

Colby High football team gets big win over Panthers

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The Colby High varsity football team pulled out an impressive 22-14 victory over Phillipsburg on Friday at Dennen Field.

The Eagles had to make some big plays at the end of the game to secure the win, and you'd be hard pressed to point to which was the most significant.

There was junior quarterback Kale Arnberger's 85-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, senior fullback Adam Weber's huge first-down run on fourth and two with a little over five minutes remaining and the game knotted at 14, junior Corbin Stephen's leaping 30-yard reception on the Panthers' 25-yard line towards the end of the fourth, and Weber's five yard touchdown run that gave Colby a 20-14 lead.

The two teams went toe-to-toe with each other in the first quarter with no one gaining a distinct advantage. Sophomore Corbin Stephens made a long reception near the end of the first. The quarter ended with the game scoreless and Colby on offense.

The Eagles' offense stalled after Stephens' catch and had to punt it to the Panthers early in the second quarter.

The Phillipsburg quarterback completed a long pass to a receiver in Colby territory. Moments later, he fired a 34-yard touchdown pass to give the Panthers a 6-0 lead. Phillipsburg's two-point conversion attempt failed.

After the Panthers' kick-off, the Eagles took over on offense. Arnberger fired a 25-yard pass to Stephens, who was tackled at the Panthers' 25-yard line. Unfortunately for Colby, Arnberger's next pass was intercepted in the end zone. Phillipsburg downed the ball and the Panthers took over on their own 20.

The Eagles' defense kept Phillipsburg from putting together any sort of drive. Several Colby defenders sacked the Panthers' quarterback on his own 45 on fourth down. Moments later, Arnberger hit Stephens with a short pass. Stephens dodged a few defenders, reversed field and ran it deep into the opposing team's territory for a 37-yard gain. Unfortunately for the Eagles, they were once again unable to get any points on the board and they trailed 6-0 at halftime.

Colby's offense got into scoring range once again in the third quarter. The catalyst on the drive was Arnberger, who kept the ball and took it 30 yards to the Panthers 10. Moments later, on a keeper, he scampered 13 yards for a touchdown that was called back because of an offensive holding penalty.

The Eagles seemed undaunted as they refocused on getting the ball across the goal line. A little later in the drive, Weber took the handoff and ran two yards for a touchdown to tie the game at 6 with 7:09 remaining. The Eagles' two point conversion attempt was no good.

The Panthers offense gained solid yardage on a few running plays and advanced the ball to Colby's 45. Moments later, Flanagan nailed the Phillipsburg ball carrier for no gain. The Eagles' defense managed to stop the Panthers and forced them to punt from about midfield. Phillipsburg was able to down the punt on the Eagles' own 8.

A couple of plays later, Arnberger found a hole and took off down field. He didn't stop until he crossed the opposing team's goal line for an 85-yard touchdown. Flanagan took the handoff and plowed his way into the end zone to give the boys a 14-6 lead.

The Panthers were far from finished. A little later, a Phillipsburg running back scored on a long run. The team's quarterback hit one of his receivers with a short pass for a success-

ful two-point conversion to tie the game at 14. This remained the score for the duration of the third.

The Panthers made a mental error with more than seven minutes left in the half. They fumbled the ball and it was recovered by senior Dalton Garcia on Colby's own 41-yard line.

