

Gift from the sky inspires Dawgs to whip the Warriors

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Flat. Flatter than a tire down to the rim. Every way you could describe flat would describe Brewster's football team Friday night.

Grinnell took advantage and stayed with Brewster score for score. That is, until a gift from Heaven fell into Jacob Falcon's arms.

The miracle catch energized Brewster (6-1), giving the Dawgs a 24-14 halftime lead, and demoralized Grinnell (6-1), setting up a 32-20 win for the Bulldogs.

The Warriors scored first, the first time all season any team had drawn first blood on the Bulldogs. It took just three plays for them to score from the Brewster 37 late in the first quarter. Grinnell's Matt Bixenman popped through the Brewster line and was gone for a 28-yard touchdown. Devan Weiser's point-after run failed.

Brewster finally began to air up on their ensuing drive. Bulldog Clint Horinek picked up 16 yards behind good blocking. Two plays later, the second quarter's first play, he picked up 37 yards and a touchdown on a screen pass that worked perfectly. Reid found Horinek for the two-point conversion to take the lead.

Neither team went anywhere on the next two drives, then Brewster struck again.

The Dawgs evaded a bullet when



Brewster's Clint Horinek (15) got a lead block Friday from J.R. Baird (66). Brett Arnberger (83) sealed off the play from the side.
Photo by Eric Yonkey/The Goodland Daily News

Reid's pass to Falcon went high and Grinnell nearly came down with it. But the next two passes, to Brett Arnberger, were right on the money. On fourth and seven, Reid found Arnberger in the flat with an open lane to the end zone 32 yards away. Reid ran in the extra points.

Grinnell then marched right down the field, right through the Brewster

defense, until finally the defense stiffened. Brewster's J.R. Baird sacked Weiser for a seven-yard loss, then held Bixenman to a one-yard gain.

Grinnell went to its bag of tricks. Weiser pitched to Bixenman, who stopped and threw to Josh Beckman. The halfback pass took Brewster completely by surprise and ended in a 23-yard touchdown. Kevin Lager took in

the point after with 24 seconds left in the half.

"We had Beckman covered, but Horinek bit," Brewster coach Larry O'Connor said. "Then Bixenman got behind our defense and threw. Horinek knew what he did and he didn't do it again."

Arnberger's kickoff return got Brewster to its 27. Reid went to Horinek on a screen pass that went for 36 yards. Horinek got out of bounds to

stop the clock. Brewster went to its trick bag, running a tackle-eligible pass to Baird for nine yards, reaching the Grinnell 8. The Dawgs called time with 2 seconds left. Grinnell appeared to defend the subsequent play quite well. They pinned Reid against the out of bounds line. He jumped and heaved the ball across his body and out of balance in a form that looked more like a basketball hook shot than a pass. The ball went high into the end zone and Bixenman jumped after it. The ball went right through his hands and fell straight down toward Falcon. Falcon put out his arms and the ball dropped into them. Even though he seemed stunned by the gift, Falcon cradled the ball to his chest for the score.

"It was just a lucky catch," O'Connor said.

With no time on the clock, Reid threw to Arnberger to get the extra points.

Grinnell was stunned. They went into halftime with their heads down, trailing 24-14. Brewster was elated.

When the third quarter opened, Grinnell mounted a decent drive, but Brewster stopped it when Nick Juene-mann and Reid combined to drop Weiser for an eight-yard loss.

Brewster then broke Grinnell's back. After the Warriors stopped Horinek for no gain at the Dawg 15, Reid went to Horinek for another screen pass. Horinek caught the ball about the Brewster 25. He ended up in the end zone, a 65-yard play. Reid went to

Arnberger for the two-point conversion.

Grinnell finally got on the board again in the fourth when Lager burst through the middle for a 12-yard touch-down. But Weiser fumbled on the point-after attempt. He recovered but didn't score.

Brewster didn't score on their next drive. Grinnell picked up consecutive first downs, then stalled. They tried the halfback pass again, but Brewster couldn't be fooled a second time. The pass fell incomplete under heavy Brewster pressure.

The Dawgs ate up the clock but eventually had to turn over the ball again.

Grinnell's next drive went nowhere. After Lager was held for no gain, Justin Jamison sacked Weiser, forcing fumble. Baird recovered.

