



JUDY ROGERS/Golden Plains High School
Chance Hoeting pushed with all his might through the Wheatland-Grinnell line during the junior varsity game in Grainfield on Oct. 7. Although the boys had some nice gains during the game, Chance achieved the only Golden Plains touchdown of the game.

Golden Plains team loses in second game

By Taylor Todd
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On Oct. 7, the Golden Plains junior varsity football team had a game with the Wheatland-Grinnell Thunderhawks in Grainfield. This was their second game this season. Chance Hoeting and Jesus Garcia were the captains. The football team had a little rough start at first, but in the sec-

ond half they started doing better and gaining yards, allowing Chance Hoeting to run the first and only Golden Plains touchdown of the night.

Quarterback Grant Spresser threw an incredible pass to Marshall Clap that gained them about 30 yards.

"It was so amazing," Spresser said.

"I didn't think I could catch

it," Clap said. "But all night there were really good passes."

Although the score ended up being 6-44, the boys all agree that they played a lot harder and more like a team during this game than they did previously at Weskan.

"It was a really tough game, but we kept trying to push through their lines and keep trying our best," Zach Spresser said.

Kansas State tumbles; top five stay same in poll

By Ralph D. Russo
AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK – Clemson and Kansas State tumbled in The Associated Press college football poll after losing for the first time this season, and the top five teams in the rankings held their ground heading into the showdown between No. 1 LSU and No. 2 Alabama.

Clemson slipped five spots after losing 31-17 at Georgia Tech and Kansas State fell seven spots to No. 17 after getting thumped 58-17 by Oklahoma.

LSU received 47 first-place votes from the media panel, Alabama had 10 and No. 5 Boise State had one.

No. 3 Oklahoma State and No. 4 Stanford held on to their spots after victories, while the Broncos were idle.

Georgia Tech's upset pushed the Yellow Jackets back into the rankings at No. 22 and Auburn jumped back in at No. 25.

The losses by Clemson and Kansas State leave six undefeated teams in major college football – the top five and No. 14 Houston.

The Harris poll has the same top five as the AP poll. In the USA Today coaches' poll, the only difference in the top five is Stanford is No. 3 and Oklahoma State is fourth.

The rest of the top 10 in the AP rankings had Oregon at No. 6, Oklahoma moving up four spots to No. 7, Arkansas at No. 8 and Nebraska and South Carolina right behind.

Clemson at 11th was followed by Atlantic Coast Conference rival Virginia Tech.

Michigan is No. 13, its best ranking since Nov. 4, 2007.

Michigan State is No. 15, followed by Penn State, Kansas State, Georgia, Wisconsin and Arizona State.

The final five were Southern California, Georgia Tech, Cincinnati, West Virginia and Auburn.

The defending national cham-

pion Tigers have fallen out of the rankings three times this season, only to work their way back in.

Falling out after losses were two Big 12 teams.

Texas A&M (5-3) was upset at home 38-31 in overtime by Missouri and is unranked for the first time this season.

Texas Tech moved into the rankings last week for the first time this season by beating Oklahoma. The Red Raiders followed that up with a 41-7 loss at home to Iowa State and are unranked again.

Washington did that in September 2009, when the Huskies beat No. 3 USC 16-13 to jump into the rankings at No. 24, then lost to Stanford 34-14 the following week.

Lady Eagle runner takes 20th at state

Colby High School cross country runner Emilea Finley finished in 20th place with a time of 16:14.96 at the Kansas State Cross Country Championships for Class 1A-2A-4A schools on Saturday in Wamego.

Finley was the only Colby runner competing at state this season.

Cheyenne Becker of Pratt grabbed first place

with 15:19.95, Mikala Heddin of Hesston came in second with 15:32.42 and Katren Rienbolt of Fort Scott finished in third place with 15:39.09.

Last year, Finley took second place at the state meet and took first at the Great West Activities Conference Championships. She finished in second place at the league meet this year.

Tebow's time may be up after 45-10 loss to Lions

By Pat Graham
AP Sports Writer

DENVER – Tim Tebow was sacked seven times by the Detroit Lions. Now, he might get sacked by his coach.

