

# Eagles get the job done against Holcomb, 41-20

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HOLCOMB—The Colby Eagles got their first win of the season Friday night in Holcomb, scoring three touchdowns in the fourth quarter to bust open a close game, going from 22-20 at the half to a final score of 41-20.

Ryan Arensdorf scored twice, Brent McCoy scored on a 62-yard run, Schuyler Sharpe returned a fumble for a touchdown and Brian Sulzman caught a touchdown pass in the confidence-boosting victory.

It looked like the game might be a repeat of the Yuma game last week, when Holcomb scored on the third play of its first drive, but the Colby defense settled down quickly. Arensdorf scored from the Eagle 42-yard line and then ran in the extra-point try to tie the game at 8. Ten seconds later, Holcomb's quarterback scored from the Longhorn 20, but Colby stopped the two-point try, and Holcomb led 14-8.

On the ensuing drive, Colby marched down to the Longhorn 11 before Arensdorf dove in for the second Eagle score. The two-point try was good, and Colby went up 16-14.

Senior linebacker Drue Herl saved a touchdown when he grabbed the shirt of a Holcomb runner who had broke through, and dragged him down. The first quarter ended with the score 16-14 Colby.

Holcomb's last score of the game came with 7:03 left in the half. Colby had Holcomb in a fourth and twenty situation, but Holcomb scored on a pass play. After the PAT failed, Holcomb led 20-16.

McCoy put Colby ahead for good on the first play of the next drive, taking the hand-off from Jared Cranston all



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Schuyler Sharpe, #9, and Jeff Reavis #5, were all over a Holcomb runner Friday night in Holcomb during Colby's first win of the year.

the way to the end-zone. Cranston put the extra-point try through the up-rights, but it was nullified by an Eagle holding penalty. Colby tried for two, but Arensdorf couldn't get in, and Colby led 22-20 at the half.

Both teams settled down and slugged it out in the third quarter, until Cranston hit Sulzman for a 37-yard gain with 1:35 left in the third quarter. Greg Guilfoyle stuck out his arm and snagged a pass from Cranston to get the

ball down to the three as time ran out in the third quarter.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Sulzman caught a floater from Cranston for a touchdown, and after Cranston kicked the extra point, Colby was up 29-20.

Sharpe's fumble recovery came with 8:45 left in the game, and Colby led 35-20 after the PAT failed. Brent

McCoy scored again for Colby on a 6-yard run with 3:34 left in the game, to get to the final score of 41-20.

Colby travels to Hays Friday night to take on the winless Hays High Indians, who lost to Garden City 34-0 Friday night.

Game time is 7:30 p.m. at Lewis Field, the artificial turf stadium on the campus of Fort Hays State University.

# Gonzalez worth the wait as Chiefs smash Dolphins

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — When the Miami Dolphins saw that Tony Gonzalez caught only one pass a week ago, they knew what was coming.

They were certain the Kansas City Chiefs would go to their \$21 million tight end, they covered him and it made no difference.

Gonzalez caught a career-high three touchdown passes and made seven catches in all, some with defenders draped all over him, as the Chiefs handed the Dolphins their first loss in four games, 48-30 on Sunday.

"We weren't fooled. Our guys didn't quit," Miami coach Dave Wannstedt said. "He just went up and made some plays and Trent Green threw the ball. It wasn't like we were tricked or anything. They just made plays early."

"We said to each other on the sideline, 'We've got to grow up at some point,'" Wesley said. "We haven't played up to our standards in the last three games. We knew it was going to come down to defense."

Gonzalez, who missed all of training camp in a contract dispute, caught just one pass in 41-38 overtime loss at New England a week ago. He topped that figure Sunday on the Chiefs' first possession.

Green zipped a pass between two defenders to Gonzalez for a 30-yard gain down the middle. Five plays later, Gonzalez made a leaping catch of a 9-yard pass in the end zone, the

first of Green's career-high five TD tosses.

"That's the reason he's the best tight end in the league," Green said. "He can make catches in traffic and you can put the ball high, which is where he likes it."

Gonzalez, who had 140 yards receiving, also scored on plays of 42 and 6 yards. On the 42-yard yarder, which made it 31-16 in the third quarter, Green floated a pass just over cornerback Sam Madson and the 6-foot-5, 250-pound Gonzalez did the rest, breaking Arturo Freeman's tackle at the 5 as he charged into the end zone.

