

Getting the first down



RANDY DECKER/Colby Free Press

Colby Eagle junior Corey Reed struggled for a first down after catching a pass against the Atwood Buffaloes Tuesday evening at Dennen Field. The junior varsity needed triple-overtime to beat Atwood, when Bruce Arnberger caught a third down pass from Ryan Sulzman to win the game 20-14.

Middle school Eagles win season opener with Goodland

On Sept. 5, the Colby Middle School seventh grade football team opened its season with an exciting 24-14 win over the Goodland Mustangs. The first quarter saw the Mustangs jump out to a 14-0 lead over the young Eagles. The Mustangs scored their second touchdown late in the first quarter but on the ensuing kickoff Mikel Ladenburger put Colby on the scoreboard with an 85-yard kickoff return. The Eagles used balanced scoring the rest of the game as they scored touchdowns in each of the last three quarters. In the second quarter Mitchell Tuma scored on a 23-yard pass play from quarterback Eli Robert. The third quarter saw Tuma score on a 45-yard

halfback pass from Ladenburger. In the fourth quarter Tuma scored his third touchdown of the game on a 65-yard punt return. Coach John Miles said, "During the first quarter the defense took a while to get on track after Goodland's two touchdowns but after that they did a great job of holding Goodland's offense. Todd Ziegelmeier and Ladenburger recovered fumbles to help the defensive effort." Miles also stated that Bradley Dible, Taylor Pool, Travis Parker, Hunter Olsen and Brent Luedke also had good defensive games. The seventh grade's next game will be Thursday, Sept. 12 at 5:30 as they travel to Atwood.

NBA star indicted by grand jury on obstruction charges

DETROIT (AP) — Sacramento Kings star Chris Webber was indicted on charges he lied to a grand jury about his dealings with a University of Michigan basketball booster more than a decade ago. Webber, who led Michigan's "Fab Five" team to two NCAA title games, was charged with obstruction of justice and making a false declaration before a grand jury, FBI spokeswoman Dawn Clenney said.

Webber's father, Mayce Webber, and his aunt, Charlene Johnson, were indicted on the same charges. If convicted, each faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$500,000 fine. The indictment contends that Webber, his father and aunt lied to the grand jury and conspired to conceal the cash, checks, clothing, jewelry and other benefits that booster Ed Martin gave the player and his family from 1988-93. All three testified in 2000.

Punt, Pass, & Kick is this Saturday in Colby

The Colby Jaycees will be holding the annual Punt, Pass, & Kick competition Saturday, Sept. 14, at 9 a.m. at Dennen Field in Colby. The competition is open to all kids ages 8-15. All participants must bring a copy of their birth certificates. For more information, contact Doug or Bonnie at 462-3627 after 5 p.m. This is a free program for the kids and all are encouraged to compete.

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Tribune squeaks by Brewster 36-32

By JAY KELLEY

Colby Free Press

TRIBUNE — The Brewster Bulldogs gave Greeley County a real scare in a 36-32 loss in Tribune on the opening night of Kansas high school football Friday. First year Bulldog head coach Leland Francis said "We'll have to settle for a moral victory tonight and get a real win next week." The Brewster offense got off to a slow start. Deep in their own territory on their first three possessions and unable to move the ball, they were forced to punt. The Bulldogs were also kicking into the wind, making for some short punts and very good field position for Greeley County. A stiff 'Dawg defense kept Greeley County from capitalizing on their position. In the first possession, the Brewster defense swarmed Josh Gooch and stopped the drive on a fourth down and one play at the seven yard line. The next possession by the Jackrabbits didn't go any better. On third and five at the 18, Brewster's Jarrett Carpenter tackled Stacy Cavanee for a three yard loss, bringing up fourth and 8. Jesse Crumrine got his first of two sacks on the night to end the Jackrabbit drive on the 21 yard line. The third possession by the Jackrabbits found Brewster holding on the 29 yard line. A 15-yard penalty brought up fourth and 20 and forced Greeley County to punt. Jacob Falcon called a fair catch on the five and Brewster started their fourth drive of the game, again deep in

their own territory. This time it was a little different. The first play of the drive gained a yard, then Brewster went to the air. Falcon, with three Jackrabbits in hot pursuit, threw to Jake Long. The pass was tipped by a Greeley County defender and looked to be incomplete, but Long came up with the ball and raced into the end zone for a 76 yard touchdown. The point after failed, but Brewster led 6-0 with 35 seconds left in the first quarter. The kick-off found Greeley County on their own 35, but another Brewster sack and a holding call against the Jackrabbits found them on their own 21 with first and 24 and only seconds left in the period. Brewster's defense held the Jackrabbits, stopping them two yards short of a first down and taking over the ball on their own 37. A fake punt at fourth and five put Brewster on the Greeley County 31 with first and 10. Although the offense was plagued by delay of game penalties at key times, they were able to move the ball to the 15, where an encroachment penalty made it third and 19 at the 20. Falcon, again under pressure, found Sean Swanson in the end zone with 6:56 left in the half. The point after failed, but Brewster led 12-0. This time it was Greeley County's turn to find themselves deep in their own territory. An offside penalty put them on their own 13 with first and 15, when they fumbled and Crumrine recovered. Brewster was up 12-0 with first and goal on the 10 and 6:46 left in the half.

