

Eagles lose at Holcomb

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The Colby High School football team had a rough night Friday, losing to the Holcomb Longhorns 34-0 in Holcomb.

The Eagles (1-3) were able to run the ball well, but their passing game was almost nonexistent. Sophomore quarterback Luke Cox completed 4 of 16 passes for 14 yards and had 3 interceptions. His only receiver of the game was junior Zane Winger.

The run game produced 212 yards, with Cox having 10 carries for 53 yards and junior Beau Brown having 23 carries for 108 yards. Sophomore Andrew Taylor also had 7 carries for 44 yards and junior Quade Woofter had 4 car-

ries for 7 yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, junior Zell Bieberle had one interception on Holcomb's quarterback Tyler LaSalle, who completed 8 of 17 passes for 122 yards and threw one touchdown. LaSalle also ran in two touchdowns himself.

The Longhorns (3-1) had a total of 206 rushing yards and 127 passing yards for five touchdowns. They scored two touchdowns in the first quarter, two in the second, and one in the third. Holcomb was impressive on defense as well, grabbing 3 interceptions and recovering 2 fumbles.

The Eagles' next opponent is Ulysses, who is 4-0 on the season. This is Colby's Homecoming game, and it starts at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Dennen Field.

Bulldogs win Homecoming

By Judy Rogers
Golden Plains High School

Following a week of homecoming activities, the Golden Plains Bulldog football team finished the week with a 46-36 win over Weskan on Friday night. The home team took the field with the return of junior Andrew Luna and senior Tyler Stevenson, who were injured in the first game of the season, after Stevenson was crowned Homecoming King.

The Bulldogs began the game with senior Kalyn Weber receiving the kick and returning the ball to the 33-yard line. Weber continued to carry the ball for several gains before Stevenson carried the ball for a first down. The Bulldogs continued to make gains, but ended the series by turning the ball over to Weskan. The Golden Plains defense stepped up to the line and stopped the Coyote offense with some exciting plays. Sophomore Tristan Schwarz stopped the first down near the line of scrimmage. Stevenson sacked the quarterback in the backfield for a loss, junior Camron Spesser stopped the next play in the backfield as well.

Back in control of the ball, Weber gained a first down running to the 15-yard line. Stevenson gained another first down putting the ball on the 5-yard line. Weber ran again but was brought down just short of the goal, but Stevenson ran the ball into the end zone on the next play for the first touchdown of the game putting the Bulldogs up 6-0. Weskan took down senior quarterback Ethan Walter before he could get the extra point pass attempt.

Weskan was not about to give up the game as they ran in a touchdown just after the start of the second quarter. With a successful two-point conversion, the Coyotes took over the lead 6-8. Two minutes later, the Coyotes ran in a second touchdown, but failed in the extra point attempt to extend their lead to 6-14. Christensen finished the quarter with a second Bulldog touchdown to go into the half 12-14.

Weskan started off the third quarter with yet another touchdown and successful extra point attempt to extend their lead to 12-22 before Stevenson broke through the line running to the 4-yard line before being brought down. Weber ran the ball over the goal line on the next play and Stevenson ran in the two-point conversion to bring the score back to a close 20-22 with Weskan still in the lead.

With carries by Weber, Stevenson, and Walter, Weber ran in a Bulldog touchdown to recapture the lead 26-22.

Tomas Ferencak kicked the ball back to Weskan once again. As Weskan attempted to gain yards, they were stopped repeatedly by Stevenson, Luna, Walter, and Weber as the third-quarter clock wound down with the Bulldogs still leading 26-22.

The game continued to be exciting for the home crowd as the boys on the field were not about to give up and played to the final buzzer with all the enthusiasm as the starting kick. Weskan did get

a runner over the goal line and connect on a two-point pass to pull ahead 26-30 with just seconds off the fourth-quarter clock. When they kicked back to Golden Plains, Weber broke through for a Bulldog touchdown and threw a pass to Christensen for the conversion and a 34-30 lead.

The Bulldog defense continued to stop the Coyotes running game, forcing them to return the ball to Golden Plains, who returned it back to Weskan following several downs. Weskan fumbled the ball and Andrew Luna recovered for the Bulldogs. Weber ran it in for a touchdown on the first play. The pass attempt for extra points fell incomplete and the Bulldogs were up 40-30.

Junior Jose Bermudez and sophomore Chance Hoeting stopped the kick return. Weskan connected to run in a touchdown. The two-point attempt was broken up by Christensen, but Weskan improved their score to 40-36.

With just over three minutes left to play, Golden Plains was not about to settle in and try to just keep their lead. They pushed the ball and played hard to gain several first downs before Weber ran in the final touchdown of the game. Weskan desperately tried to move the ball down the field with multiple pass attempts, but these attempts were deflected multiple times by Christensen, and Weskan was forced to turn the ball back over to the Bulldogs with 57 seconds remaining. The Bulldogs held on to the ball to finish out the game with a 46-36 victory.

The Bulldogs are now 2-2 on the season, 2-1 in league play, and 2-0 in district play. They will travel to Bird City Friday to face down the 3-1 Cheylin Cougars.

Heading for the end zone



KEVIN BOTTRELL/Colby Free Press

Heartland Christian freshman Blaine Wertz dodged a pack of Brewster Bulldogs on a 30-plus yard run for his second touchdown of Monday's game. Heartland ended up winning the game 50-8.

College softball team puts on fall tourney

The Colby Community College softball team will hold the annual Fall Softball Tournament Saturday and Sunday at the campus and city ball fields. Teams competing in the two-day event include Colby, Lamar Community College, Cloud County Community College, Garden City Community College, North Platte Junior College and the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

The schedule of games and locations is as follows:

Saturday, noon

Colby vs. North Platte, Carl Adams Field (Colby campus)
Cloud County vs. Garden City, city field No. 2

Lamar vs. University of Nebraska-Kearney, city field No. 4

Saturday, 2 p.m.

Colby vs. Lamar, Carl Adams Field.

Cloud County vs. North Platte,

city field No. 2.

Garden City vs. University of Nebraska-Kearney, city field No. 4.

Saturday, 4 p.m.

Colby vs. University of Nebraska-Kearney, Carl Adams Field.

Cloud County vs. Lamar, city

field No. 2.

Garden City vs. North Platte, city field No. 4.

Sunday, 10 a.m.

Colby vs. Cloud County, Carl Adams Field.

Lamar vs. Garden City, city field No. 2.

Sunday, noon

Colby vs. Garden City, Carl Adams Field.

Lamar vs. Cloud County, city field No. 2.

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