

Football team wins first league game

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The Colby High varsity football team won its second game of the season Friday night, shutting out the Hugoton Eagles 21-0 at Dennen Field.

The Colby Eagles (2-2 overall, 1-2 Great West Activities Conference) played hard in this home game to get their first league win.

Coach Chris Gardner said he was proud of the way the team played, especially on defense.

“Hugoton’s offense is ‘veer’ (an option play),” he said, “so they basically are challenging you on defense.... Can you do your job every time, can you do it every play? And that’s hard to ask a high school kid to do, but our kids did it tonight.

“They really played well. (Hugoton) came back with a counter a couple times in the first half that we had to get fixed at halftime.

“I’m very proud of these kids and the way they played disciplined on defense.”

Colby got off to a quick start with senior Beau Brown breaking loose for a 50-yard gain in the first quarter. Later, Brown ran in a touchdown with 10:31 on the clock. Senior Todd Kane kicked the extra point for a 7-0 Colby lead.

Hugoton’s first possession was a quick three-and-out and the boys punted back to Colby with 9:12 left in the first.

The home team had a tough series on the next drive, ending up with second down and 20 yards to go after a holding penalty. Colby couldn’t convert on fourth and 5



KAYLA CORNETT/Colby Free Press
Senior running back Beau Brown carried the ball Friday night during the Colby High varsity football game at Dennen Field. The Eagles crushed the Hugoton Eagles 21-0 for their first league win.

and turned the ball over on downs with 5:54 to go.

Hugoton had a good drive going on its next possession, but with 4:14 left in the quarter, Colby senior Brandon Gaede intercepted the ball.

Colby would hold on to the ball for the rest of the quarter, but the boys couldn’t get across the goal line. With about three minutes on the clock, Macen Shull caught a 57-yard pass for a touchdown, but it was called back after a holding

call on Colby.

Gardner said the team is always looking to avoid penalties and will work on that at practice.

“We always want to strive to get better on penalties,” he said. “We’ve got to work on them; we gotta get better at it, so we’ll definitely work on that this week.”

At the beginning of the second quarter, Colby turned the ball over on downs. Hugoton couldn’t get its offense going, however, and it turned the ball back to Colby after

an unsuccessful fourth and 1.

On the next possession, senior quarterback Zane Winger threw a 60-yard touchdown pass to senior Daniel Myers, but it was called back because Colby did not have enough men on the line of scrimmage.

On the same drive, Winger threw a pass on third and 14 that was intercepted with 8:35 left in the half.

Hugoton was unable to take advantage of the forced turnover,

though, and gave the ball back to Colby with about six minutes on the clock.

Colby was also unsuccessful in its next drive and sent the ball back to Hugoton two minutes later. Hugoton began to drive down the field, completing a 30-yard pass and 11-yard rush. Colby’s defense was too much for Hugoton and the drive ended after a tipped ball on fourth and 4.

Colby tried to score with one minute left in the half, but the boys ran out of time and went into halftime with a 7-0 lead.

Hugoton received the ball to start the third quarter, but Colby’s defense forced a three-and-out and Hugoton punted the ball to Colby.

Colby’s next possession was also three-and-out and Hugoton received the punt. Hugoton got into trouble on second and 4, and senior Troy Quenzer recovered a fumble for Colby.

On the first play from scrimmage, Winger handed the ball off to Brown, who ran for 64 yards for a Colby touchdown with 7:18 left in the third. The boys appeared to be in formation for an extra-point kick, but Winger took the snap and took off toward the end zone, running the ball in for two points. Colby took a 15-0 lead over Hugoton.

Hugoton drove the ball down the field on the next possession, making it to first and goal. Colby’s defense stepped up, however, and with Hugoton on the 1 for fourth and goal, the boys made a goal-line stand to keep Hugoton out of the end zone.

Colby had the ball until the last 39 seconds of the third, when it punted it back to Hugoton.

The visitors had the ball to start the fourth. Colby and Hugoton traded possession a couple of times with turnovers on downs, but with 6:19 left in the game, Gaede picked off his second interception.

On the next drive, Winger led Colby down the field, but after a 12-yard run, he hurt his knee and Coach Gardner decided to take him out of the game.

“We sat him out this week just kind of precautionary,” Gardner said. “I think he’ll probably be back. I don’t know for sure, but I think he’ll probably be back.”

Sophomore Josh Matchell replaced Winger at quarterback. With about four minutes left, Matchell fumbled the ball and Hugoton recovered.

Hugoton accumulated three first downs on its next drive, but with 1:18 on the clock, Shull intercepted the ball and ran 70 yards for a touchdown. Kane attempted the extra-point kick, but it was no good, leaving the score at 21-0 to end the game.

The Eagles will face Holcomb at home at 7:30 p.m. Friday for Homecoming at Dennen Field, which Gardner said will be a tough test.

“Holcomb’s talented and they do a lot (of) what these guys do,” he said. “They want to spread you out, they want to run option. Their quarterback’s great; he was all-league last year.... It’ll be a big test for us.

“It’s Homecoming week, so we gotta keep them focused all week.”

Individual statistics were not available today from the high school.

Golden Plains team scores 26

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The Golden Plains Middle School football team scored 26 points on its home field in Rexford against the Grinnell-Wheatland Thunderhawks, but the ‘Hawks put 64 points on their side of the board to claim the win.

In the first quarter, the Bulldogs gained yards from Jesus Aragon, Dawson Spresser and Bodie Sauvage, who put the ball on the Grinnell-Wheatland 7-yard line. Sauvage then carried it to the 5 before Aragon pushed forward for the touchdown.