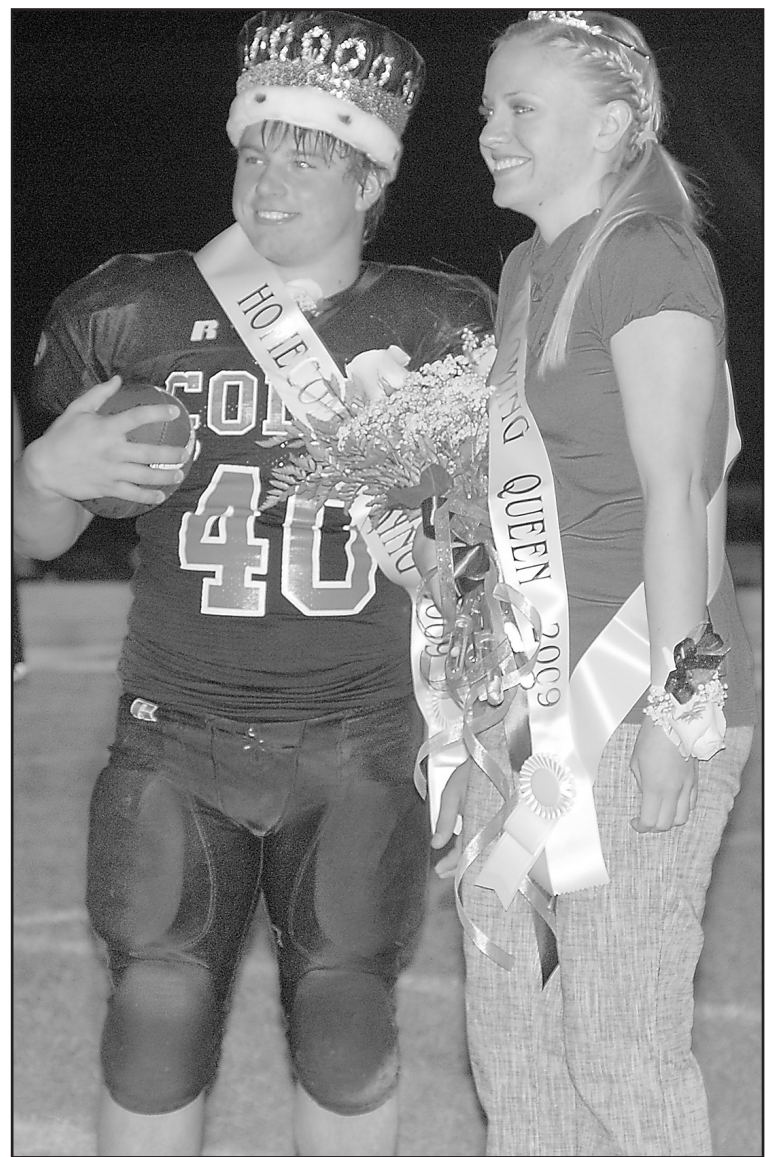
The Eagles' offense got a big lift from Weber when he ran for a first down on fourth and two. Moments later, Stephens made a 30-yard catch for a first down on the 25. A little later in the drive, the Panthers got called for pass interference. The penalty gave Colby a first and goal on the 6-yard line. Weber capitalized on the miscue when he ran the ball in for a five-yard touchdown. Flanagan took the handoff and ran it in for a two-point conversion, giving the boys a 22-14 lead.

The Panthers tried to mount a drive to tie the game, but the Eagles' defense was unwilling to let this happen. Junior Rocque Russell sacked the quarterback with 1:39 left. The quarterback was sacked again by senior Ethan Stickel on fourth down and the Eagles took over on offense.

The boys will play at 7 p.m. Friday at Smith Center, perhaps the best small high-school team in the nation. The Redmen have won 72 straight games.

"Smith Centers a heck of a program," said Gardner. "We just need to keep the kids focused."

To get to Hubbard Stadium, go east on U.S. 24 to the "Nine-Mile" corner, and turn left (north) on U.S. 83. Past Selden, continue straight (northeast) on K-383 through Jennings to U.S. 36. Turn right and continue through Norton and Phillipsburg on U.S. 36 to N. Main Street in Smith Center. Turn right (south) for 7 miles and you will come to the field.



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Colby High senior fullback Adam Weber and senior Caitlin Wright were crowned Homecoming king and queen following the football victory against Phillipsburg last Friday at Dennen Field. The Eagles defeated the Panthers 22-14.

Lady Eagles golf team finishes first in Oakley quad on windy, cold day

The Colby High girls golf team placed first in a quad meet at Oakley on Thursday with Oakley, Thomas More Prep-Marian from Hays and Goodland, which sent a team consisting mostly of their junior varsity and one varsity player.

The Lady Eagles finished with 225 points, while Thomas More Prep-Marian was second with 235.

Colby junior Abby Miller had the tournament's lowest score

with 50, while freshman Karly Kriss was second with a 54.

"Abby played great," said coach Rick Williams. "She continues to have a fantastic year for her first year of golf. She is the first Colby girl to win a tournament as an individual for several years."

"Karly continues to have a solid freshman season," said Williams. "She played really solid on every hole but one yesterday and had an amazing birdie on a tough par 3 that was playing straight into

the wind. To birdie number five at Oakley, on that day, in those conditions, shows what Karly is capable of."

Junior Bailey Koerperich had the team's third-lowest score, finishing seventh with a 59. Miller, Kriss and Koerperich all won medals.

Other Colby scores included junior Kate Ostmeier, 62; Kelsey Shields, 65; Kayla Ziegelmeier, 68; and senior Heather Griggs, 72.

"All of the girls did a great job of being tough and posting good scores in horrible playing conditions," said Williams. "The wind made for a very long and difficult day, but the girls who hung in there and ground it out were able to post pretty good scores."

The varsity will play in a tournament at 1 p.m. Thursday at Syracuse. The junior varsity will also be playing in Syracuse that day, starting at 3 p.m.