Baird later recovered a Bulldog fumble in the game's final drive, allowing Brewster to run out the clock.

Horinek was Brewster's leading rusher and receiver. He had 134 yards on the ground and 108 through the air. Reid passed for 165 yards. Reid made 17 tackles, followed by Baird and Jamison with 14.

Bixenman led Grinnell with 109 yards. Lager had 99.

"Grinnell is a good team," O'Connor said. "I think they'll beat Tribune."

The Bulldogs and Warriors begin district play this week. Brewster hosts Golden Plains and Grinnell goes to Tribune. Kickoffs are at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Two graduates play for Bethany



J.T. Burk



Sean Winter

Two Goodland High School graduates, J.T. Burk and Sean Winter, are playing on this year's nationally ranked football team at Bethany College in Lindsborg.

Burk, a senior, is the son of Michael

and Joyce Burk of Goodland. Winter, a freshman, is the son of Terry and Angie Winter of Kanorado.

The Bethany Swedes, in their 25th season, are seeking to capture their 17th Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference crown under head coach Dr.

Ted Kessinger.

The Lindsborg team was ranked 22nd in the nation in the pre-season by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. However, with a 3-1 record in the early stage of the season, the Swedes have moved up to 13th.

NFL scoreboard

By The Associated Press

National Football League American Conference

East

	WL	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	5	1	0	.833	112 51
N.Y. Jets	5	1	0	.833	125 103
Indianapolis	4	2	0	.667	172 130
Buffalo	3	3	0	.500	113 122
New England	2	5	0	.286	120 141

Central

	WL	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	5	1	0	.833	131 91
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	128 75
Pittsburgh	3	3	0	.500	9978
Cleveland	2	5	0	.286	95175
Jacksonville	2	5	0	.286	126 155
Cincinnati	0	6	0	.000	37143

West

	WL	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	5	1	0	.833	161 125
Denver	4	3	0	.571	217 147
Kansas City	3	3	0	.500	134 113
Seattle	2	5	0	.286	118 169
San Diego	0	7	0	.000	117 204

National Conference

East

	WL	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	2	0	.714	120 105
Washington	5	2	0	.714	114 99
Philadelphia	4	3	0	.571	168 101
Arizona	2	4	0	.333	114 162
Dallas	2	4	0	.333	126 167

Central

	WL	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	6	0	0	1.000	153 110
Detroit	4	2	0	.667	115 120
Tampa Bay	3	3	0	.500	150 97
Green Bay	3	4	0	.429	148 139
Chicago	1	6	0	.143	101 189

West

	WL	T	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	6	0	0	1.000	262 174
New Orleans	3	3	0	.500	110 98
Carolina	2	4	0	.333	110 100
Atlanta	2	5	0	.286	130 217
San Francisco	2	5	0	.286	198 224

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Giants 19, Dallas 14
St. Louis 45, Atlanta 29
Buffalo 27, San Diego 24, OT
Washington 10, Baltimore 3
Oakland 20, Kansas City 17
New Orleans 24, Carolina 6
Pittsburgh 15, Cincinnati 0
Denver 44, Cleveland 10
Indianapolis 37, Seattle 24
N.Y. Jets 34, New England 17
Philadelphia 33, Arizona 14
Green Bay 31, San Francisco 28
Minnesota 28, Chicago 16
Open: Miami, Detroit, Tampa Bay

Monday's Game

Tennessee 27, Jacksonville 13
Sunday, Oct. 22
Arizona at Dallas, 11 a.m.
New Orleans at Atlanta, 11 a.m.
Denver at Cincinnati, 11 a.m.
New England at Indianapolis, 11 a.m.
St. Louis at Kansas City, 11 a.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
Tennessee at Baltimore, 11 a.m.
San Francisco at Carolina, 11 a.m.
Buffalo at Minnesota, 11 a.m.
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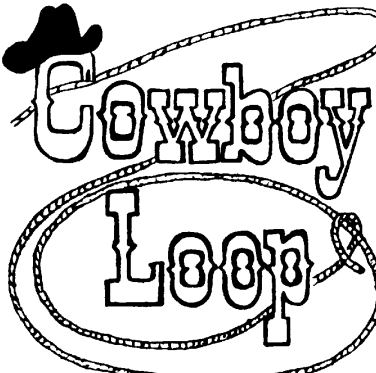
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