

Eagles clinch district title with 12-7 win

The Colby High football team triumphed over Smoky Valley 12-7 in a defensive battle at Bethany College stadium in Lindsborg on Friday night.

The Eagles had to overcome a lot of adversity to pick up a victory, practicing without a full squad most of the week.

Several players had to miss practice due to various illnesses. Junior starting quarterback Kale Arnerberger, junior running back Andrew Flanagan, junior Logan Middleton and his brother, junior Josh Middleton, were all fighting colds last week. Josh had to miss the game, but the other three were able to play.

Coach Chris Gardner said having a number of players miss practice made it hard for the offense and defense to develop any rhythm or timing, but the Eagles were able to come together enough to pull out a win on Friday.

The Vikings got the best of Colby early in the game. Smoky Valley got good field position in the first quarter after the Lindsborg defense stopped Colby on fourth down on the Eagles' own 40 yard line.

Smoky Valley quarterback Dixon Olson ran for 20 yards to advance the ball

deeper into Colby territory. Later in the possession, the Vikings' quarterback, on a keeper, took the ball three yards to give his team a 6-0 lead. Smoky Valleys' kicker booted the extra point to make it 7-0 Vikings.

The Eagles responded by stringing together a drive of their own. They had advanced the ball to the Smoky Valley one when the first quarter ended. Senior fullback Adam Weber rushed for a touchdown to start the second period and cut Smoky Valleys' lead to 7-6. Colby went for two, but senior running back Ethan Stichel was stopped at the line of scrimmage.

The Eagles' offense would strike one more time before the end of the half. Their second drive of the game was defined by big plays. The biggest was when Arnerberger fired a pass to a wide open Ryan Parker, who took it to the Vikings' 25. Colby gained 50 yards on the play.

The Eagles faced a third-down-and-24 situation later in the drive. This time, Arnerberger hit Stichel with a screen pass, and he ran all the way to the 9 for a first down. Moments later, Stichel took a handoff

and ran it nine yards for a touchdown that gave Colby a 12-7 lead. Colby tried to do a direct snap to Flanagan on the two-point conversion attempt, but the ball sailed over his head. Flanagan recovered the ball but was tackled.

Both teams went three and out on their next possessions. Colby punted to Smoky Valley with 2:15 left in the half. The Vikings took over and quickly turned the ball right back over to Colby when Olson coughed up the ball after being hit. Colby recovered the ball on the Vikings own 3.

The Eagles' failed to take advantage of their good field position, however. Arnerberger fumbled the ball on a botched option play and the Vikings recovered.

Colby's defense smothered Smoky Valley. Weber sacked Olson on first down and Weber and senior Torey Taylor sacked him on third down, forcing the Vikings to punt with 20 seconds left. The half ended with the Eagles out in front 12-7.

Colby's second half can be described in three words: defense, defense and more defense. On three occasions, Smoky Valley's offense started with great field position and each time, the Eagles prevented

them from putting any points on the board.

The boy's first big defensive stand came in the third quarter after Stichel had fumbled a punt that was recovered by the Vikings on the Eagles' 20. Smoky Valley lost eight yards on their next three downs. Junior defensive end Rocque Russell sacked Olson on third down.

"Rocque is doing a great job for us," said Gardner. "I couldn't be more happy with him."

The Vikings punt to Colby hit the ground and bounced out of bounds on Colby's 8. Weber took a handoff and ran for 20 yards to give Colby some breathing room. The offense stalled after the run, though, and the bits were forced to punt. The kicks was blocked by a Smoky Valley defender and recovered on Colby's 40 with 35 seconds left in the quarter.

The defense hung tough and forced the Vikings to punt once again early in the fourth. This time the punt hit the ground and bounced out of bounds at the Eagles' 2. Colby's offense only managed to gain five yards on three downs and was forced to punt deep in their own territory.

The Vikings' return man caught the ball at the Eagles' 40 and returned it to the 30 before being brought down by a Colby defender. Smoky Valley didn't get much done on its first three downs and sophomore Justin Slavens intercepted Olson's pass on fourth down and took it to the Eagles' 23. The score remained the same for the rest of the game.