Denver Broncos get by Cowboys 17-10

DENVER (AP) — As he weaved his way for a 51-yard touchdown, Brandon Marshall's temper tantrum at training camp was a fading memory.

He was back to being the "Beast," a self-proclaimed moniker that had given way to a petulant attitude this offseason when Marshall demanded a trade, sulked when he didn't get it and lost his head at practice one day.

Marshall caught a pass over Terence Newman late in the fourth quarter, flashed a few open-field moves and scored the winning touchdown that sent the Denver Broncos past the Dallas Cowboys 17-10 Sunday. That left the Broncos with a surprising 4-0 record.

Soon after his catch, Marshall came over to the sideline and gave Broncos coach Josh McDaniels an emotional embrace. McDaniels even uttered a few words to his talented yet temperamental star.

Calling a truce? Neither Marshall nor McDaniels would discuss the subject of their quick chat.

"He's just one of us," McDaniels said as the Broncos improved to 4-0 for the first time since 2003. "Our team loves him, we love him. I think he loves being a part of this team."

That didn't seem to be the case in camp, where Marshall was defiantly knocking down passes and punting footballs in a tantrum that drew a nine-day suspension.

Marshall insisted his beef wasn't with McDaniels, just with his contract and a hip injury he felt the team's medical staff misdiagnosed last year.

"You never heard me say anything (bad) about him coaching or what he brings to the organization," Marshall said. "Coach does a great job of preparing us and getting us in the right position."

That's one of the reasons the Broncos called Marshall's number, thinking they had detected something in Dallas' defense.

Newman was playing off of Marshall on an earlier catch, and McDaniels figured the cornerback was susceptible to a big play on the right sideline.

So, Kyle Orton lofted a ball toward Marshall, who caught it over Newman and then took off running.

This was the Marshall of last season, the one who made his first Pro Bowl and who caught 18 passes in one game. Marshall worked his way through the middle of the field, then cut back to the outside and into the end zone, giving the Broncos a 17-10 lead with just under 2 minutes left.

"One of the best runs I've ever seen after the ball was in his hands," McDaniels said.

Marshall won't disagree.

"It probably was one of my most emotional plays ever since little league, and I had a bunch of them," Marshall said. "I am just grateful that we were able to capitalize on that look."

The Cowboys were crying foul on the play, thinking Marshall gave Newman a little push.

"He just threw Terence out of the way," Dallas coach Wade Phillips said. "Terence almost made the interception, but it didn't turn out that way. Brandon is obviously a good player and he made a great play."

Yet it took a defensive stand to secure the win over the Cowboys (2-2).

Tony Romo directed a late drive that worked the ball down to the 2-yard line with 9 seconds left. From there, he tried to pick on perennial Pro Bowler Champ Bailey, who knocked away a high pass intended for Sam Hurd on third down.

Romo again attacked Bailey on fourth down, only to have Bailey reach in front of Hurd with his left hand and deflect the pass.

If given another chance, Romo would make the same decision.

"We got what we wanted; we just didn't make the play," said Romo, who finished 25 for 42 for 255 yards and was picked off by Bailey.

Chiefs fall to Giants

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — On his final pass, Eli Manning's body language just didn't look quite right.

He took the snap, turned to his left and sort of flung the ball to Hakeem Nicks in the flat, as though he wanted his part in the play to be over as quickly as possible.

Nicks then proceeded to dart down the field and put a move on cornerback Maurice Leggett, turning in a beauty of a 54-yard touchdown play and giving the New York Giants a 27-3 fourth-quarter lead over Kansas City in a game they would eventually win 27-16.

But Manning was done for the day, the victim of a bruised right heel he incurred a couple of minutes earlier when all he did was step back to pass.

Chiefs coach Todd Haley said he was encouraged that the Chiefs played hard, but linebacker Mike Vrabel was in no mood to accept the compliment. In their last two games, the Chiefs are 2 for 26 on third-down conversions.

"We are professionals and we are expected to play hard," Vrabel said. "Regardless of where guys came from — New England, Chicago — we have to become a team."

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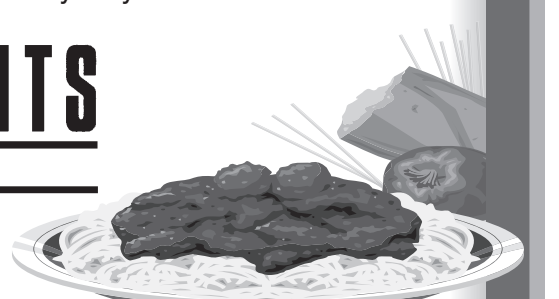
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