Three plays later Falcon scored on a keeper and completed a pass to Carpenter for the point after, giving the 'Dawgs a 20-0 lead with 5:53 left in the half. Greeley County was back on their heels, but they hadn't given up yet. Starting on their own 15, they had to recover two of their own fumbles and drive 45 yards before Gooch broke three tackles on a fourth and 11 play at the Brewster 20 to score the first Jackrabbit touchdown with 1:31 left in the half. Brewster threatened again, driving to the Greeley County 21, but the drive stalled and half-time came with the 'Dawgs leading 20-8. Brewster's first drive of the second half also stalled, but a deep punt put Greeley County on their own 15. Ten plays and 65 yards later, Gooch scored on a three yard run. The point after failed when Joel Selby and Lucas Moore got a piece of a sack and Brewster led 20-14 with 5:04 left in the third quarter. The Bulldogs didn't lose any time answering. Crumrine recovered and attempted an onside kick at the Brewster 36 and Falcon found Long for 25 yards on first and 10. Three plays later, on first and goal at the nine, Falcon found Long again, this time in the end zone. The point after failed and Brewster led 26-14 with 4:27 left in the third quarter. Neither team was able to move the ball on the next two drives and Greeley County found themselves with first and 10 on their own 10 with only 1:06 remaining in the quarter. Gooch carried for a first down on the

20, then Robby Crain found an opening and raced 60 yards to put Greeley County on the boards again. The point after was good and Brewster led by four as the third quarter ended. The fourth quarter found both teams moving the ball, but unable to capitalize until, with 6:59 left, Brewster took over on the Greeley County 23 after a Jackrabbit fumble. On fourth and 10, Falcon carried to the Jackrabbit nine yard line and the 'Dawgs went to Swanson, the big fullback. Three plays later he crossed the goal line on a three yard run. The point after failed and Brewster led 32-22 with 6:11 remaining. Greeley County answered with a four play, 48 yard drive that culminated in a 37 yard touchdown pass. The point after was good and Brewster's lead was cut to only two points. Two drives later, the Jackrabbits again took over on their own 34 and Cavanee scored on a 46 yard pass. The Jackrabbits had their first lead of the game with 2:35 left. Brewster took over on their own 15 and moved out to their own 34, but the Jackrabbit defense held, sacking Falcon on the final play of the game. Falcon recorded 11 tackles and a sack, Swanson had 16 tackles, Long had 13, Selby had seven, Darren Howard had one, Crumrine had five and two sacks, Tyler Johnson had four and a sack, Paul Flanders had one, Carpenter had five, Moore had seven, Josh Ryan had two and Aaron Smith had one. The Bulldogs will be looking for their first win in Jennings on Friday. Game time is 7 p.m.

Federation football gets underway in Colby

By RALPH WOLF

Colby Free Press

Colby's 5th and 6th grade football teams opened their season this past Sunday at Dennen Field against the Hays Outlaws. In 5th grade action the young Eagles lost by the score of 31-20. Preston Krzyski led the offense with 163 yards rushing and two touchdowns. Jordan Voss gained 40 yards on ten carries and scored a touchdown. Chaz Winger led the Eagles on defense with 8 tackles, followed by Adam Weber with (6) and Kalen Rasmussen (5). Kirt Dugger was credited with 3 tackles while Dylan Stithem, Gray Henry and Brandon Gordon all came

away with 2 tackles apiece. Head Coach Chris Erickson said, "I was very pleased with the way these guys came out and played. We now know what we have to work on for our next game." The 6th-graders came out on top by the final score of 13-0. Heath Stephens scored both of the Eagle's touchdowns and finished the game with 141 yards rushing on just 11 carries. Scott McCoy gained 71 yards on 7 carries and ran in an extra point. Quarterback Cade Carter tallied 11 yards on the ground and completed one pass to Tanner Kriss for a 9-yard gain. Eric Blanton returned a kick off for 15 yards. Cory Sager was credited with

10 tackles to lead the way on defense. Carter had 7 tackles followed by Jeremy Harter and Stephens with 4 each. Treat Bugbee received credit for 3 tackles. According to head coach Brian Wolf "we totally dominated the game on both sides of the ball." Next action for the young Eagles will be Sunday Sept. 15, when they host the Oberlin Demons. The 5th graders play at 1:30 and are followed by the 6th grade at 3:00. Check out the league stats on www.wkfl.net.

OOPS!

The Eagle tennis picture published on Monday's sports page was neither a sophomore, nor was it Becky Lang, although she was near. The picture actually shows senior Diane Wilson demonstrating excellent technique at the net. And by the way, Becky Lang is a junior.

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