

# Colby football team loses to Goodland

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In an emotion-fueled game, rivals Colby and Goodland battled back and forth Friday, keeping it a close game until the very end. The Eagles were down 18-20 as the clock ticked down to 1 minute left in the game at Dennen Field, and the Cowboys had the ball. Goodland's running back took the ball on third and 1 and ran it into the end zone with 57 seconds left. The extra point kick was good after the touchdown and Goodland won the game 18-27.

Colby (1-5) had some struggles in the second half, but Head Coach Chris Gardener said he thought his team did well.

"I thought we came out and played some pretty good defense in the second half," Gardener said. "I thought we played some pretty good defense outside of two breakdowns in the first half, and I thought offensively, we moved the ball well and did some things there.

"It's just that second half. We had that late hold on that one down there when we would have went ahead. I know it was offsetting penalties, but still the hold on us, which would be interesting to see. Other than that, I thought the boys played hard ... a typical Goodland-Colby rivalry."

Goodland (3-3) grabbed the lead in the first quarter after recovering a fumble from the Eagles. The Cowboys had a 34-yard run to score their first touchdown with 6:46 left in the first. The extra point kick was blocked by Colby, but a penalty for roughing the kicker on the Eagles gave Goodland another chance. This time, the Cowboys decided to try for a two-point conversion, but senior offensive and defensive lineman Braden Sager tackled the runner at the line of scrimmage to keep the score 0-6.

The Eagles answered back in their next drive, marching down



Beau Brown ran with the ball while Braden Sager blocked behind him in a Colby High School football game Friday against Good-

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the field thanks to junior running back and linebacker Beau Brown. On third and 7, Colby switched to the passing game, and sophomore quarterback and safety Luke Cox threw to junior Zane Winger for a touchdown. The Eagles tried for an extra point kick, but it was no good, putting the score at 6-6 with 3:40 left in the first.

"I thought we threw the ball well at times and had some guys open and we just gotta continue to get better," Gardener said.

Goodland stumbled on its first play after the kickoff return. The Cowboys fumbled the ball and Sager came up with it to get the Eagles back on offense. Colby took advantage of the mistake and on second and 9, sophomore running back and linebacker Andrew Taylor ran 7 yards for a touch-

down. The Eagles attempted a two-point conversion, but it failed. The score was now 12-6 with 1:07 left to play in the first.

The Cowboys knew they needed to score on their next drive to keep it a close game. They racked up 4 first downs before throwing a long pass that was taken to the end zone. Goodland kicked the extra point to make the score 12-13, favoring the Cowboys, with 9:24 left in the second quarter.

Colby was unable to create any points in the following drive and punted it back to Goodland. The Cowboys looked like they would turn the ball over on downs after a holding call, but on third and 18, quarterback Dax Ruhs ran for 60 yards to put Goodland on the 5-yard line in Eagles territory. The ball was run in for a touchdown on

the next play and the extra point

kick was good to give the Cowboys a 12-20 lead with 2:55 left in the second.

Once again, the Eagles battled back and their rushing game got them in the red zone. Brown was handed the ball on second and 9 and ran it into the end zone with 50 seconds left before halftime. Colby tried for a two-point conversion, but it was stopped short, leaving the score at 18-20.

The third quarter was quiet and neither team could get down the field. The Eagles were in a fourth-and-10 situation when Cox threw a pass to Winger to get the first down. However, there were two flags on the play, one against Colby and one against Goodland, so Colby had to replay the down. Cox threw another pass and was

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picked off by a Goodland defender with 1:56 left to play in the third.

"There was a chance where we went for it on fourth down, (we had) offsetting penalties where we could have maybe kicked a field goal there and got ahead," Gardener said. "It's those kind of things; we need to get our extra points and our field goals together because those are points in the game, those hidden points, that you want to get."

Colby started with the ball in the fourth quarter after Goodland turned it over on downs, but before it could make something happen, Cox was intercepted again with 9:42 on the clock. The Cowboys were about to turn the ball over again when they decided to try for the first down after a sack by junior tight end and defensive

lineman Trek Keck brought them to fourth and 10. Cox got his revenge on Goodland and picked off the pass to put the Eagles back on offense.

Colby went three-and-out on its next drive and punted back to the Cowboys, which led to their last drive and the final touchdown of the game. The Eagles tried to create some offense after the score, but ran out of time.

Gardener said the Eagles played probably their best game of the season.

"I think this one propelled us; this is probably the best game we've had in the last four games, even against Hugoton and Holcomb and those kind of places," he said. "I think this is probably some of the best four quarters that we've played in the last four or five games. We are getting somewhere, we are getting ready to go into districts which are right ahead of us. These three games are our season."

Gardener also said he and his team are going to look at the big picture as they prepare for their upcoming games.

