

Cardinals out of luck at playoffs

By R.B. Fallstrom
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SAN FRANCISCO—The St. Louis Cardinals' inability to get clutch hits was the most obvious reason they'll miss a World Series appearance for the 15th straight season.

But manager Tony La Russa didn't have much good to say about any aspect of the team's play after their season-ending 2-1 loss to the San Francisco Giants in Game 5 of the National League championship series Monday night.

Pitching shortcomings and so-so defense also contributed to the Cardinals falling short, La Russa said. Matt Morris put them in an early hole in Game 1, the bullpen failed in Game 4 and the Cardinals won Game 3 despite an almost comedic performance in the field in the early innings.

"It was total team. We got bad location, we didn't hit, our defense wasn't as good as usual," La Russa said. "I don't think we played all that badly but they played better, and when it's down to the final four you've got to raise your level of play."

The Cardinals were 0-for-8 with runners in scoring position against Kirk Rueter and Felix Rodriguez in Game 5 and finished a feeble 3-for-39 in the NLCS after they batted .278 in the regular season.

They left five men on the first three innings, and 10 overall for a two-game total of 22 — numbers that will haunt them in the offseason.

"You just go out there and don't score runs, that's the kind of situation you run into," Jim Edmonds said. "You never want to go into the ninth inning on the road tied."

"There's nothing but disasters that can happen."

The lone success was Fernando Vina's sacrifice fly in the seventh off Rodriguez that snapped a scoreless tie.

Even Morris' determined pitching wasn't enough as the Cardinals made their second five-game exit in the NLCS in three years.

They haven't been to the World Series since 1987 and haven't won it all since 1982.

It was a quiet end to a turbulent season for the Cardinals, who recovered from the death of pitcher Darryl Kile and numerous pitching injuries to win the NL Central and make their third straight playoff appearance.

"It was storybook," reliever Steve Kline said. "It just didn't have the right ending."

The Cardinals were forced to use 14 starting pitchers in the regular season.

They were hamstrung in the playoffs by Scott Rolen's sprained left shoulder, which kept him unavailable throughout the NLCS.

The team optimistically included him on the roster for the second round, but he never made significant progress and that left La Russa with a short bench.



Cowgirl Jessica Osborn teed off at Sugar Hills Golf Club earlier in the season. She placed sixth at the regional golf tournament Monday in Lakin and qualified to go to the state competition.

Photo by Rachel Hixson/The Goodland Daily News

Goodland lady golfer heading to state tourney

A Cowgirl golfer will be going to the state competition, as she was among the top 10 medalists at the Lakin Regional Golf Tournament Monday. The Goodland team finished in fifth place at the meet.

Jessica Osborn was sixth place with 93 strokes and was second among individual golfers to go to state competition. Also for the Cowgirls, Kayla Rasure swung 107; Bailee Guyer, 119; Kendra Billinger,

120; Andrea Fenner, 125; and Amy Cebula, 136. The Cowgirls' team score was 439.

Syracuse won the event with a team score of 382; Ulysses was second with 409; Lakin was third with 418; and Larned was fourth with 421. Other teams at the meet were Colby, Holcomb, Hugoton, Larned, Medicine Lodge, Pratt, Scott Community, Sublette and Trego Community/WaKeeney.

Brewster wins homecoming

Bulldogs score first, hold lead entire game against Healy

By Jay Kelley

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Homecoming games are supposed to be exciting and Brewster High School got all they could ask for in a 44-36 win over Healy Friday night.

The Bulldogs scored on their first drive when Jacob Falcon found Jake Long in the end zone to take an 8-0 lead. Neither team was able to penetrate the red zone again until, Healy answered to tied the score with two minutes left in the first quarter.

Healy stripped the ball from Falcon on the next drive and ended the quarter on third and one at the Brewster 24.

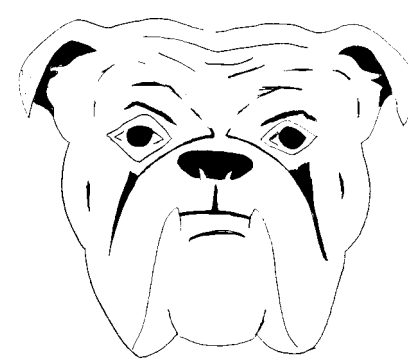
They converted after the quarter break and, on first and 10 at the Brewster 20, Kurt Fenster found Mark Johnson open for a touchdown. The two-point play was good and Healy led 16-8.

Brewster answered with another Falcon-Long passing combination on the opening play of their drive from their 15 yard line. The two-point was good and the score was tied.

Healy came right back, putting together a 54 yard drive on six plays, all passes, culminating in Fenster finding Johnson again, this time on third and 10 at the Brewster 14.

The two-point was moved back to the seven yard line after motion on the Healy line and a reverse failed to score. Healy led again, 22-16, with 9:11 left in the half.

Brewster's first play of their drive found Falcon rushing from the 16 yard line to mid-field, but four plays later a fake punt failed and Healy took over on



their 36.

Brewster took over on their 37 with 6:51 left until half-time, thanks to a Ryan interception. Three plays later, they tried to convert on a fourth and two, but the pass fell through the hands of Jarrett Carpenter and Healy took over again.

The Eagles couldn't move the ball and punted, giving Brewster one more chance at their own 15. Ten plays later, Falcon ran into the end zone on a fourth and goal at the two.

