



Eagles football squad to face Plainville

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The Colby High Eagles varsity football team will be heavily favored in its game at 7 p.m. on Friday at Plainville. The Cardinals are 0-3 this season.

The Eagles (2-1) will be looking to extend their current two-game winning streak to three games. They are coming off an easy 38-0 thrashing of Hoxie

Brewster wins big; crushing Weskan 48-8

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Dominating their opponent for the second week in a row, the Triplains-Brewster football team rolled to a 48-8 victory over the Weskan Coyotes on Friday afternoon Western Kansas Liberty League action.

The Titans started strong, with quarterback Brett Gfeller scoring the first touchdown on a 19-yard run. Spencer Holm made a spectacular leap in the far corner of the end zone to catch Gfeller's lobbed pass for the extra points, giving the Titans the early 8-0 lead.

The Titans' defense stepped up and held the Coyotes on downs, forcing them to punt. A short pass to Holm by Gfeller and great rushes by Damond Hanley put the Titans at the Coyotes seven-yard line. Gfeller ran for another touchdown, but the extra point attempt failed. At the end of the first quarter, the Titans had the game in hand, leading 14-0.

Weskan started the second quarter on offense, but a tackle by Holm for an eight-yard loss

set the stage for the remainder of the half. The Coyotes were unable to move the ball after a pass was broken up by Antoine Kirstetter, a foreign exchange student from France, who attends Triplains High School. The Coyotes were once again forced to punt. The Titans' offense went to work. Runs by Hanley, Tad Sheets, and Gfeller set the Titans up to score again. Gfeller romped into the end zone on a quarterback keeper from the 30 yard line to increase the Titans' lead to 20-0. Sheets took the pitch-out from Gfeller, and ran into the end zone for the two-point conversion to make it 22-0 with just seven minutes left. in the half.

The Coyotes were forced to punt after four downs, and the Titans once again moved the ball down the field thanks to runs by Holm, Hanley, Sheets, and Gfeller.

Hanley caught a short pass over the middle from Gfeller inside the 10 yard line, and ran in for his first high school career touchdown to make it 28-0. The Titans' extra point attempt failed.

Late in the first half, Gfeller advanced the Titans to the Coyotes' 20-yard line. A run by Sheets' car-

ry made it first and goal from the two, setting up Hanley to score on a run up the middle. The Titans' extra point was good making it 36-0 Titans.

The second half saw several new players for the Titans, as Coach Gfeller made sure the underclassmen received some valuable playing time. On the Coyote kick-off, Freshman Ethan Plummer ran the ball back 65 yards for another Titan touchdown. The extra point attempt failed, and the Titans led 42-0.

Weskan finally got on the board during the third quarter, as they scored a touchdown and a successful extra point conversion. The score was now 42-8. Holm took over as quarterback, and he broke loose on a quarterback keeper for a 34 yard gain to the one yard line. Plummer ran for a touchdown on the next play to increase the Titans' lead to 48-8.

The Titans will play the Golden Plains Bulldogs at 7 p.m. Friday at Williams Field in Brewster. This will be the homecoming game for the Brewster players.

over twelve tackles a game. The Eagles' linebacker has 37 tackles this season.

Senior fullback Adam Weber is averaging about six yards per carry. He ran for two long touchdowns – 50 and 49 yards – in the Eagles' game against Hoxie. Weber also ranks second on the team in tackles with over 9 tackles a game from his defensive tackle position.

Junior Corbin Stephens leads the team in receiving yards. He has 4 receptions for 69 yards. He aver-

ages over 17 yards per catch and 23 yards per game. Stephens is tied for the team lead in interceptions with Arnberger. Both athletes have one interception. Stephens turned his one interception into a 17-yard touchdown that ended up being the game-winning play in the Eagles' game at Goodland two weeks ago. He also has the teams only touchdown reception after catching a 32-yard touchdown pass against Hoxie.



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Daymond Hanley carried the ball during Brewster's game against Weskan last Friday. The Titans-defeated Weskan 48-8.

Lady Eagles volleyball squad goes 2-2 in Liberal tourney

The Colby varsity volleyball went 2-2 in a tournament at Liberal on Saturday.

The girls swept Sublette (25-20, 25-17) and they won a hard-fought match against Hugoton (25-12, 22-25, 26-24). The Lady Eagles were swept by Liberal (27-25, 25-18) and they lost to Scott City in three sets (26-14, 13-25, 26-24).

The team held a quad at Colby High School. The other teams participating were Scott City, Oakley and Hoxie.

The Lady Eagles pounded Hoxie, sweeping the Lady Indians in two sets (25-13, 25-17). The girls were swept by Scott City (25-17, 25-14) and they lost to Oakley in three sets (25-21, 18-25, 25-17).

The team's record currently stands at 6-8.

They will compete again starting at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday in a tournament at Topeka Seaman High School.

Colorado loses to the Padres; All-Star pitcher takes the loss

DENVER (AP) — Jason Marquis is running out of time to find his missing sinker.

The Rockies' All-Star right-hander had trouble with his release point and took the loss Wednesday night when the San Diego Padres beat Colorado 6-3.

He'll have two more starts to try to help the Rockies reach the playoffs.

"Oh, plenty of time," Marquis insisted. "I'll work hard in between starts, try to get the feel back. I might lighten up my throwing a little bit, we're so deep into the season. I'll watch some film, throw a nice light 'pen and try to get my feel back for the bottom of the strike zone."

The Rockies' lead in the NL wild-card race was whittled to four games over Atlanta, which beat New York 5-2, and San Francisco, which beat Arizona 5-2.

With 10 games left, the Rockies' hearts aren't racing just yet.

"If we win the rest of our series, nobody catches us," manager Jim Tracy declared.

That would start with a win over San Diego on Thursday night when the Rockies send right-hander Jason Hammel (9-8) to the mound against lefty Clayton Richard (8-5).

Then, former Rockies slugger Matt Holliday makes his first visit to Coors Field as an opponent when the St. Louis Cardinals come to Colorado for a three-game series.

There's a chance the Cards will clinch a playoff spot at their hotel Thursday night, if the Chicago Cubs lose at San Francisco. That could change the competitiveness of their weekend series at Coors Field.

As the Padres proved Wednesday night, though, nothing's coming easy for the Rockies.

By not swinging at Marquis' off-target sinkers early in the count, they forced him to rely on his secondary pitches that caught more of the plate.

That patience paid off, especially for Will Venable, who hammered a flat slider for his 12th homer and added a three-run triple off a meaty pitch in the fifth, giving San Diego a 5-0 lead.

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