"I think the mindset is 'let's win the district,'" Gardener said. "I think we've played a tough enough schedule that we should win our district. And we're gonna prepare like we can win the district and maybe get one of those teams from out east to come home. Ultimately, the goal is to make that playoffs your season, but we want to win that district."

Colby's next game is at Concordia at 7 p.m. Friday, which is a game Gardener said he has been thinking about since the beginning of the season.

"It's hard not to think about it because it's (coach) Tim Lambert," he said. "We kinda know what he's gonna do, so we always in the back of our mind have what we think we're gonna do. So we kinda knew all along before the season what Concordia was probably gonna bring to the table."

## Trojan basketball teams to hold teaching camp

Join Colby Recreation Director Stacy Lee and the the Colby Community College basketball teams for the Colby Rec Triple Threat on two Saturdays, Nov. 5 and 12.

The camp will teach basketball fundamentals at the Colby Elementary Gym. Groups will meet two mornings and then perform during the women's halftime on Nov. 12 during the Ambassador Classic. Cost is \$25 for all ages and includes a T-shirt if signed up by Monday, Oct. 24. Drop off or send in forms to Colby Recreation Department, 285 E. Fifth St., Colby, Kan., 67701.

The groups will meet as follows:

- Ages 4 to kindergarten: 9 to 9:45 a.m.
- First and second grades: 9:45 to 10:30 a.m.
- Third and fourth grades: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
- Fifth and sixth grades: 11:15 a.m. to noon

The Colby Recreation Department is holding a new camp, the CRD Wrestling Clinic. Join Colby Community College head wrestling coach, David Nordhues, on Saturday, Dec. 17 for a day of wrestling fundamentals and techniques. Cost is \$25 per camper.

Clinics will be held at the college wrestling room, upstairs from the pool. Deadline to register is Thursday, Dec. 15. For information, contact Stacy Lee at the Rec at 460-4440 or recreation@cityofcolby.com.

The groups will meet as follows:

- Kindergarten to second grades: 9 to 10:30 a.m., and 2 to 4:20 p.m.
- Fourth to sixth grades: 10:30 a.m. to noon, and 4:20 to 6 p.m.

## Broncos bring in Tebow in 29-24 loss to Chargers

By Arnie Stapleton

AP Pro Football Writer

DENVER – Tebow Time might have only been a temporary switch. Or maybe it was the wobbly passing of the torch.

Broncos coach John Fox isn't saying who his starting quarterback is following Denver's 29-24 loss to the San Diego Chargers on Sunday.

Kyle Orton was benched at halftime and Tim Tebow nearly rallied the Broncos from a 16-point fourth-quarter deficit. Fox said he still has to watch the film, talk with his staff, think things over.

The fans who chanted "Tebow! Tebow!" in appreciation after the Broncos (1-4) fell three games behind the Chargers (4-1) are eager for an answer. So are Broncos teammates.

"Kyle's a great quarterback and I have all the faith in the world with him in the game. Tim came in and played great today," guard Chris Kuper said. "What do I say? It's hard to say what's going to happen. As much as we can, we have to tune out the (drama) and

stay together in the locker room."

"We're looking to have long-term success with somebody, and who that somebody is yet, I'm not sure," said Fox, who indicated he wasn't in any hurry to name his starter.

Tebow ran for a TD and threw for another after replacing Orton to start the third quarter, and had one final shot for the win before his pass fell incomplete in the end zone on the final play.

Maybe Orton returns to the field, uses this as a wake-up call and leads a turnaround. Maybe Tebow earned another shot with his inspiring play after he was buried on the depth chart following a terrible training camp.

Ready or not, Tebow was thrust into the game, appeasing the fans who have been calling for him with the Broncos continuing their losing ways under Orton, who is 6-21 since winning his first six starts in Denver.

After Orton went 6 for 13 for 34 yards and an interception in the first half, Tebow went 4 for 10 for 79 yards and a touchdown and ran six times for 38 yards and a score.

Orton wouldn't lobby for a return to the field but said he feels he should still be the starter: "That's how I approach it until he tells me differently," he said of Fox.

Tebow also had no indication who will be under center in two weeks when the Broncos visit Miami.

"Thankfully, I don't have to make those decisions," he said.

Orton was pursued by the Dolphins in the offseason but trade talks crumbled presumably over his desire for a long-term contract that would have spread out his \$9 million salary for this year. And the Dolphins will be honoring the 2008 national champion Florida Gators – who were led by none other than Tebow, when the Broncos visit Sun Life Stadium on Oct. 23.

Philip Rivers overcame two big turnovers to throw for 250 yards and a touchdown to go with a TD run, and the Chargers prevailed despite a banged-up backfield with Ryan Mathews (calf, wrist) and Mike Tolbert (concussion) getting hurt.

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