

Colby football team falls to Scott City

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The Colby High varsity football team lost its first home game of the season Friday, falling to the Scott City Beavers 47-7 at Dennen Field.

Coach Chris Gardner said it was a disappointing loss, but the Eagles (1-1 overall, 0-1 Great West Activities Conference) are still a good team.

"I thought our effort was good tonight," he said. "Scott City is a good team, we're a good team. We're the same team that played last week.

"We've got some things obviously we gotta work on. We've got to get better up front (against) a team like Scott City that's so fast, and we've got speed with us too. We've just got to control the opponent's speed better."

The Beavers got off to a fast start, running in a 58-yard touchdown from their first play from scrimmage with 10:16 on the clock in the first quarter. Their kicker put the ball through the uprights to make the score 7-0.

The Eagles were driving down the field on the following possession, but with 8:51 left in the first, senior quarterback Zane Winger was intercepted by a Scott City defender. He ran the ball back for another touchdown. With a successful extra-point kick, the Beavers led 14-0.

Colby's defense worked hard on the next possession and kept Scott City from scoring. Instead, while the punter for the Beavers set up to kick the ball away, he fumbled it and senior Trek Keck picked it up and ran it in for an Eagles touchdown with 4:33 left in the first.

Senior Todd Kane lined up to kick the extra point and sent it



Colby High defenders tried to bring down a Scott City running back Friday during the varsity football game at Dennen Field.

through the uprights for a score of 14-7.

The Eagles defense tried to slow Scott City down, but the Beavers scored a 39-yard touchdown with 3:03 on the clock. The extra point was good, putting the score at 21-7.

Colby tried to get its offense going on the next drive, but had to punt the ball back to Scott City with about 1:30 left in the first.

The Beavers took full advantage of their situation, scoring another touchdown from the first pass in their drive with 1:12 left. With the extra-point kick, Scott City led 28-7.

The Eagles got another crack on offense before the end of the quarter, and Winger led them with a nice drive. Colby couldn't convert on third down, however, and the Beavers took over again.

KAYLA CORNETT/Colby Free Press
The Eagles fell to the Beavers in a conference game, 47-7.

The Eagles defense was able to keep Scott City from scoring in the next possession, and Colby began a drive that took up a big chunk of the second quarter.

Winger carried the ball, along with senior Beau Brown, and completed a few passes before the Eagles' drive ended with 7:03 left in the second.

Gardner said Winger did pretty well in the passing game against

the Beavers.

"Zane's got a great skill set," he said. "Zane obviously can run the ball and does a nice job running the option ... he's really worked hard over the summer on throwing the ball and I think he put it in good spots tonight."

Scott City geared up for another drive, and beat out Colby's defense to score a touchdown with 4:20 to go. An extra-point kick put

the score at 35-7.

The Eagles couldn't get a drive started on the next possession, and were forced to kick the ball back to the Beavers. On Scott City's first play, the running back got loose and ran 62 yards for a touchdown with 3:37 left in the half. The Beavers missed the extra point, leaving the score at 41-7.

On Colby's next drive, Winger threw a pass to junior Andrew Taylor, who was forced to fumble. Scott City recovered.

The Beavers didn't get far after the fumble, and were going to try for a field-goal kick before the half ended. The players did not get up to the line of scrimmage in time, however, and time ran out.

After the half, the Eagles received the kick off. On third and 10, Winger was picked off by a Scott City defender, who took the ball into the end zone with 9:35 on the board. The kicker missed another extra point to put the score at 47-7.

The game announcer told the crowd that the Beavers had reached the run rule. Since there was a 40-point lead, the clock would not stop for the rest of the game.

The Eagles weren't able to get down the field in the remaining time, but the defense was able to recover another fumble in the fourth quarter. The final score was 47-7.

Gardner said the boys will be working a lot on tackling and defense this week, but said the varsity needs to put this game out of its mind as the Eagles prepare to go to Ulysses on Friday.

