



Colby High sophomore Justin Slavens was brought down by an ankle tackle during the junior varsity game against Goodland on Monday. The Eagles lost to the Cowboys 22-20.

Eagles rally falls short; team loses to Cowboys

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The game between the Colby High junior varsity football team and Goodland on Monday at Dennen Field was a tale of two halves.

The Cowboys dominated the Eagles in the first half and Colby shut out Goodland in the second. Unfortunately for Colby, the Cowboys scored a couple more points in the first half than the Eagles did in the second and won the game 22-20.

Both teams looked strong on defense at first. The Cowboys eventually scored the game's first points when Goodland's quarterback fired a short pass to a receiver who took it about 25 yards for a touchdown. Goodland's two-point conversion attempt was unsuccessful.

The Eagles' offense looked dysfunctional on its next possession as sophomore Michael Tubbs fumbled two snaps. Colby punted it back to the Cowboys with 40 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

The Eagles' defense didn't allow Goodland to get anything going, and they had to punt it back. The Cowboys' punter booted one that pinned Colby deep in their own territory.

Colby's offensive attack was ineffective and they were forced to punt out of their own endzone after three downs early in the second. The Eagles punt attempt was

blocked and a Goodland player fell on the ball for a Cowboy touchdown to extend their lead to 12-0. A Goodland receiver caught a short pass to make it 14-0.

Later in the second, Goodland would score again when their running back carried the ball 10 yards for a touchdown to increase the Cowboy's lead to 20-0. Goodland's two-point conversion attempt was successful when a Cowboy's receiver caught a sideline pass in the end zone, leaving the score 22-0 at the half.

The Eagles finally got on the scoreboard in the third quarter when quarterback Tubbs tossed a pass to a streaking freshman Zane Winger, who took it down the sideline for a touchdown with 2:42 left to make it 22-6. The two-point conversion failed.

Sophomore linebacker Justin Slavens intercepted a pass with 52 seconds left in the quarter. The Eagles were unable to capitalize on the Cowboy's mistake as Tubbs was picked off with less than 8 minutes left in the game. Colby's defense would provide its offense with another gift when freshman Trek Keck slammed Goodland's quarterback, causing him to fumble the ball. The Eagles were able to recover the ball in Cowboy's territory.

The Eagles' offense took advantage of their good field position. Minutes after the fumble, Tubbs fired a 10-yard pass to Winger in

the left corner of the endzone to cut the Cowboys' lead to 22-12. Tubbs threw an incomplete pass on Colby's two-point conversion attempt.

Later in the quarter, Colby scored again when Tubbs lobbed a pass to Winger, who had gotten a step ahead of his defender. Winger caught the ball in stride and scampered all the way to the end zone for a roughly 70-yard touchdown, making it 22-18. Freshman Bo Brown bulled his way into the end zone to cut Goodland's lead to 22-20 with a little over three minutes left.

Unfortunately for the Eagles, the Cowboys were able to get several first downs on their next possession. After it's last first down, there was only 1:11 left. This allowed Goodland's quarterback to run out the clock by going down on one knee on his team's next two plays to give the Cowboys a victory.

"We came out flat in the first half," said assistant coach Barry Lucas. "Coach Brad Wildeman told the team at halftime that they were better than the way they were playing, and they came out and played much better in the second half. I knew we had it in us."

The loss drops the team's record to 0-2. They will play again at 5:30 p.m. on Monday at Decatur Community High's Smick Field in Oberlin.

Junior varsity team finishes third in tennis

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The Colby junior varsity girls placed third out of 10 tennis teams at a meet at Garden City on Monday.

Katera Harter placed fourth with a 2-2 record in No. 1 singles. She defeated Kathryn Buehler of Scott City (6-1) and shut out Lynn Nguyen of Garden City (6-0). Hartman lost to Dodge City's Kelly Bruner (6-2) and was blanked by C.C. Ramsey of Garden City White (6-0).

"Katara showed a lot of determination throughout the day," said Matt Ludwick, who was filling in for coach Gene Rothfuss. "She did a great job."

The No. 1 doubles team of Laura Juenemann and sophomore Paige Roopchan finished third with a 3-1 record. The girls lost their first match to Krista Kucharik and Amelia Vasko of Scott City (5-6). They lost the tie-breaker 7-2, but responded to the loss by dominating their next three matches.

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ing their next three matches. They crushed Tribunes' Steve Ellis and Megan Redding (6-2), shut out Emma Corbett and Alicia Loza of Garden City (6-0) and hammered Kucharik and Vasko (6-1).

"After their first loss, they got down to business," said Ludwick. "I was proud of them, especially when they beat the Scott City team for third after they lost to them the first time."

Freshman Janessa Williams went 2-2 in No. 2 singles to take fifth overall. She defeated Kristy Flowers of Meade (6-3) and Garden City Gold's Kristina Boudhara 6-4. Williams lost to Ideala Chevez of Scott City (6-3) and Garden City's Virginia Kyaw (6-3).

"I'm proud of Janessa for showing poise in her final match and defeating a worthy opponent at the end of the day," said Ludwick.

The No. 2 doubles team of sophomores Hannah Matchell and Madison Gawith also placed third with a 3-1 record.

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eny and Erika Motley of Garden City Brown (6-2), beat Garden City White's Michelle Hernandez and Jessica Carrasco (6-3) and took Brittany Berry and Brenna Beason of Scott City (6-4). The tandem's only loss was also to Scott City's Brittany Berry and Brenna Beason (6-2).

"They told me they were slow starters," said Ludwick. "After their first loss, they cranked it up and played very aggressively. Like the No. 1 doubles team, I was proud they showed determination during the third-fourth place game and beat the team that beat them in their first match."

Ludwick said he had a great time coaching the team.

"Coaches Jennifer Rall and Rothfuss would be very proud of these girls," he said. "In the near future, these girls will be very good tennis players."

The junior varsity girls will play again at 3 p.m. on Thursday at Hays.

Lady Trojans volleyball squad goes 3-3 in Colby tournament

The Colby Community College volleyball team went 3-3 in the Colby Classic tournament Sept. 3 and 4 at the Community Building.

The Lady Trojans went 2-1 on Sept. 4. They defeated Lamar of Colorado 25-15, 18-25, 15-6 and Eastern Wyoming if Torrington 25-21, 19-25, 15-10. Colby was swept by Laramie County of Wyoming 25-15, 25-16.

Colby went 1-2 in the second day of the tourney. They lost a highly competitive match against Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Western Division opponent Dodge City 25-22, 25-20, 22-25, 25-22 in their second conference match of the season and they were swept by North Platte from Nebraska 25-14, 26-24, 25-22.

Colby struggled in its first road conference match of the year at Hutchinson Community College, losing three straight games 25-14, 25-16, 25-11 and dropping their record to 5-9 overall and 1-2 in the

conference.

Coach Carey Jones said she felt nerves played a factor in the loss, especially for her freshmen.

"It was the first away game for our freshmen," she said. "I think they were nervous. We have definitely played better at home this season."

Jones said she felt like her team has improved throughout the year.

"Our girls are working together really well," she said. "Their teamwork has helped them a lot."

She said her teams biggest strength is its passing.

"We have strong passing most of the time," the coach said.

Colby takes on Barton County Community College at 6:30 p.m. today in Great Bend.

The Lady Trojans will play again at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Pratt. Their next home game will be against Seward County Community College at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2, at the Community Building.

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