

Colby High football team shut out by Ulysses

The Colby High School varsity football team was shut out 24-0 by a tough Ulysses squad on Friday at Ulysses.

The Tigers got out to an early lead and never lost it, despite giving up a lot of yards on penalties. They led 18-0 at the half. The Eagle defense came out of the locker room with renewed energy, holding the Tigers scoreless in the third quarter and giving up just one more touchdown in the fourth, but Colby couldn't get anything going on offense.

The Eagles fall to 1-2 so far this season. Next action will be at home against Hugoton on Friday.

The Tigers received the first kickoff. Trek Keck kicked a squib kick, which was recovered at the 30-yard line. Ulysses moved the ball down the field, picking up four first downs. Keck and Troy Quenzer made a stop at the line of scrimmage, bringing up third and four for the Tigers. Then the Ulysses quarterback made a 13-yard touchdown run. Andrew Taylor and Quade Woofter blocked the extra point, but the Tigers were out to a 6-0 lead.

The Eagles went three and out and punted, giving Ulysses the ball on the 37 with 5:34 to go in the first quarter. The Tigers



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A pair of Colby defenders took down a Ulysses ball carrier in Friday's game.

picked up a first down. Zell Bieberle was injured on the play. The Tigers were called for holding, setting them back to first and 15. Reed made a stop in the backfield for another loss. Another holding call set them

back to second and 25. The Tigers made it back to third and 12, but a third penalty set them back another five yards.

Early in the second quarter, the Tigers got down to the three-yard line and ran it in for

a touchdown to go up 12-0. The two-point conversion was incomplete.

Josh Matchell returned the kickoff to the 33. At third and four, Taylor picked up three yards, just shy of the first down. The Eagles went for it, but they were called for offside, a five-yard penalty. This time they decided to punt and got called for delay of game. On the next play, the punt got past the receiver, rolling out of bounds at the 14-yard line.

With 1:54 left in the half, the Tigers made a 24-yard run to get a first down. Two more first downs followed, despite pressure on the quarterback from Quenzer. The Tigers were called for illegal procedure, bringing up second and eight. The Eagles put pressure on the quarterback again, but he broke free and ran it in for a touchdown to make it 18-0.

The Eagles received with 40 seconds left. Matchell took it to the 25-yard line. Taylor picked up a couple yards, but time ran out. The Eagles were down 18-0 at the half.

The Eagles had the ball again to open the second half. Winger found Daniel Myers for a 24-yard gain. Macen Shull carried for another four yards. Now at fourth and two, Brown powered his way through for the first down. Brown was then hit in the

backfield for a loss. A penalty on the Eagles made it third and 15. Shull made a diving catch for 15 yards, bringing up fourth short. Winger tried to get the first down but came up short, turning the ball over on downs.

The Eagle defense stopped the Tigers short and forced a punt, this time taking over on the Ulysses 32-yard line. Despite a catch by Shull, the Eagles were stopped. An incomplete pass on fourth and eight put the ball back in the Tigers' hands.

The Tigers ran the ball down to the two-yard line on the first play of the fourth quarter, then ran it in for a touchdown to make it 24-0.

Back on offense, the Eagles went three and out, punting to the Tigers. Brown and Quenzer made a sack, costing the Tigers 10 yards. Ulysses was called for offside, bringing up second and 28. The Tigers gained 17 of it back the next play. The Tigers completed a pass for a first down. They picked up another first down. Keck made a sack, and then recovered a fumble in Ulysses territory.

The Eagles got one more chance, but couldn't make anything happen. The Tigers ran out the clock, completing the 24-0 shutout.

Lady Bulldogs beat St. Francis

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The Golden Plains varsity Lady Bulldogs volleyball team journeyed to St. Francis to participate in a triangular with Hoxie and St. Francis on Aug. 28.

These games were the ladies' sixth and seventh games of the season, having played five games at the Healy tournament just two days before.

Golden Plains started out the triangular playing the Hoxie Lady Indians. The Lady Bulldogs started out great with a block and a kill, but then struggled the rest of the game with service errors and miscommunications. Hoxie ended the game in two matches, 25-13 and 25-13.

"This game was a learning experience," senior Morgan Walz said. "We have to realize every game how much potential and talent we have, and believe

that we can beat any team, no matter who they are."

The Lady Bulldogs stepped up their play 100 percent in their next game against St. Francis. After their previous defeat, Golden Plains was ready to do everything in its power to defeat the St. Francis Lady Indians.

In the first match, Golden Plains came out strong and ended strong, 25-22. The Lady Bulldogs shut St. Francis down in two, winning the second set 25-15.

"I am proud of the way we stepped up our game against St. Francis," junior Jordan Christensen said. "We put the previous defeat behind us and set our minds on the game at hand. We took control and communicated better. That led us to the great victory against St. Francis."

The Lady Bulldogs' record is now 4-3. They looked forward to taking on Heartland Christian, Triplains-Brewster and Greeley County in Winona Sept. 4.

Golden Plains squad gets first win of season

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On Aug. 28, the Golden Plains High School junior varsity volleyball girls played their first games of the season at St. Francis.