The Colby defense put a lot of pressure on Olson, sacking him eight times. Junior Logan Middleton nailed Olson, forcing him to fumble the ball with two minutes left. The Eagles recovered and kept the ball for the rest of the game.

Gardner said he was pleased with his team's defensive effort.

"They will fight and fight and fight," he said.

With the victory, the boys clinched first place in the district championship because Concordia handed Larned its second district loss on Saturday.

With the win, the Eagles improved to 6-2. They will play Larned at 7 p.m. on Thursday at Dennen Field in their final district game. It will be Senior/Parent Recognition Night.

Bulldogs squad picks up easy win, crushing Northern Valley Huskies

By Viridiana Loya
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Bulldogs continued in district play as they traveled to Alma to take on the Northern Valley Huskies.

When the dust had settled and the smoke had cleared, the Bulldogs had defeated the Huskies 42-14 to improve their district record to 3-0.

To start the game Oct. 16, the Bulldogs kicked off to the Huskies, who scored a touchdown to gain an early lead 6-0 lead.

Senior Isaac Broeckelman returned the Huskies' kickoff for 23 yards, giving the Bulldogs good field position. After a couple good plays, Broeckelman ran 52 yards for a Bulldogs' touchdown to tie the game at 6. Golden Plains' ex-

tra point attempt was no good.

After both teams had 3 and outs, the Bulldogs had another touchdown run by Broeckelman to give them a 12-6 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Northern Valley made its second touchdown at the beginning of the second to tie the game at 12. Their two-point conversion attempt was good, giving the Huskies a 14-12 lead.

Later in the quarter, senior Jarrett Marker caught a 20-yard pass for a touchdown. The two-point conversion attempt was successful to make it 20-14 Golden Plains. This would remain the score for the rest of the half.

After half, the Bulldogs came out strong. Broeckelman ran another 32 yards for a touchdown to give Golden Plains a 26-14 lead.

The extra point attempt was no good. There was no more scoring in the third period.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, junior Tate Preston made yet another touchdown for the Bulldogs to increase his team's lead to 32-14. The two-point conversion try was good to extend Golden Plains' lead to 34-14. The Bulldogs' defense held on and did not allow the Huskies to score.

Towards the end of the fourth, Broeckelman scored the final touchdown of the game to make it 40 to 14. The two-point conversion was good, extending Golden Plains' lead to 42-14.

"Although we came through with a victory, there are several lessons to learn," said Coach Travis Smith. "The most important of these is never to overlook anyone.

We need to be ready to play every Friday, no matter what opponent."

Senior Corey Shaw led the Bulldogs with 16 tackles, followed by Broeckelman with 11.

Jeremy Hunter, Preston, and Jonathan Broeckelman each had 10 tackles.

Drake Moss, Jordan Spreser, Dylan Moss, Tyler Stevenson, Marker, and Devin Ritter also made tackles for the Bulldogs.

Issac Broeckelman had 24 carries for 267 yards, Shaw had 18 for 84, and Preston had 10 for 52. Preston had 24 passing yards, and Shaw had 3.

Marker had 20 receiving yards, followed by Shaw with 4 and Jonathan Broeckelman with 3.

Kansas State beats Colorado Buffaloes

MANHATTAN (AP) — Anger filled Bill Snyder's eyes. He chopped his hand down on the lectern, rattled off the litany of offensive mistakes, the inopportune penalties, the missed assignments.

So what if Kansas State had just beaten Colorado to take control of the Big 12 North?

Snyder wasn't happy with the way the Wildcats did it and let them know after the game.

"You don't want to hear what I had to say to them," Snyder said after Kansas State's 20-6 win over Colorado on Saturday.

Humbled by an early loss to Louisiana-Lafayette and a beatdown by Texas Tech, Kansas State (5-3, 3-1) is alone atop the Big 12 North with its best conference start since 2000, back in Snyder's first stint as coach.

