

Eagles fall in finale

Goodland clinches title with shutout

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Colby High sophomore Austin Hart unleashed a loud "woo-oo!" after blasting through to sack Goodland quarterback Trey Teeter Thursday night.

Hart had resembled a runaway train while briefly knocking the district champion Cowboys off-track. Yet as Goodland coach Kent Teeter later said, more regular plays like these are what the young Colby Eagles must pursue.

"Give Colby credit. They did some nice things," Teeter remarked about his Cowboys' 35-0 win at Dennen Field. "They're just lacking some consistency right now. We've been there before, too."

A knockout combination of five Colby turnovers teamed with five Cowboy touchdowns spoiled the high school football finale for five Eagle seniors: Adam Taylor, Adam Giersch, Chase Hartwell, Austin Boehme and Hunter Butts.

Boehme and Butts did not play due to injuries.

The final minutes still didn't



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Colby High sophomore Ben Matchell knew going low was the best way to stop Goodland running back Garrett Taylor Thursday evening. Among the other Eagles pictured (from left) are freshman Ethan Jay (58), junior Eric Schuette (34), senior Andrew Taylor and junior Josh Matchell (12).

stop defensive leaders from clearly shouting "come on, we want the ball back!"

Colby's final record is 0-9, but their motivation never hit zero.

"I thought the kids were up for it. They were ready to go," coach Chris Gardner said. "Adam Taylor said some things in pre-game that were very mature, and so did Adam Giersch. Overall, I thought our kids played well — but the turnover bug hit us."

Goodland (6-3 record) hit Colby with about a 50-yard touch-

down pass less than three minutes into the game.

Yet Colby stayed within 8-0 almost halftime thanks to some great defensive plays. Several Eagles stuffed Goodland on fourth-and-one inside Colby's 15.

Sophomore Ben Matchell later made a leaping interception inside the five to end another drive.

Colby just couldn't counter with much consistent offense be-

sides Adam Taylor runs and an occasional pass to Ben Matchell or sophomore Josh Brown. Goodland built a 29-0 lead midway through quarter three.

More than 40 potential returning players should mean better Colby times ahead.

"We do see the talent," Gardner said. "As coaches, it's our job to harness and get it moving in the right direction."

Bulldogs' great run ends in title match

By Judy Rogers
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Bulldogs finished their volleyball season as substate runners-up in Sharon Springs on Saturday.

The Lady Bulldogs concluded their season with a final record of 29-9.

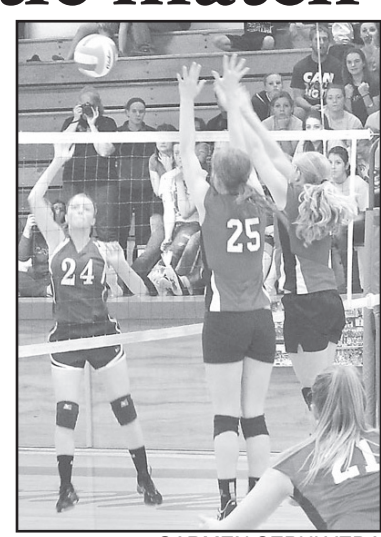
"Even though I was disappointed that we didn't earn a trip to the state tournament, I'm so very proud of this awesome group of girls," coach Orba Smith said.

The Triplains-Brewster Titans defeated the Weskan girls in the quarterfinals to face No. 2-seed Golden Plains in the semifinals, which resulted in a pair of 25-10 Bulldog victories.

As top seed Wallace County and number two met on the court, it was anybody's game. Despite some awesome hits by Hailee Sperser and deep digs by Kami Miller, the Bulldogs lost 25-21.

Strong blocks from Kylie Jones and Kynndra Rush tied set two. The Wildcats regained their lead, but Jordan Christensen killed the ball to tie again.

Multiple serves from Macayla



CARMEN SEPULVEDA Golden Plains High School Golden Plains blockers Jordan Christensen (25) and Kynndra Rush went for a stuff Saturday.

Easton helped Golden Plains gain a slight lead. The Bulldogs pulled ahead again with Leea Juennemann behind the serving line.

The Lady Wildcats weren't giving up and the Lady Bulldogs gave it all they had, but the Lady Wildcats finished the game with a 25-22 win over Golden Plains to earn a trip to the state tournament.

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