

Football team loses to Holcomb 31-3

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The Colby High football team played its Homecoming game Friday night against the Holcomb Longhorns, but the Eagles weren't able to get a win in front of the home crowd, losing 31-3.

Colby (2-3 overall, 1-3 Great West Activities Conference) started the game strong, shutting out the Longhorns in the first quarter.

"Holcomb was averaging 14 or 21 points in the first quarter," Coach Chris Gardner said. "We shut them out!"

The Eagles scored the first points on a 38-yard field goal by senior Trek Keck in the second quarter, but that would be Colby's only score.

"I thought the kids played well, and the score, 31-3, is not really indicative of how the game ended," Gardner said. "I will apologize - I lost my composure - but the kids didn't lose their composure, so I was very happy with that. It was a good game against a good team. I just wish we'd have come out on top."

Colby received the ball to start the game, but the return man fumbled the ball on the 45-yard line and Holcomb recovered.

The Eagles defense made a big play on Holcomb's first possession, however. Senior Zane Winger picked off a pass with 10:57 left in the first.

Colby didn't get far on its first possession after a 15-yard penalty for a block below the waist left the team with third and 17 to go. An incomplete pass forced Colby to punt.

On the next drive, the Longhorns had a 57-yard run with 9:02 on the clock for a first down. On defense, senior Beau Brown came up with a big sack for a fourth-and-12 call and Holcomb decided to go for it.



Senior Zane Winger (center) intercepted a pass from Holcomb on Friday night during the Colby High varsity football game at

Dennen Field. The Eagles created three turnovers in the first half: two interceptions and a fumble recovery.

The quarterback threw down the field. The receiver not only couldn't haul it in, but was called for pass interference. The Eagles declined the penalty and took over on downs.

Colby couldn't make the first down on this possession, however, and kicked the ball back to the Longhorns.

Holcomb drove down the field and racked up three first downs, but with 33 seconds left in the quarter, senior Brandon Gaede intercepted the ball on second and 8.

Colby let the clock run down

and began its drive at the beginning of the second quarter. Unable to make a first down, the Eagles punted.

The Longhorns made a few mistakes during their possession, receiving penalties for a block in the back and for being offside. Then, with 11:36 on the board, a Holcomb runner fumbled the ball and senior Daniel Myers recovered.

On the next drive, the Eagles couldn't get a first down, but were close enough for a field goal and led the Longhorns 3-0.

Holcomb showed urgency when

they got the ball back, and drove 65 yards down the field. A 35-yard passing touchdown capped off the Longhorns' drive with 6:27 left in the half. A successful extra-point kick put Holcomb in the lead, 7-3.

Colby's offense tried to get something going on its next possession, but punted the ball away on fourth and 3.

On the next drive, despite a couple of setbacks, the Longhorns found the end zone on a 60-yard pass with 3:37 left in the second. The extra-point kick was good to put the score at 14-3.

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Bulldogs bring down 'Rabbits'

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The Golden Plains High School Bulldogs brought down the Greeley County Jackrabbits with a 46-0 Homecoming win at the end of the third quarter.

The win Sept. 14 put the Bulldogs at 2-1 overall and 1-0 in both Western Kansas Liberty League and district play.

The Bulldogs won the toss and elected to receive. Following runs from Andrew Luna, and Tristan Schwarz, quarterback Grant Spresser posted the first Bulldog points. Luna flipped over the line for the two-point conversion and the Bulldogs were up 8-0.

The Jackrabbits were stopped by Luna before they jumped the line to back up 5 yards. A 'Rabbits pass attempt was batted from Jose Bermudez to Chance Hoeting, who returned the ball to midfield. The Bulldogs capitalized on this interception to gain multiple first downs, ending with Tristan Schwarz stepping over the goal line for another Bulldog touchdown. Following a hard won extra-point from Hoeting, the Bulldogs led 16-0 midway through the first.

The Jackrabbits received the kickoff from Benny Martinez only

to be brought down by Domic Luna and Jesus Garcia. Backed up by another penalty, the 'Rabbits were stopped repeatedly by the Bulldog defense and forced to turn over the ball.