"I was so excited for the first JV game of my high school career," freshman Maddy Walz said. "It felt great to finally play and show off our talent."

The Lady Bulldogs started out their season playing the Hoxie Lady Indians. Pumped and

ready to play, Golden Plains came out and played a close first match with Hoxie, losing 25-21. In the second match, the Lady Bulldogs couldn't quite tame Hoxie, losing 25-18.

In the second game, Golden Plains took on the St. Francis Lady Indians. The Lady Bulldogs sat out two games to cheer on the varsity, and then stepped on the floor determined to win their first game of the season.

They quickly ended the first match, defeating the Lady Indians 25-17. In the second match, Golden Plains couldn't quite end the game, but

came close, losing 25-20. For their first win, the Lady Bulldogs sacrificed their bodies, did everything in their power, and had the will to win, winning the third match, 15-12.

"It felt fantastic winning our first game of the season," freshman Tayler Petersen said. "Our hard work in practice has paid off. We just need to continue it throughout the whole season."

The junior varsity played its next game against Triplains-Brewster in Winona on Sept. 4 and then played Healy on Tuesday.

Rexford middle schoolers fall to Triplains-Brewster

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The Golden Plains Middle School football season started off at home on Sept. 6 when the Bulldogs faced off against the Triplains-Brewster Titans.

The Bulldogs received the kick to start the game. A pass from Dawson Spresser to Jeron Schutte gained a first down. Jesus Aragon continued to run the ball and covered the distance to the goal to give the Bulldogs a touchdown near the end of the first quarter. The extra-point pass did not connect and the Bulldogs were up 6-0 with 18 seconds remaining.

The Titans answered the Bulldogs with a touchdown on the kick off and made good on their extra points to end the quarter 8-6.

In the second quarter, Aragon continued to gain yards with the help of his teammates, but the Bulldogs turned the ball over on downs. The Titans ran to the end zone on the first play, scored their extra points and expanded their lead to 16-6.

Five minutes clicked down toward the half as the Bulldogs continued to gain yards and first downs but were unable to cross the goal line. With 31 seconds until the half, Cole Bingham put the Bulldogs close to the line when a timeout was called. Back on the

field, the 'Dogs fumbled on the play and turned the ball over.

The defense stopped the Titans at the line of scrimmage. The Titans attempted to pass into the end zone as the clock ticked down, but were stopped by Aragon with a halftime score of Titans 16, Bulldogs 6.

Following the halftime break, the Bulldogs kicked the ball to the Titans, who ran it in for a third touchdown. With a successful two-point conversion, the Titans were up 24-6.

When the ball was kicked back to Golden Plains, Aragon returned it to within three yards of the goal line. The ball was fumbled on the snap, picked up by the 'Dogs, but

the Titans stripped the ball and gained possession.

A Titan pass was broken up by Clayton Bange, but several missed tackles allowed the Titans to cross the goal line to gain the final score of 30-6. With several Bulldog injuries, the game was called part-way through the third quarter due to a lack of able players.

"I thought we did better than we did last year because we scored," Aragon said.

"We look forward to continuing to improve and to winning a game this season," Spresser added.

The Bulldogs played at home again on Thursday before going on the road for three games.

Bulldogs' flag football team wins 22-8

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The Golden Plains Middle School flag football team played their first game at home on Sept. 6 against the Triplains-Brewster Titans.

Their game followed the "tackle" game and they played three series with the Bulldog team scoring touchdowns on all three series.

In the first series, A.J. Camacho ran the ball for a gain before Jacob Ritter ran it down the field for a touchdown. The extra-point attempt did not cross the goal line and the Bulldogs led 6-0.

With the Titans in control of the ball, the Bulldog defense, which included team members Nolan Ritter, Caleb Korte, Camacho, Ritter, Clayton Bange and Dylan

Spresser, stopped the Titans to regain possession.

The Bulldogs started their second series on the 17-yard line. With good blocking from the line, quarterback Jacob Ritter ran in to the end zone on the first down. The extra point pass from Ritter to Korte connected and the Bulldogs were up 14-0.

The Titans started their second series with Camacho capturing the flag of the Titan runner. The Bulldogs displayed a great deal of enthusiasm and continued to stop the Titans as Camacho intercepted a pass and gained the ball back for the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs played several downs with handoffs to Spresser and Camacho. Ritter ran a quarterback keeper before passing to Camacho who ran in for a third Bulldog touchdown. The extra-point

hand off from Ritter to Spresser was good for two more points and a Bulldog lead 22-0.

"We played good," Spresser said. "Running the ball in for a touchdown was exciting. The line blocked well for us."

As the wind picked up and clouds rolled in, the Titans played their last series of the night by gaining a first down and running in a touchdown. A successful extra-point attempt ended the contest with a final score of Bulldogs 22, Titans 8.

"We look forward to playing another game," Spresser said.



JUDY ROGERS/Golden Plains High School
Golden Plains quarterback Jacob Ritter (No. 22) tossed the ball to Dylan Spresser (No. 81) while Clayton Bange (No. 54), Caleb Korte and Nolan Ritter blocked for them during the middle school flag football game in Rexford on Sept. 6.

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Hope to see you next year, July 19, 20, 21 2013.