A week after salvaging 55 minutes of ineptitude with a miracle comeback in Miami, the Denver Broncos quarterback was good for the first 5 minutes Sunday and then awful the rest of the way in a 45-10 loss to the Lions.

Tebow was off the mark most of the game under relentless pressure by the Lions (6-2), who turned his two turnovers into touchdowns as they snapped a two-game skid and headed into their bye week on a high note.

After the game, Broncos coach John Fox didn't exactly give his quarterback a vote of confidence. Fox said he wanted to evaluate this game before deciding who will be under center when the Broncos (2-5) visit Oakland next Sunday.

It won't be any prettier watching the footage of this one.

Tebow struggled to get the offense into any sort of rhythm, completing just 18 of 39 passes for 172 yards and one score, and most of that yardage came with the outcome long decided. He had happy feet in the pocket – more to do with the Lions' pressure – and his long, looping throwing motion gave defensive end Cliff Avril enough time to race in, strip the ball and then scoop it up for a 24-yard TD in the third quarter.

Later, cornerback Chris Houston stepped in front of a Tebow pass for the fourth 100-yard interception return in team history.

"Just got to improve and get better and come out with a little bit more juice," Tebow said.

Whether that's with Tebow running the show will be a highly discussed and debated topic this week on call-in radio shows. Tebow is keeping out of the fray.

"I'm just going to get up early and go to work and try to get bet-

ter tomorrow and consistently improve and be the best person-slash-quarterback for this organization," Tebow said.

He still has the backing of his teammates, who remember the comeback he orchestrated last weekend in Miami more than his lackluster performance against Detroit.

"Natural born leader. He's already proven that," rookie linebacker Von Miller said. "He's a great guy with great character. I feel like he can get it done. I'm a believer until the end."

As Tebow struggled, Matthew Stafford picked apart the Broncos secondary, showing hardly any ill effects of an ankle he tweaked the week before against Atlanta. Stafford was on target all day, completing 21 of 30 passes for 267 yards and three TDs.

"Feels good now," Stafford said. "Feels way better after a win."

His jersey definitely had a lot fewer grass stains than the one belonging to Tebow. Stafford was hardly hit while Tebow was hounded at every opportunity. With a front four featuring stand-out Ndamukong Suh, Tebow had little time to look for his targets.

That was all part of Detroit's game plan – make him beat the Lions with his arm.

"He's an athlete. He's no Tom Brady or Peyton Manning or nothing like that. Or Michael Vick or nothing like that," Houston said. "He's got a long ways to go as far as being a quarterback, but he's a hard worker."

"We sent the rush and we were out there on an island most of the time and the D-line just got to him, got a lot of sacks and made him throw the ball up."

Houston was definitely one of the benefactors. He just missed an interception on an earlier play and when the Broncos came back with a similar route, he was ready. Houston jumped in front of the pass and was off to the races.

Given time and patience, Hous-

ton believes Tebow can perform at this level.

"He's going to continue to get better in this league," Houston said.

The Broncos started off well in this game by disguising their offensive looks. With Tebow under center, then in shotgun formation, with three backs in the backfield, then none, the Broncos drove down the field on their first drive.

And they looked to have scored on a catch by Eric Decker in the corner of the end zone, only to have the officials rule the catch incomplete and replay validate the call. Denver was forced to settle for a field goal.

From there, the offense went stagnant as Denver gained just 32 yards on its next 22 snaps before going into the locker room trailing 24-3.

"We just basically got whipped," Fox said. "We got outcoached and outplayed, and we've got a lot of work to do. I think that's very evident."

Last weekend, Tebow inadvertently inspired a phenomenon when he took a knee on the field after a dramatic 18-15 overtime win against the Dolphins and prayed amid all the players celebrating. It became known as "Tebowing," and fans all around the country have been posting snapshots online of themselves striking a similar Tebow pose to a website.

Lions linebacker Stephen Tulloch got into the act after sacking Tebow, imitating a prayerful pose near Tebow in the first half.

Tight end Tony Scheffler performed a scaled-down version of the Tebow impersonation after catching a 1-yard TD pass against his former team in the second quarter.

Champ Bailey wasn't offended by the behavior, saying that only by stopping teams can that type of celebration be prevented.

"Plain and simple," Bailey said. "You don't want them celebrating on your field – stop 'em. Period."

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