A dropped ball on the extra-point pass gave the home team a 6-0 lead in the game Sept. 13.

The Thunderhawks answered with a long touchdown run on their first play. A successful extra-point run put the ‘Hawks in the lead 8-6.

After getting the ball back, the ‘Hawks managed a second touchdown with just under a minute remaining in the first quarter. The ex-

tra-point runner was twisted to the ground by Aragon before crossing the goal line and the ‘Hawks led 14-6.

Aragon then picked up the kick and ran it to the ‘Hawks’ 3. Spresser broke through for a touchdown, closing the gap to 14-12 with 16 seconds left in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs stopped the kick return at midfield, but the ‘Hawks were able to get off a play and run in a touchdown as the first-quarter buzzer sounded. A successful extra point play gave the Thunderhawks a 22-12 lead going into the second.

The Thunderhawks were able to keep the Bulldogs from scoring early in the second while they added another touchdown and extra points, extending their lead to 30-12.

The Bulldogs made several good gains before the ‘Hawks forced and recovered a fumble that they picked up and ran in for another quick touchdown.

The ‘Dogs stopped the extra-point effort and the ‘Hawks led 36-12.

The Bulldogs answered with a successful drive to the end zone as Aragon stepped over a

fallen defender to score a third Bulldog touchdown with 35 seconds left in the half. The ‘Hawks quickly pushed down the field for one more touchdown and extra points to lead at halftime, 44-18.

The Thunderhawks scored again but missed the extra-point pass to lead 50-18.

The Bulldogs answered with a touchdown drive, with Aragon stepping over the line and Nick Brown putting up the two-point conversion to increase the Bulldogs’ score to 26. The ‘Hawks scored one more time to extend their lead to 56-26 by the end of the third.

Despite good stops by Devin Davidson and Nick Brown and more stops from Cole Bingham and Aragon on defense, the ‘Hawks were able to cross the goal line twice more to win the game 64-26.

“Our offense is better,” eighth grader Bingham said. “We weren’t as tired since we conditioned more in practice after our first game. We improved on tackling and finishing the game from our first week.

“We could have done better on defense with tackling and staying put.”

K-State shakes up Big 12, jumps to No. 7

By Jeff Latzke

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NORMAN, Okla. – It’d be just fine with running back John Hubert if people continued to underestimate Kansas State and believe that this latest run of success under Bill Snyder was a fluke.

It may be too late for that.

The Wildcats (4-0, 1-0 Big 12) vaulted up to No. 7 in the Associated Press’ rankings on Sunday, for their highest position since 2003, following a 24-19 upset at Oklahoma that shook up the conference pecking order with just two games in the books.

The Sooners, who have won seven of the 15 titles in Big 12 history, were the preseason favorites before losing their conference home opener for the first time with

Bob Stoops as coach.

In the process, the Wildcats established themselves as one of the front-runners for the championship.

“We are one of those teams that could be in the top five easily,” said Hubert, who ran for 130 yards and a touchdown Saturday.

“We kind of actually like to be underdogs. It just kind of gives us the momentum, kind of gives us the confidence to go out and play hard.”

Leading the way is Collin Klein, the hard-to-tackle, piano-playing quarterback who carries a notebook with scripture passages in the breast pocket of his shirt. Klein outplayed NFL prospect Landry Jones of Oklahoma not with dazzling throws but with solid, mistake-free football.

The Wildcats’ Jarell Childs recovered a Jones fumble for a touchdown, but the offense didn’t get into the end zone until the fourth quarter. Klein came through when it mattered the most, though, by converting three third downs in the final period – two with his often-questioned arm and the last one with his legs.

Both teams head into an off week while the six teams yet to play their Big 12 openers will get in on the action: No. 25 Baylor at No. 9 West Virginia, Texas Tech at Iowa State and No. 12 Texas at defending Big 12 champion Oklahoma State.

TCU beat Kansas in the only other league game this season.

But now, it’s the Wildcats who are the highest ranked team in the conference and suddenly in the

spotlight.

“It’s going to be a challenge that we’re going to face, and we’ll see how we do with that challenge,” said Klein, who had 149 yards passing and 79 rushing against the Sooners.

Klein said that means continuing to focus on the details at practice that can end up meaning the difference in close games. Eight of the 10 wins in their Cotton Bowl season last year came by seven points or less, and now there’s another big win in that category this season.

Flag football boys win again

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The Golden Plains Middle School flag football team won its second contest on Sept. 13 as they outscored the Grinnell-Wheatland Thunderhawks 14-8 in three series of gridiron action.

On the first series, A.J. Camacho, Jacob Ritter and Dylan Spresser each gained a yard before Ritter jumped over the goal line for a touchdown.

Camacho evaded multiple defenders to gain the extra points and an 8-0 lead for the Bulldogs.

The Thunderhawks got several first downs on their first

series before the Golden Plains defense, led by Nolan Ritter at guard, regained possession. This allowed Ritter to run in a second touchdown.

Ritter caught the extra-point pass in the end zone, but it was called incomplete and the Bulldogs led 14-0.

The Thunderhawks were stopped again by the Bulldog defense. Taking over, the ‘Dogs gained several first downs, but ended the series turning the ball back over to the ‘Hawks.

The visiting team ended the game with a touchdown and extra points to make the final score of 14-8.

“Our defense did very well at blocking,” said Ritter, a sixth grader. “We got a lot of flags.”

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