

Eagles football off to 0-2 start

By Tisha Cox

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The Colby High School Eagles lost their second game of the season Friday, Sept. 9 to Hoxie but head coach Greg Koenig thinks there's still a chance for his team to turn things around.
Colby lost 36-6 to Hoxie Friday. The Eagles' only score of the game came from running back Mitchell Tuma on a 15-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.
"He's running the ball well," Koenig said.

Koenig said there were several reasons why the team didn't win.
"We didn't play well," he said. "Hoxie controlled the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball."
Hoxie dominated the Eagles with hard, physical play.
"They were the more physical team," Koenig said. "They hit us harder than we hit them."
Koenig expects Oberlin to be another big challenge on Friday. Their team runs a ball-control offense similar to what Colby has this year. Oberlin is 2-0 so far this season.

"We have to respect them," he said, adding his team will have to be more physical and play with more emotion and desire. "I do think it's time for us to turn something around."

Koenig also said he doesn't want to get into the habit of losing. "I don't want to make excuses but we're a really young team," he said. And even with some of his junior and seniors, he said some positions are inexperienced.

The Eagles' first game of the season against Rawlins County High School ended with six Colby fumbles.

Koenig said that's something they paid attention to and worked on in practice and their hard work in that respect paid off with only one fumble against Hoxie.

He said the team responded well to that and he said if they can continue with small victories to that and other details, they can build on that.

SportsLine

Lady Eagles volleyball at home this week

The Colby High School Lady Eagles varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams will face Hoxie, Oakley and Scott City at home Thursday. Play starts at 3:30 p.m. Varsity matches will be played at the Colby High School gym and junior varsity matches will be at the Colby Middle School gym.

Junior varsity golf Thursday

The Colby High School Lady Eagle junior varsity golfers will travel to Ulysses for a tournament Thursday. Tee-off is at 3 p.m.

"C" team volleyball at Hays

The Colby High School "C" volleyball team will head to Hays Thursday to play Norton. Play begins at 4 p.m.

Middle school football Thursday

The Colby Middle School eighth grade football team will be Hoxie at 4:30 p.m. at Dennen Field. There will be no seventh grade game.

Middle school volleyball against Hoxie

The Colby Middle School seventh and eighth grade volleyball teams will face off against Hoxie at 4:30 p.m. Matches will be played in the Colby Grade School gym. Order of play is 7A, 7B, 8A and 8B.

"C" team football at Dennen Field

The Colby High School "C" football squad will play Oberlin at Dennen Field Thursday. Kick off is at 6:30 p.m.

Friday barbecue for hurricane victims

The Colby FFA Chapter is sponsoring a barbecue from 5 to 7:30 p.m., Friday, before the Colby-Oberlin football game at Dennen Field. All proceeds from the event will go to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The menu will include hamburgers, chips, beans and drinks.

Eagles at home Friday

The Colby High School Eagles varsity football squad will play Oberlin at home at Dennen Field Friday. The game starts at 7 p.m. The junior cheerleaders will perform at halftime.

Colby cross country does well

The Colby High School Eagles cross country team had a good showing at the Wamego Invitational cross country meet Saturday, Sept. 10. The girls team placed sixth and the boys team finished eighth.

"The Colby Eagles performance at the Wamego Invitational was very good on Saturday," said head coach Bob Mannebach. "This is the biggest and best meet we will attend this year."

There is every indication that the Eagles will be very good this year.

We know where we need to improve and with hard work we will attain our goals."

Jessica Stephens, Zanae Baird, Paige Stephens, Aubrette

Stephens, Josh Baden and Darren Sporing medaled at the meet.

"It was a great team effort and this is why we were successful," Mannebach said. "Each runner still has room for improvement and this is something we will be working on the remainder of the season."

Results are:

Boys varsity: Josh Baden, 18th, 18:01; Darren Sporing, 29th, 18:26; Ryan Baalman, 56th, 19:23; Nick Howard, 72nd, 20:02; Trevor Seibert, 77th, 20:04; R.J. Ladenburger, 93rd, 20:31; Kahle Phillips, 111, 21:49.

Girls varsity: Jessica Stephens, fifth, 12:11; Zanae Baird, 19th, 13:20; Paige Stephens, 22nd, 13:25; Aubrette Stephens, 29th, 13:41; Kelly Gerstner, 73rd, 15:17; Andrea Barker, 79th, 15:25; Jessica

Cox, 95th, 16:04.

Girls team scores: El Dorado, 90; Baldwin, 99; De Soto, 125; Eudora, 127; Wamego, 136; Colby, 148; Clay Center, 153; Clearwater, 208; Andover, 296; Andale, 299; Council Grove, 308; Abilene, 332; Royal Valley-Hoyt, 333; Marysville, 337; Ulysses, 340; Topeka Hayden, 362; Chapman, 404; Concordia, 457.

Boys team scores: Baldwin 51; El Dorado, 75; Abilene, 111; Wamego, 121; De Soto, 135; Clay Center, 185; Andover, 194; Colby, 252; Hugoton, 253; Clearwater, 265; Eudora, 299; Royal Valley-Hoyt, 329; Council Grove, 334; Topeka Hayden, 347; Rose Hill, 350; Andale, 374; Ulysses, 509; Chapman, 527.

Cowboys get new starting quarterback

STILLWATER, OKLA. — Bobby Reid is the new starting quarterback for Oklahoma State. And he won't have to split time with incumbent Donovan Woods.

Coach Mike Gundy said Reid, a redshirt freshman, improved during

practice and that he was concerned about the offense not being able to get in synch because of rotating quarterbacks.

"Bobby has gotten considerably better," Gundy said. "We thought as a staff, if he was able to take a ma-

jority of the snaps instead of 50-50, it would give him a chance to excel." Woods opted to move to defense, and is listed as a backup safety for Saturday's game against Arkansas State. Sophomore Al Pena will become Reid's backup.

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