

Eagles lose heartbreaker to Yuma, 24-25

By DARREL PATTILLO

Colby Free Press

It was a game that featured everything that makes a football game a classic; a close score, great runs, one fantastic catch, gritty defense, and plenty of heart. In the end, all that was needed was a different score, as the Colby Eagles fell to the Yuma Indians 25-24 Friday night at Homecoming.

Yuma made it exciting right away, taking the opening kick-off all the way to the Eagle 33 yard line. They then proceeded to march straight into the end-zone and went up 7-0 with 9:21 left in the first quarter.

Colby marched right back, but a holding penalty stalled the drive, and they had to punt.

The Indians responded by taking the ball down to the Eagle four-yard line, but Colby stood tall at the line, and Yuma had to settle for a field-goal as the first quarter ended.

It was the last time Yuma would have its way in the game.

Ryan Arensdorf's 65-yard run set up a one-yard Cranston quarterback keeper on fourth down for Colby's first score of the game. The point-after kick missed, and the score was 10-6 Yuma.

The Eagle defense, led by senior Brent Deibert, got Colby the ball back with 7:02 left in the half. The Eagles got their first lead of the season after a 55-yard touchdown reception by Arensdorf, and after the point-after failed, Colby was up 12-10.

Yuma was in the middle of putting another drive together, but then committed the only turnover of the game.

Moments later, with 3:25 left in the half, Brian Sulzman made an impossible one-handed catch on a pass from Jared Cranston, and then eluded several Indian players and ran into the end-zone for Colby's third touchdown of the second quarter. Unfortunately, Colby missed its third extra-point of the second quarter, but were up 18-10.

With 1:39 left in the half, Yuma's Caleb Melzlon scored his second touchdown of the game on a 51-yard run. The Indians converted a two-point extra, and the game was tied at 18. That was the score as the first half ended.

The third quarter saw both teams



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Jared Cranston took matters into his own hands in the second quarter of Friday night's game against Yuma. Cranston scored the first of three Eagle second quarter touchdowns on a keeper play from the one-yard line.

grinding away, but the quarter ended with the game still tied at 18.

In the fourth quarter, the Eagles made it deep into Yuma territory, but had to give the ball back on the Indian 14.

Yuma's Josh Williams made Colby pay for it by running the ball all the way to end-zone. After the extra-point, Yuma was up 25-18.

Then, with 8:30 left to go, Cranston heaved a long pass to Brian Sulzman, who caught the ball and scored on an 82-yard touchdown reception. But Colby couldn't convert the extra-point, and trailed 24-25.

The Indians used up most of the rest of the clock on the ensuing drive, and the Eagles could only watch as time expired.

Coach Brad Wildeman said, "We don't ever back down. We do have things that we need to work on, but it's a long season, and we're going to stay up-beat and positive, and take it one game at a time."

Colby travels to Holcomb, which is just west of Garden City, for Friday night's matchup. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.

Bulldog cross country competed in two meets last week

By DOUG STEPHENS

The Goodland Daily News

The Brewster cross country team ran in two meets last week, and the sole girl junior varsity runner placed third and seventh in her division.

Sophomore Andrie Baird finished third in Oakley on Tuesday, running two miles in 16 minutes 32 seconds. On

Thursday she came in at 18:13 in WaKeeney for seventh.

Senior Erin Carney, the Bulldog's only varsity runner, finished in 16:03 for 22nd in Oakley. She did not run Thursday.

In Oakley, sophomore Mark Luckert finished fourth, running five kilometers in 21:14. Scott Carney earned sixth

with 21:24 and Jonathan Collett was a second behind for seventh. Aaron Horinek came in at 27:32 for 25th. The team earned 74 points.

In WaKeeney, Mark Karman crossed the finish line first for the Bulldogs in 20:44 and fifth place. Carney finished 11th with 22:40 and Collett was again a step behind with 22:41.

Luckert finished 20th with 24:21, and Horineck 23rd with 25:11. As a team, they earned 71 points.

Coach Danny Traub said all the boys are first-time runners, and after a few more matches, some of them might move to varsity.

"We're getting some pretty good results," he said. "I hope it keeps up."

Giving credit where credit is due



Darrel Pattillo

● On the Ball

See, I told you. I lifted the curse on the Kansas City Chiefs and look what happened: they went out and played a ball game. They didn't win, but they sure played all sixty minutes, and they gave the defending world champs a heck of a ride.

And while we're on the subject of playing the whole game, our Eagles left it all on the field Friday night, didn't they? It was one of those games that I hope can be captured in words that will do it justice. The only thing missing from the game was an Eagle victory.

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Well, the school year is in full swing sports wise, and as usual, there's too much going on for me to cover. (Which, by the way is a good thing; if not, you'd be forced to read more of this drivel that passes for a sports column.)

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people that submit sports news and articles for me to put on the sports page. So, thanks to the following, in no particular order, and keep up the good work:

Lou Kersenbrock, great volleyball photos. Please donate that wonderful camera you have.

John Miles, I'm sending photocopies of your 7th grade football write-ups to the other coaches so they know how it needs to be done.

Ralph Wolf, solid stuff, keep it up.

Lesley Wagoner, every stat I ever needed, and now with comments! Thanks, Coach, and I hope I didn't make your job any harder.

Brad Wildeman, you probably have enough on your mind with your new job, but thanks for letting me pester you.

Sherry Barrett, racing season is about over, so thanks for all of your hard work, see you next year!

Don Fosdick, you'd probably blow a gasket if you knew how many

people look forward to reading your column on Fridays-don't change a thing.

A. Jay Kelly, way to keep your finger in the game, so to speak. I appreciate your support and your help.

Coach and Mrs. Mannebach, you've got it down to a science. Thank you.

Ray Higley, sorry about the team photo, can you have the girls out there next Sept. 5?

Mike Sprenkel and Bill Weber, keep em coming.

Chad Ostermann, I depend on you for Trojan stuff, thanks for your help.

Laura Rush from Brewster High School, yours are great. Thanks.

I hope I haven't forgot anyone.

Now, having sucked up to my 'staff', let me nudge a few people that I haven't heard from:

Anyone from Golden Plains. Please, send me anything.

The JV and C team coaches at Colby High School. This includes football and volleyball. I'd really like to keep folks updated on our future varsity players.

Middle school volleyball. These are some of the hardest working girls in school, so if you guys could get some stuff to me, I'll put it in.

I realize that you school coaches are far busier than I am, and I truly appreciate your efforts.

In the larger scheme of things, publicity for our youngsters is fairly trivial, but it's neat to see your name in the paper.

Last but not least, the ladies manning the phones at Colby Grade School, Middle School, and High School, thanks for putting up with me. Your contribution to my efforts is priceless.

Darrel Pattillo is the sports editor for the Colby Free Press. His column appears on Mondays.

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