Cowboys were unable to move the ball very far, giving up possession to the Eagles.

The Colby defense shut down the Cowboys the rest of the game, playing a grinding, tough game that later led to their own score.

Colby's only score of the game came on a successful drive late in the fourth quarter.

The Eagles took over possession with 6:25 left in the fourth. Three plays in and facing a fourth down situation with seven yards to go,

Colby didn't punt.

Instead, White put the ball into the air to Eli Robert, which was good for a first down.

Eating time off the clock, the Eagles moved the ball down the field. With 2:47 left in the quarter, White took a chance, running the ball himself from the 19-yard line down to the one yard line.

A play later, Tanner Kriss made a carry into the endzone for Colby's only score of the game.

Colby also made a two-point attempt but could not convert.

The Eagles gave up some yardage on penalties at key moments, but were also able to capitalize a few times on Goodland's own mistakes. Ray said his team worked hard to keep the Cowboys scoreless the rest of the game and fought hard.

The team took several penalties, and he said discipline is something the team will have to work on before next year.

"That's a big key — not to make those mental mistakes," Ray said.

Also, he played two quarterbacks, White and Heath Stephens. Ray said he used each in for different plays in different situations.

Ray thanked the team's families and the community for their support, and hopes to build on the successes the team had this year.

He said the Eagles will get into the weight room over the summer, and he will see where things go from there.

The Goodland Cowboys will take on 9-0 Andale on the road Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The 4A championship game will be Saturday, Nov. 25, with time and location to be determined later.

## St. Louis Cardinals take control of World Series

ST. LOUIS (AP) — With some help from a soggy field and two big hits by little David Eckstein, the St. Louis Cardinals took control of the World Series with a wild comeback win.

Eckstein's tiebreaking double glanced off the glove of a diving Craig Monroe in left field in the eighth inning, and the Cardinals capitalized on Detroit's sloppy defense for a 5-4 victory Thursday night in Game 4.

"He's the toughest guy I've ever seen in a uniform," St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said, praising his scrappy shortstop.

After Curtis Granderson slipped in center field on a key play trying for an earlier ball hit by Eckstein, rekindling memories of Curt Flood in the 1968 Series between these teams, St. Louis took a 3-1 lead to move within one win of its first championship in 24 years.

Jeff Weaver can wrap it up Friday night at Busch Stadium when he pitches against rookie Justin Verlander.

Each lost his first start in this Series.

"The fans here are unbelievable. They come out every single night supporting us and it would be a real

honor to do something for them," Eckstein said.

One word of caution, Cardinals rooters: St. Louis had a 3-1 lead in '68, too, before Detroit rallied to win behind lefty Mickey Lolich.

The decisive hit that time came when Flood, a Gold Glove center fielder, slipped on Jim Northrup's two-out, two-run triple off Cardinals ace Bob Gibson to break a scoreless tie in the seventh inning of Game 7 — right across the street, where the old Busch Stadium stood.

This time, the 5-foot-7 Eckstein hit three doubles and a single as St. Louis overcame an early 3-0 deficit to close in on its 10th World Series title. The last team to squander a 3-1 Series lead, however, was the 1985 Cardinals against Kansas City.

After a rainout Wednesday night, only the second World Series wash-out in 20 years, showers were expected again Thursday. But the heavy stuff stayed away on a 53-degree night and much of the back-and-forth game was played in a light mist that obscured the Gateway Arch beyond center field.

The mist got heavier in the sixth, however, and the Tigers began to struggle with the elements.

## Snyder asks fans to support new coach

MANHATTAN (AP) — Bill Snyder, who took Kansas State from perpetual futility to national prominence in his 17 seasons as the Wildcats' coach, issued a plea Thursday for fans to cut first-year coach Ron Prince some slack.

Snyder sent an open letter to the state's newspapers and broadcast outlets, asking for it to be published or read on air before Saturday's home game against Iowa State.

In the letter, Snyder praised Kansas State fans for their support of his coaching career.

"I have stated so very often

that I came to Kansas State because of the people and I've stayed because of the people," he wrote.

"You are truly wonderful. I am now asking that you please afford that same caring and loyal support to Ron Prince, his staff and players.

Kansas State is 4-4 overall and 1-3 in Big 12 play under Prince, the former offensive coordinator at Virginia who was hired last fall after Snyder's surprise retirement.

With only one of the Wildcats' four remaining opponents carrying a winning record — No. 5 Texas, which visits Nov. 11 — Kansas State still is in a position to become bowl eligible.

That hasn't stopped the Wildcats from being booed at home, with fans frustrated by an inconsistent offense that has produced just 12 touchdowns through eight games.

In three of those games, Kansas State didn't have a single offensive TD.

"This is a difficult transition for them, as it would be for anyone, and they are working diligently to give you the very best product possible," Snyder wrote.

Neither he nor Prince immediately returned telephone messages seeking comment.

Snyder retired last year.

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