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Colby High senior Ethan Stickel carried the ball down field during the Eagles Bi-district game against Buhler on Tuesday night at Dennen Field. Colby fell to the Crusaders 65-19.

Eagles football squad falls to Buhler 65-19

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The Colby High varsity football team ran into a Mack truck called the Buehler Crusaders on Thursday evening at Dennen Field in the Bi-district round of the Class 4A state playoffs.

The Crusaders' giant linemen and speedy running back Jordan Oden proved too much for the Eagles to handle, as they tumbled 65-19.

Buehler scored its first three touchdowns fairly quickly, Oden running in the first two. The first run went for three yards and the second for eight. The Crusaders had great field position on its second drive after blocking a punt by senior Ethan Stickel deep in Eagles territory. Buehler recovered the ball at Colby's 12, and Oden scored two plays later. The Crusaders kicker booted the extra point to increase Buehler's lead to 14-0.

Colby got a quick first down on its third offensive possession when junior quarterback Kale Arnberger completed a screen pass to junior

running back Andrew Flanagin. The Eagles were unable to build on the play, however, and had to punt four plays later.

Buehler tailback Tanner Fisher caught the punt and scampered 65 yards for a touchdown to give his team a 19-0 lead. The extra point was good.

Colby couldn't get anything going on offense and had to punt the ball back to the Crusaders. Buehlers' offense had several solid runs from their backs before Oden rushed five yards for another touchdown. The extra point was good to give Buehler a 26-0 lead.

On the Crusaders' next turn on offense, Oden carried the ball to the left sideline, turned the corner and motored 55 yards for yet another touchdown. The kick was good increasing the lead to 33-0. Buehler extended its lead to 53-0 by halftime.

The Eagles got some points on the board in the second half, after Buehler put its younger players on the field. They ended up losing the game 65-19.

Stickel and senior Adam Weber both rushed for touchdowns in the third. Sophomore running back

Ryan Parker rushed for a touchdown in the fourth.

"They were a fast team," said Coach Chris Gardner. "They had a lot of speed."

Gardner said he thought his team played well after they got settled down.

"We will build on this," he said.

With the loss the team ended its season with a 7-3 record.

Colby Lady Trojans team features several new faces

The Colby Community College varsity women's basketball team includes several new faces this year. Here is a brief introduction to the Lady Trojans squad, plus two players who are red-shirting this season.

No. 15 Destini Stewart: A 5-foot, 6-inch freshman from St. Piux X High School in Houston. She has competed for both the public and private schools in Houston, as well as playing five summers with the Houstonians club team, coached by Phyllis Dallas. She is the daughter of Timisha Joe and a criminal justice major.

No. 22 Tamara Williams – A 5-foot, 9-inch freshman from Humble High School in Texas, she was an all district performer in both volleyball and basketball. She played for Coach Keithen Andrews and the Northwest Express Amateur Athletic Union club. Williams is the daughter of Valencia Mason and Lester Williams.

No. 23 Crystal Kinderknecht – A 5-foot, 9-inch freshman from Hill City High School, she won honorable mention all-league and her team went 15-8 in her senior year. She is interested in a career in athletic training. She is the daughter of Brenda Kinderknecht.

No. 30 Alicia Seay – A 5-foot, 6-inch freshman who will be red-shirting this season. At Nimitz High School near Houston, she was an all-district performer in both volleyball and basketball. She is studying criminal justice. She is the daughter of Marcia and Ray Boker.

No. 32 Jessica Mitchell – A 5-foot, 11-inch freshman from Atascocita High School near Houston, she is an athletic, left-handed forward. Mitchell played with the Houston Hoops basketball club directed by Noland Capra. She is considering a career in law enforcement. She is the daughter of Nikki Mitchell. Mitchell will begin playing for the Lady Trojans during the second semester.

No. 3 Courtney Bradley – A 5-foot, 6-inch freshman is red-shirting this season. She is from McKinley High School in Baton Rouge, La., where her team finished 22-10. They went 20-9 when she was a senior. She plans to pursue a career in nursing. Bradley is the daughter of Michael and Cassandra Jones.

No. 4 Tasha Wagoner – A Colby native, she returns for her second year with the Lady Trojans. During her junior season, the Colby High girls varsity team won the Class 4A state championship. They nearly repeated her senior year, going 23-3 under coach Parker McKee. Wagoner earned all-league and all-region honors in her junior and senior seasons. She started all 31 games for the Lady Trojans last season. Jeff and Leslie Wagoner.

No. 10 Danisha Cole – The 5-foot, 5-inch sophomore guard from Chicago earned all-league and all-region recognition in her first season at Colby. She led the team in scoring and steals last year. "Danisha is fast and explosive offensively, and a tenacious defender," said coach Brady Jasper. Cole is pursuing a career in

criminal justice. She is the daughter of Pearline Hill.

No. 11 Kelsey Hubin – The 5-foot, 5-inch freshman from Dighton High School led her team to the state semifinals as a senior and was named to the first team all-league and the second team all-state squad.

No. 12 Alicia Palm – A 5-foot, 6-inch freshman, during her senior year at Deer Trail High School in Colorado, Palm's team went 27-2 and finished third at the state tournament. She helps at the athletic training department at the college and is interested in pursuing a related field. Palm is the daughter of Dave and Lisa Palm.

No. 13 Jessica Schmidt – A 5-foot, 7-inch sophomore from Marais Des Cygnes High School in Melvern mSchmidt has competed in several college sports, including track and field, volleyball and basketball. She is a Presidential Scholar and a student ambassador at the college. She had surgery this summer to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her knee.

No. 14 Hannah Thornton – The 6-foot, 1-inch freshman comes to Colby all the way from Dublin, Ireland. Her high school team won back-to-back championships in 2006 and 2007. She played on the Under-18 Ireland National team in 2008 and 2009. The team won a championship in 2008. Hannah plans to work in the field of sports medicine and nutrition. She is the daughter of Paul and Laura Thornton.

Denver Nuggets remain undefeated

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