A 32-yard Green-to-Gonzalez hookup started a four-play, 69-yard touchdown drive in the second quarter, and Gonzalez's 17-yard reception set up the final touchdown, Green's 3-yard pass to Billy Baber.

Even with the big days by Gonzalez and Green, who finished 24-of-34 for 328 yards with no interceptions, it took some big plays by the Chiefs' maligned defense to secure the victory.

The biggest came with the Chiefs leading 38-30 with about 10 minutes left. Fiedler thought Chris Chambers would be deeper on his route and threw 10 yards past his receiver. The ball went right to Wesley, who returned it 42 yards to the Miami 16.

Four plays later, Morten Anderson kicked a 24-yard field goal to make it 41-30.

# It's time to make a difference

I'm thinking of going into the curse-lifting business full-time. The reason? Chiefs 48, Dolphins 30.



And, when I lifted the curse on the Chiefs three weeks ago, I must have inadvertently done something for our Eagles, who got their first win of the season against Holcomb Friday night (see story above). Congratulations to the Eagles, and coach Brad Wildeman. If the Eagles continue to play like they did in the second half against Holcomb, they'll end up having a terrific year.

Which brings us to something I need to bring to your attention, and this is particularly for the rest of the Eagle football team, the guys on the sidelines during the game.

Some of you don't get to play in the varsity games. Most, if not all, of you guys understand that, but you suit up and show up because you're part of the team, and that's great.

But...

While your standing there on the sideline, you can be doing the most important thing of all — FIRING UP YOUR TEAMMATES!

Now, this doesn't have anything to do with the cheerleading thing — that's for the people in the stands. What I'm talking about is raising the level of adrenaline. Don't wait for Brown or Deibert to make a great play, or McCoy or Schuyler Sharpe or Arensdorf to bust a run. From the time you take the field for warm-ups to the time the final whistle blows, you need to be going crazy.

That's what football is about. Crazy, whooping and slobbering warriors pounding the you-know-what out

of each other.

It was so quiet on the sidelines Friday night in Holcomb that I could actually hear myself making bad jokes about the referees.

You guys on the sidelines during the game, think about this: What would it be like if the coach suddenly pointed at you and said "get in there and hit someone?" Wouldn't you rather be all fired up already?

Those guys on the field need you, fellas. You need to be thhhiiiiiss close to getting yelled at by the refs for causing a commotion. MAKE SOME NOISE!

This is football, not chess. Coach Wildeman shouldn't be the only one losing his voice. You guys might not make it into the game, but you can darn well make yourself a part of it.

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You know, I had a whole column planned out on Randy Moss. But you know what? Forget it. I don't really have anything to say about him. I was going to heap shame and ridicule on him, but he's doing that to himself just fine without any help from me.

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One of my golfing buddies and I played the Fort Hays Municipal course Saturday, and we had a blast. It's a fun course, so if you've been thinking about going there, by all means, make the trip. It's worth it, and the green fees are cheap.

And we didn't even get kicked off.

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# Got a concussion? Then stay off of the track, NASCAR officials decide on Sunday

KANSAS CITY (AP) — NASCAR is taking steps to keep drivers with concussions off the track after Dale Earnhardt Jr. revealed he drove in several races while unable to fully concentrate or communicate with his crew chief.

From now on, NASCAR president Mike Helton said Sunday, doctors at infield care centers may require a driver to undergo a CT scan if they suspect the driver has a concussion.

If the CT scan reveals a concussion, Helton said, a driver will not be allowed to compete until he obtains a medical release.

CART, the Indy Racing League and the NFL have similar policies already in place.

Four-time Winston Cup champion Jeff Gordon, who won his second straight Protection One 400 at Kansas Speedway on Sunday, praised the tighter rules.

"That sounds like a good idea," Gordon said. "If you can't clear a CT scan, you don't need to be out there in a race car."

Earnhardt got a concussion in a crash April 28 at California Speedway but hid it from the public — and NASCAR — until last week.

He said he did not report it to doctors immediately after the crash, partly because he was more concerned about an injured ankle and partly because he had concussions before and wasn't worried that this one might be serious.

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