"We'll get back on the horse on Monday, practice hard, get rid of this," he said. "We've gotta flush this ... and just get after it and get better each week."

Cross country women compete in Wichita

Members of the Colby Community College women's cross country team ran on Sept. 1 in the JK Gold Classic at Wichita State University.

Denet Sang, Kenya, was the top runner for Colby, finishing 31st overall. She was followed by Emily Chestnut, Clay Center, who finished 38th.

"Both of these ladies ran a great race," said Coach Crystal Berndt. "They stepped up and were great leaders for our team on Saturday."

Sierra Besmer, Loomis, Neb., and Heather Schneider, Herndon, finished 69th and 71st.

"Sierra and Heather pushed each other most of the race and ran very well," said Berndt. "Stephanie Hornbaker, Holcomb, finished 82nd and Amanda Duvail, Spurger, Texas, finished 96th.

"Now that both of them are over their fear of run-

ning their first college cross country meet, I am excited to see what they will do Friday at our home meet."

Melissa Collins, Guyana, one of the top runners at Colby, did not compete in Wichita.

"This is probably one of the strongest teams I have had since my second year," said Berndt.

The Lady Trojans were up against runners from Wichita State, Kansas State, Emporia State, Friends, McPherson and Hesston colleges, and Garden City, Cloud County, Hutchinson and Allen County community colleges.

The Colby cross country teams held the Colby Invitational on Friday, the only home meet for the Trojans.

Broncos win 31-19 in home opener

By Rob Maaddi
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Peyton Manning baffled defenses for years by using strange words such as "ice cream" and "soul train" at the line of scrimmage.

The four-time NFL MVP is struggling to grasp a new language now, though it didn't show in his debut with Denver.

Coming off four neck surger-

ies that sidelined him all of 2011, Manning made a triumphant return Sunday night with his new team. Manning threw two touchdown passes to lead the Broncos over the Pittsburgh Steelers 31-19.

Manning, who is known for masking his emotions, was surprisingly candid in a pregame interview with Dungy, his former coach in Indianapolis.

The biggest adjustment for Manning has been understanding

the offense.

Manning was considered a maestro on the football field with the Colts. He was a master at dissecting defenses and changing plays at the line. Manning had an odd way of calling audibles, putting on a show with his gyrations, finger-pointing and foot-stomping.

It may take him a while to be that animated in Denver. But even a tamer Manning can be successful.

College team to hold rodeo

The Colby Community College rodeo team will hold the Central Plains Region National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association rodeo from Friday to Sunday, Sept. 21 to 23, at the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

Evening competition on Friday and Saturday will begin at 7 p.m. The finals on Sunday, featuring the top 10 in each event, will begin at 1 p.m.

Men's events include bareback bronc riding, calf roping, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, team roping and bull riding.

The women will compete in breakaway calf roping, goat tying and barrel racing.

Tickets at the gate will be \$10 for adults; \$5 for children under 12; and children under 5 are free with a parent. Advance tickets (\$8 for adults and \$4 for children) are on sale at Vanderbilts and the Campus Bookstore.

Over 500 contestants from 24 colleges in Kansas and Oklahoma will compete. For information, contact coach Allen Russell at (785) 460-5461.



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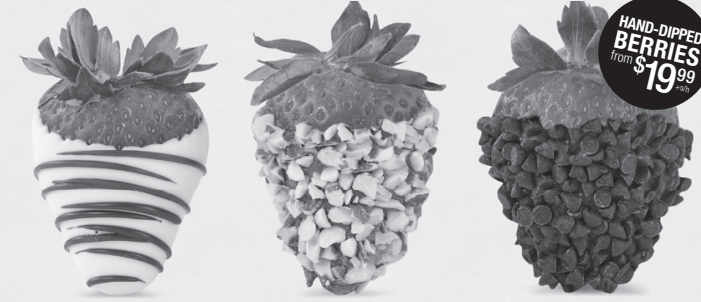


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