The Wildcats had an impressive 62-14 rout over Texas A&M last week, dominating every phase of the game for a 100-point turnaround from the previous week.

Against Colorado, the defense played well, getting two interceptions from Emmanuel Lamur and four total turnovers while holding the Buffaloes to 244 total yards.

The offense? Eh.

Daniel Thomas had a good enough game, running for 145 yards and a touchdown. The rest of the Wildcats combined for 139 yards in 40 plays.

Bogged down by eight penalties, numerous breakdowns and a fumble inside Colorado's 4-yard line, Kansas State had 135 yards after halftime — and one angry coach.

"I'm proud of the fact that collectively, as a team, we won a ball game. I'm proud of wherever they are in the conference," said Snyder,

4-0 this season in the stadium that bears his name.

"If that was the only deal, I'd be a happy camper. We'd be all smiles. I'd be saying nice things," he said. "But that's not what we're about. That's not what we're trying to be about. I don't want us to feel good about playing or coaching poorly."

Snyder wasn't the only irritable coach.

Colorado coach Dan Hawkins has lost 10-straight road games and is 2-17 away from Boulder in three-plus seasons.

The Buffaloes were decent defensively against Kansas State, holding multi-threat quarterback Grant Gregory in check, giving the offense a chance despite good field position for Kansas State most of the day.

Offensively, Colorado (2-5, 1-2) looked nothing like the team that traded big plays with Kansas last week. The Buffaloes scored on their first drive and did little else until their last drive, which ended in a turnover.

The result was a disappointing loss on the heels of an invigorating win over then-No. 16 Kansas.

"We just weren't making a lot of plays," Hawkins said. "It was a combination of a lot of little things."

Kansas State's suddenly stingy defense had something to do with it.

Since allowing more than 700 yards and seven touchdowns to Texas Tech, the Wildcats have dominated the first half the past two

weeks, leading Texas A&M and Colorado by a combined 58-6. Kansas State has forced 10 turnovers and has had nine sacks the past two games after getting six the first six games.

The point total against Colorado was the fewest the Wildcats have allowed in the Big 12 since beating Kansas 12-3 in 2005.

"We won and it feels good to be 3-1, but we owe this one to the defense," said Gregory, who finished 9 for 18 for 80 yards passing.

Colorado's offense clicked early, moving 71 yards in 13 plays for Rodney Stewart's 2-yard touchdown run.

The Buffaloes floundered after that, managing just 59 more yards and turning it over three times before halftime.