With the clock clicking down, Hoeting received the handoff, only to be gang tackled. Bermudez carried the ball to fourth and 1 before Coaches Travis Smith and Travis Betz called a timeout.

Back on the field, Luna gained the first down, but the 'Dogs struggled to make progress as the quarter ended 16-0 with the 'Rabbits in control of the ball.

The Bulldogs regained possession early in the second and quickly scored another touchdown, this time by Andrew Luna. Hoeting evaded multiple defenders for the two-point conversion and the Bulldogs extended their lead to 24-0.

Unable to move the ball, the Jackrabbits took to the air to try and gain some yards. Once they finally connected, Zach Spresser quickly ran the receiver aground. The second down play was broken up by Bermudez, with the third pass fell incomplete thanks to coverage from Bermudez and Martinez. Zach Spresser nearly intercepted the fourth-down pass attempt and the Bulldogs took over one more time.

Josh Barnhart gained a few yards before Hoeting was dropped in the backfield. The 'Rabbits intercepted a Bulldogs pass only to be stopped by Camron Spresser and Hoeting. The 'Rabbits finally gained a first down but were tripped up again by Bermudez and Martinez.

The Bulldogs took advantage of a Jackrabbit fumble on the snap and rushed forward to drop the quarterback in the backfield. With third and 25 yards to go, Luna pushed the 'Rabbits back to 34 yards to go on the fourth down. The 'Rabbits lined up in punt formation but elected to run instead, only to have Bermudez push the man out of bounds.

Grabbing the hike from center Camron Spresser on the 26-yard line, quarterback Grant Spresser handed the ball off to Andrew Luna, who ran to the end zone for his second touchdown. The extra-point pass fell short and the Bulldogs led 30-0 with just over two minutes remaining in the quarter.

Quickly regaining possession from the 'Rabbits, Luna ran in a third touchdown and Bermudez scored extra points to extend the lead to 38-0 with 38 seconds until halftime. Martinez kicked the ball into the end zone as the buzzer

sounded.

The Jackrabbits were unable to hold off the Bulldogs in the third quarter as the 'Dogs continued to dominate the game, gaining yards and playing strong on the line. The Greeley County team intercepted a pass and returned to midfield. A definitive plant from Domic Luna ended their drive and the Bulldogs took over once more.

As the third quarter wound down, the Bulldogs rolled up the first downs, ending the drive with a second touchdown run from Schwarz.

A final two-point pass was caught by Bermudez in the end zone to finish the game 46-0 with 15 seconds on the third-quarter clock.

The Bulldogs rushed for a total of 311 yards while the Jackrabbits only totaled 12. Andrew Luna led with 153 yards along with Hoeting with 95, Schwarz 27, Bermudez 21, Barnhart 9, Grant Spresser 3 and Domic Luna 3.

The 'Dogs tallied 49 tackles, led by Bermudez and Andrew Luna with 8 each. Other tacklers included Jesus Garcia with 6; Camron Spresser 5; Domic Luna, Hoeting, Martinez and Zach Spresser with 4 each; Schwarz 3; Joseph Koerperich 2; and Barnhart 1.

Trojan golfer ties for ninth place

The Colby Community College men's golf team played in a one-day tournament last Monday at Auburn Hills in Wichita.

Colby freshman Luis Pujol, Brazil, tied for ninth place with a score of 152 for 36 holes. J.D. Gall, Norton, tied for 27th with a score of 164 and Tayte Query, Colby, finished with a score of 173, which tied him for 39th.

Tyler Lauer, St. Francis, posted a total of 181 and Cameron Medina, Montrose, Colo., shot a

183. Par for the course is 72.

The Trojans competed against Johnson County (Overland Park), Dodge City, Hutchinson, Garden City, Independence, Kansas City, Kan., Barton County (Great Bend), Coffeyville and Allen County (Iola) community colleges.

Head coach for the Trojans is Miles Ladenburger. The men's next competition will be Sunday and next Monday at the Manhattan Country Club.

The to-do list in Beth Hoyme's purse will never get done because a drunk driver convinced his friends he'd be fine.

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This is personal.

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