He found Ryan in the end zone for two more points and Brewster led 24-22.

Healy decided to take a knee and finish the half behind by only two points. They opened the third quarter with a lackluster drive that ended when Ryan stripped the ball away from Clint Johnson on fourth and 11.

Healy's next possession started on their own 19 with 9:07 left in the quarter and ended five plays later with a 35 yard touchdown pass to Johnson and a two point conversion, giving the Eagles a 30-22 lead.

The lead was short-lived, however, as Brewster came back with a bruising 11 play, 53-yard scoring drive. Sean Swanson carried the ball six times, including a run into the end zone on third and goal. Falcon found Carpenter in the end zone for another two points and Brewster led 32-30.

Healy went out after four plays and Brewster took over with another big drive that ended with a 24 yard touchdown run by Swanson. The two-point failed and Brewster led 38-30 with 20 seconds in the quarter.

Healy ended the third quarter in possession, but were unable to move the ball. On third and 15 at their 21, Fenster tried to find Johnson again, but Swanson intercepted and ran into the end zone. The conversion failed, but Brewster led 44-30 with 11:07 left in the game.

Healy's last score came on the next drive a 53 yard pass to Johnson. The conversion failed, leaving the score 44-36 with 10:20 left.

Falcon took a knee on the last two plays to seal the win.

Brewster had 311 yard rushing, 184 credited to Swanson on 28 carries with three touchdowns. Falcon had 98 yards on 24 carries and a touchdown.

Joel Selby had 18 yards on seven carries and Carpenter had two carries for 11 yards.

Falcon went 6-for-11 for 170 yards, including two touchdown passes to Long for 65 yards apiece.

The 'Dawgs will be in Grinnell Friday night. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Central Time.

Mustangs end strong season

The seventh grade football team at Grant Junior High finished off their season with a 34-12 win over Oberlin, bringing their season record to 6-1.

The "B" team played two games this season, winning both. Coach Terry Daise said the kids improved every game and had a great year.

The Mustangs scored five touchdowns against Oberlin, four on rushes and one on a 73-yard pass. Casey Henderson ran in three touchdowns and a two-point conversion while running for a total of 202 yards in 13 at-

tempts. Spenser Windell scored six for the Mustangs in his 82 rushing yards in five tries.

Quarterback Jance McKee threw four passes, three of them completed for 73 yards. T.J. Hawkins caught two of them, leading to a touchdown, and Jake Kling the other for a two-point conversion. Hawkins threw one incomplete pass as the quarterback.

Other rushers included Hawkins with 40 yards in five tries, Kling with 33 yards in three tries, McKee with 28 yards in two tries, Ben Davis with 16

yards in three tries, Forrest Trachsel with 11 yards in three tries, Andrew Miller with seven yards in three tries, and Michael Klinge with two yards in one try.

Henderson led tackles with 10. Nick Smith had eight, Jonathan McClung and McKee four, Aaron Deeds and Hawkins three, Danny Hackmeister, Kling, Davis, Trachsel, Jordan Albers, Michael Garrison, Nathan Brady, and Michael Ledesma two, and Preston Dautel, Britt Zweygardt and Windell one.

Chiefs' Ryan Sims probably out for the year

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Kansas City defensive tackle Ryan Sims, the sixth player taken in this year's draft, is probably out for the year with a broken elbow.

If so, it will be a blow to a defense already ranked last in the NFL. It also will mean the season has been almost entirely lost for the 315-pounder from

North Carolina, who missed training camp in a contract holdout and got off to a slow start once the season began.

In his second start, he was injured early in the Chiefs' 35-34 loss Sunday to the Chargers.

Coach Dick Vermeil said Sims broke and dislocated his left elbow and would probably be placed on injured reserve.

Sims signed a seven-year contract a few days before the season opener.

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Thursday, Oct. 17 - cross country at Grainfield 3 p.m.; junior high volleyball at 3 p.m./junior high football 4:30 p.m. verses Triplains at Brewster
Friday, Oct. 18 - End of first quarter; high school football at Grinnell 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 19 - Western Kansas Liberty League (WKLL) volleyball tournament (varsity) at Sharon Springs 10 a.m.
Monday, Oct. 21 - Junior high scholars bowl at Cheylin 4 p.m.; high school junior varsity football verses Grinnell at Brewster 5:30 p.m.; board of education meeting 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 22 - High school volleyball regionals (to be announced)

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Wednesday, Oct. 16 - "Black Day"; FCCLA Fall Leadership Academy, Northwest Kansas Technical College, 7:50 a.m. - 12 p.m.; wrestling and basketball rules meeting at Oakley, 6:30 p.m.; Senior Class meeting, 11 a.m. with Balfour; City Recreation, 7:30 p.m., Max Jones Fieldhouse (MJFH) & Junior High Gym at MJFH
Thursday, Oct. 17 - "Gold Day" - Seminar - GAA and G-Club; 9th Volleyball Quadrangular at Colby 3 p.m.; Electro Car Rally at Hays.
Friday, Oct. 18 - "Black Day" - State Girl's Tennis; varsity football at Ulysses 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 19 - Northwest Kansas League (NWKL) cross country at Colby, 9 a.m.; NWKL volleyball at Hoxie 9 a.m.; State girl's tennis
Monday, Oct. 21 - State golf; junior varsity football at Burlington 4 p.m.

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