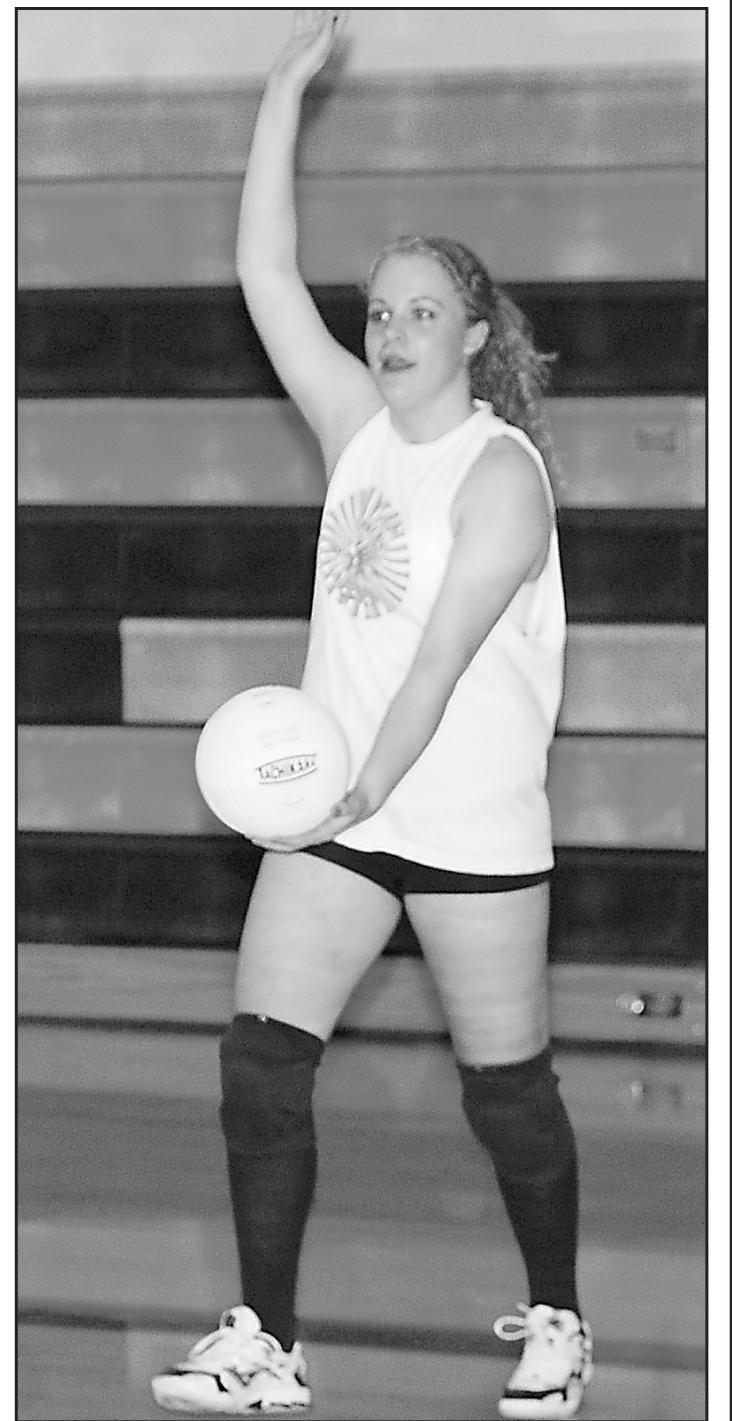
The first turnover, a fumbled snap by Hansen, led to Josh Cherry's second field goal, from 27 yards. Jason Espinoza then muffed a punt, setting up a 5-yard touchdown run by Gregory that put Kansas State up 20-6 at the half.

Cody Hawkins, brought in with 1:06 left in the second quarter, also had a pass intercepted by Lamur, who wrestled the ball away from Colorado tight end Riar Greet.

Hawkins replaced Hansen again in the fourth quarter and had another pass picked off by Lamur in the closing minutes, a fitting end to the way the Buffaloes played most of the day.

"It's really frustrating and just disappointing because we should have won that game," said Hansen, who finished 7 for 14 for 89 yards passing.

Ready to serve



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
Colby High junior Anna Taylor got ready to serve during the Lady Eagles volleyball practice last Monday at the high school gym. The girls (12-21), seeded sixth in the substate tournament, ended their season with a loss in the first round against No. 3 seed Smoky Valley (24-12). The girls fell in two sets 13-25, 15-25 on Saturday at the Russell High School gym. Volleyball substates are single-elimination tournaments.

**REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE**

An Aquatic Center in Colby?

Do you think it is time to retire our 68 year old pool?

Vote YES on November 3, 2009!
Your vote counts!

More info @ www.ColbyPool.com
Facebook group "New Colby Pool"

**Town Hall Meeting
October 27
At 7:00 PM**
at the Colby Community Building

Provided by the Aquatic Center Work Group

BREWSTER CARRIER

Work Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday....
2 to 2 1/2 hours each afternoon

**\$25 sign on bonus after 3 months
Bonus for new subscribers
No 2 routes are the same**

Stop in at 155 W. 5th Street
or Call Kathryn 785-462-3963

**American Profile
HOMETOWN RECIPES
FOR THE
Holidays**

**Give the gift of good taste
...and smell, fun and good memories**

American Profile — yep, the magazine that comes in the local paper and always has a great recipe — now has a great cookbook. Get 120 recipes categorized by holiday for yourself or as a gift. Just \$18.95 plus tax. Available at:

COLBY FREE PRESS
155 W. 5th, Colby 785-462-3963