

Kickoff!



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Colby Middle School eighth grade kicker Sam Kendrick kicked off the second half of the Eagles' matchup against Rawlins County Thursday at Dennen Field in Colby. It was the team's second game of the season.

Middle school Eagles win big

The Colby Middle School eighth grade team defeated the Goodland Mustang eighth grade team 40-0 Thursday, Sept. 1. The Eagles began the season 1-0.

The defense played outstanding throughout the game by hitting hard and causing several fumbles. The defense was lead by linebacker Dylan Stithem, end Kalen Rasmussen, nosetackle Adam Weber and cornerback Torey Taylor. Also linebacker Ethan Stickel scored touchdowns on a fumble recovery and interception.

The offense raked up lots of yards from backs Stickel, Brandon Rasmussen and Kalen Rasmussen.

They were helped by the fine play of linemen Chaz Winger, Jacob Hutfles, Brandon Standage, Brock Wagoner, Dylan Stithem, Garrett Rogers and Brandon Gordon. Stickel scored a rushing touchdown, as did Kalen Rasmussen. Quarterback Kirt Dugger also connected with Brandon Rasmussen for another score.

The eighth grade team consists of Ethan Stickel, Kirt Dugger, Nathan Reed, Ryley Haas, Kalen Rasmussen, Jordan Voss, Brandon Rasmussen, Preston Krzycki, Adam Weber, Torey Taylor, Garrett Rogers, Dylan Stithem, Shawn Phillips, Brandon Standage, Brock

Wagoner, Chaz Winger, Zach Harlow, Bob Schroeder, Stephen Thrower, Jacob Hutfles, Dalton Garcia and Brandon Gordon.

Their second game of the season was Thursday, Sept. 8 at Dennen Field in Colby.

AP Sports Briefs

HURRICANE KATRINA

LeBron James helped load four tractor-trailers with diapers, school supplies, food and other items for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The Cleveland Cavaliers' star spent about \$120,000 in two hours at a Sam's Club warehouse store in Fairlawn, Ohio, near his hometown of Akron. The goods will be sent to Houston, Louisiana and Mississippi.

In other developments, The NFL designated the second week of its season as "Hurricane Relief Weekend," which will culminate with a fund-raising telethon that will be part of ABC's "Monday Night Football," commissioner Paul Tagliabue said.

Also, Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay donated \$100,000 and bidders offered another \$26,000 for jerseys, helmets and footballs autographed by Peyton Manning as part of a radio auction.

STARKVILLE, Miss. (AP) — The Mississippi State-Tulane football game scheduled for Sept. 17 will be played in Shreveport, La., Mississippi State officials said.

The game was scheduled to be played at the Superdome in New Orleans, but the city and the facility were damaged last week by Hurricane Katrina.

AUTO RACING

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Mike Skinner got his second straight NASCAR truck series victory by outrunning Todd Bodine and Kevin Harvick in a two-lap sprint to end a crash-filled race at Richmond International Raceway.

Bodine went to the front in the Cheerios Betty Crocker 200 by staying on the track during a caution on lap 143 when the leaders pitted for tires and fuel. He pulled away initially when the race went back to green, but once the better trucks worked their way through traffic, their fresher rubber allowed them to start gaining.

Skinner finally pulled his Toyota into close view of Bodine with about 15 laps to go. On the 188th of 200 laps, the former series champion ducked underneath Bodine on the backstretch and pulled ahead entering Turns 3 and 4.

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A third restart worked for Mark Martin, and he edged out Kurt Busch to win the International Race of Champions event at Richmond International Raceway.

Busch, the reigning NASCAR Nextel Cup champion and a teammate to Martin in that series, appeared on the way to an easy victory in the 90-lap race. He took the lead on the third lap on the three-quarter-mile oval and stayed out front nearly to the end.

But it was Martin who wound up beating Busch in a two-lap shootout after the last of six caution flags in the race. Martin won by just 0.021-seconds in the race for identically prepared IROC Pontiacs.



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Eagles cross country places high at first meet in Goodland

The Colby High School cross country team got off to a great start at Goodland on Thursday, Sept. 1. The girls team placed first and the boys team placed second in their first meet of the season.

Coach Bob Mannebach said the team ran well on a difficult course.

“We had some individuals that performed really well and the overall team effort was good,” he said.

Paige Stephens won the freshmen-sophomore run and Jessica Stephens won the junior-senior division.

Josh Baden had a good run and placed second in the freshmen-

sophomore race.

“The girls and boys teams have some good potential and with hard work they will continue to get better,” Mannebach said.

Results are:

Junior/Senior boys: Darren Sporting, ninth, 19:42; Nick Howard, 15th, 20:43; Trevor Seibert, 19th, 21:11; R.J. Ladenburger, 23rd, 22:12; Trenton Powell, 24th, 22:24; Eric Jurek, 32nd, 24:13; Matt Hildebrand, 34th, 25:09; Trey Barnett, 36th, 25:56; David Voss, 37th, 25:56; Lincoln McClure, 39th, 26:05; Anthony Rohr, 40th, 26:22; Du Zhe (King) 41st, 28:03;

Henry Lamm, 42nd, 30:15.

Junior/Senior girls: Jessica Stephens, first, 12:56; Zanae Baird, fifth, 14:01; Andrea Barker, 26th, 17:09; Janessa Rasmussen, 34th, 20:31.

Freshmen/sophomore boys: Josh Baden, second, 19:03; Ryan Baalmann, eighth, 20:58; Kahle Phillips, 12th, 22:07; Brent Luedke, 20th, 23:28; Stephen Dinkel, 24th, 23:52; Bryan Brewer, 28th, 24:24; Levi Schlick, 33rd, 26:17; Joe Hutfles, 34th, 28:34; Ethan Stover, 35th, 28:41.

Freshman/sophomore girls: Paige Stephens, first, 14:18; Aubrette Stephens, 14:52; Kelly Gerstner, 15th, 15:55; Jessica Cox, 21st, 16:41; Kayla Sloan, 37th, 21:33.

Boys team scores: Ogallala, 28; Colby, 85; Perkins County, Neb., 109; Quinter, 157; Ulysses, 175; Chase County, Neb., Goodland, Lakin, Oakley, no score.

Girls team scores: Colby, 47; Oakley, 53; Ogallala, Neb., 63; Chase County, Neb., 75; Perkins County, Neb., 95; Lakin, 101; Ulysses, 114; Quinter, 132; Goodland, no score.

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