



Powerful Eagles dominate Hoxie in 38-0 rout

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Senior running back Ethan Stickel and senior fullback Adam Weber combined for four touchdowns in the Eagles' 38-0 blowout over Hoxie on Friday at Dennen Field.

One week removed from a nerve-racking game against rival Goodland and two weeks removed from a close loss to St. Francis, Colby finally got to play a game that wasn't decided in the final minutes.

The Eagles were unable to run away with the game early, as the Indians ate up a lot of clock on their first offensive possession. Hoxie advanced the ball all the way to Colby's 21-yard line. The defense finally stopped the Indians' march, pushing the visitors back to the Colby 30 on fourth and long with a little over three minutes left in the quarter.

Colby was able to run a few plays be-

fore the quarter came to an end. Junior Andrew Flanagan got the offense going early in the second quarter with a solid run and a nice reception. A tough run up the middle by Weber put the Eagles in scoring position. Stickel finished off the drive with a 14-yard scamper to give Colby a 6-0 lead. The Eagles' two-point conversion attempt failed.

Hoxie was unable to get anything going on offense and was forced to punt. A few minutes later, junior quarterback Kale Arnberger connected with junior wide receiver Corbin Stephens for a 32-yard touchdown reception to increase the Eagles' lead to 12-0. Flanagan powered his way into the end zone to make it 14-0.

Colby's defense continued to look strong. Weber sacked Hoxie's quarterback for a 15-yard loss on the Indians' next possession.

The Eagles threatened to score again in the closing seconds of the first half, but Arnberger's pass was picked off deep in the Indians territory with two seconds

left. The half ended with Colby leading 14-0.

The boys got things going right away in the second half. In the opening minutes of the half, Weber burst through a hole in the defense and motored 50 yards for a touchdown to give the Eagles a 20-0 lead.

"He's faster than most people think," said coach Chris Gardner.

The two-point conversion try failed.

The Eagles' offense struck again a few minutes later when Stickel took the ball twenty-four yards for a touchdown, plowing through two Hoxie defenders before crossing the goal line to extend Colby's lead to 26-0.

"Stick can finish off a run," the coach said.

Stickel kicked the extra point attempt for the Eagles. The kick looked like it sailed over the crossbar but the referee signaled that it was no good.

The Eagles' defense continued to contain Hoxie's running game by plugging up holes. The offense put some more points

on the board in the third when Flanagan took it 10 yards for a touchdown to increase the team's lead to 32-0. The two-point conversion attempt failed.

Hoxie's next possession on offense produced no results, as Colby's defense continued to stifle the Indians' attack. Hoxie was once again forced to punt.

Moments later, with Colby now on offense, Weber would break a few tackles and rumble 49 yards for another touchdown to make it 38-0 Colby. The Eagles failed to score on the two-point conversion, however.

Colby kicked off with less than a minute remaining in the third. Sophomore Jordan Baker laid out the Indians' kick-off returner with a vicious hit with 11 seconds remaining.

Junior Travis Horinek stopped Hoxies' running back for no gain on next play. The third quarter came to an end with Colby leading 38-0.

The Colby defense continued to look strong in the fourth. Several linemen

combined to stop the Indians' ball carrier for no gain on the first play. Hoxie's third-down attempt went for no gain and the Indians were forced to punt.

The junior varsity team played for the duration of the fourth quarter. Sophomore Justin Slavens had a long run to put the Eagles in scoring territory near the end, but Colby was unable to score.

"The second half was a lot crisper than the first half," Gardner told his team and its fans after the game.

Gardner said his team had done a better job of tackling this week. He said his team had been trying to tackle too high in Goodland two weeks ago.

Gardner said it was nice to have four backs (Arnberger, Stickel, Weber and Flanagan) who could all take it to the house when they have the chance.

The team's next game will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Plainville, which is 110 miles east of Colby on U.S. 24 and K-18, or 23 miles straight north of Hays.

A look of intensity



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
Colby Middle School seventh grader Eric Schuette was getting to his feet after a run during a game between the young Eagles and a Hoxie team featuring seventh and eighth graders on Thursday at Dennen Field. Colby lost 28-6.

Women's cross country squad finishes first in Colorado meet

One year after her sister Tonya captured first place at the Colorado College Invitational, sophomore Scarla Nero equaled the feat this season, helping her team to a first-place finish along the way.

Scarla finished first in the 6K event on Saturday with a time of 23 minutes, 50 seconds. The Colby Community College women won the team title with a team score of 32, six points ahead of the host team.

"I was very excited for Scarla to win the meet this year, especially after Tonya won it last season," coach Crystal Berndt said. "She led the race for three out of the four miles. All of the ladies ran very well. I was pleased with everyone's performance on the

team."

Sophomore Hlifti Kahssay finished sixth for the Lady Trojans with 25:03. Breana Yost also finished in the top 10, coming in ninth with 26:05.

Other Lady Trojans times included sophomores Caroline Masai (11th, 26:20) and Tatiana Bartruff (22nd, 28:25); freshmen Nicole Boucher (24th, 29:11) and Jackie Robledo (33rd, 30:00); sophomores Reba Schiesser (35th, 30:04) and Autumn Preston (39th, 32:12); and freshman Lindsay Hoff (33:47).

The women will run in the Oklahoma State Jamboree at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, in Stillwater.

Men's runners finish eighth in Texas

The Colby Community College men's cross country team finished eighth out of 12 teams Friday at the Texas Tech Open in Lubbock, the first 8K run the team has competed in this season.

Sophomore Albert Mong'Ony finished 15th overall with a time of 26 minutes and 39 seconds. Sophomore Lendon Hartshorn had the team's second-best time with 28:19. He finished 50th overall.

Other Trojan times included freshmen Trey Dunsirn, 28:29; Alfredo Arellano, 28:57; Garrett Jones, 29:22; and Jacob Plata,

took first.

Other teams that ran were South Plains College, Eastern New Mexico, Wayland Baptist University, New Mexico Highlands University, Lubbock Christian University, West Texas A&M, Western Texas College, Texas-Periman Basin, Sterling College and Odessa College.

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Broncos defeat Browns

DENVER (AP) — Correll Buckhalter came to the sidelines in the second half Sunday after running an inside zone play and told his fellow Denver Broncos running backs one of them was going to bust a run for a touchdown.

Buckhalter then went out and did the honors himself.

His 45-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter capped a 17-point second half for Denver and added the finishing touch to a 27-6 victory over the Cleveland Browns at Invesco Field.

Buckhalter cut right, then burst into the open field on his longest scoring play in the NFL since Dec. 7, 2003. He completely turned around safety Brodney Pool in space, then rode cornerback Eric Wright into the end zone for the final eight yards or so.

"That's called heart, man," he said. "You're that close to the end zone, you've got to get in."

The Broncos running attack had

been largely pedestrian until that series, with 24 carries for 84 yards. But rookie Knowshon Moreno had consecutive rushes of 5 and 17 yards before Buckhalter's off-tackle sprint. Denver finished with 186 yards and two touchdowns on the ground.

Buckhalter's TD was one of six plays of 25-plus yards for the Broncos' offense, one week after the team had five possessions without a first down, allowed three sacks, dropped five passes and committed four offensive penalties against Cincinnati.

Denver in the opener also had failed to advance past Cincinnati's 30-yard-line before a late 87-yard tipped TD reception by Brandon Stokley won the game.

"Any time you can get those explosive plays, it helps your offense," said receiver Jabar Gaffney.

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