

Drive it down the fairway



Colby Community College sophomore Holly Kibel teed off while playing a round with teammate Alex Owens, also a sophomore, at the Meadow Lake Golf Course last Friday afternoon.

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Eagles destroy Plainville in 50-0 blowout victory

Broadcaster Rich Epp probably summed up the Colby Eagles' performance Friday as well as anyone.

"I saw nothing but balance, balance, balance," Epp said minutes after Colby had demolished Plainville 50-0 last Friday, rounding up a game where seven Eagles' players scored touchdowns.

The game started 40 minutes late due to bad weather. The Colby boys apparently were unfazed by the late start, as they scored 14 points in the first quarter.

Junior quarterback Kale Arnberger hooked up with sophomore tight end Ryan Parker for a 19-yard touchdown to give the Eagles a 6-0 lead. Junior Andrew Flanagin ran it in for the two-point conversion make it 8-0. Later in the quarter, Flanagin ran the ball in for a 1-yard touchdown to make it extend the Eagles' lead to 14-0. The conversion try failed.

The Eagles got on the scoreboard again less than halfway through the second quarter after completing a 65-yard drive. Senior Ethan Stickel was the catalyst for Colby on this drive. Early in the possession, he gained 12 yards on a run. Later in the drive, he scampered 30 yards to the Cardinals' 30-yard line.

The Eagles continued marching downfield on Plainville. The drive culminated with Stickel carrying the ball 3 yards for a touchdown with a little less than eight minutes left in the second quarter. The two-point conversion attempt was unsuccessful.

Colby's defense continued to dominate the Cardinals' offense, and Plainville was forced to punt after three downs. The offense took over at midfield.

The Eagles once again maneuvered their way into scoring position after a couple of strong runs by Flanagin and senior fullback Adam Weber. Weber eventually scored on a 3-yard touchdown run to give Colby a 26-0 lead. The two-point conversion try failed when a run by Stickel was stopped short of the goal line.

One of the Cardinals return men took Colby's kick-off all the way to the Eagles' 31. The momentum Plainville gained from the kick-off return proved to be short-lived, however. When moments later, sophomore Justin Slavens intercepted a pass inside the 1 with less than two minutes remaining in the half.

Stickel gave the Eagles some breathing room by carrying the ball 32 yards to Colby's 36. On the next play, Arnberger rolled to his left and hit sophomore wide receiver Dalton Snyder on the Cardinals' 34.

Arnberger connected with Snyder for a 34-yard touchdown on the next play to give Colby a 32-0 lead. The quarterback kept the football and ran it in for a successful two-point conversion to increase the lead to 34-0.

The boys kicked off to the Cardinals to start the second half. Stickel tackled Plainville's running back for a 3-yard loss on second down. The Cardinals were

forced to punt after three, but Stickel lost the ball on the punt and it was recovered by Plainville at the Eagles' 46.

The Cardinals were able to get one first down, but nothing more. Plainville's quarterback threw a pass into the end zone on fourth and 15, but it was incomplete and the Eagles took over.

Moments later, Arnberger kept the ball and took it 63 yards for a touchdown to extend Colby's lead to 40-0. Stickel took the hand-off and ran it in for a successful two-point conversion to make it 42-0. After the two-point conversion, officials ruled that the clock would run nonstop for the rest of the game, except during timeouts or if someone was hurt.

Sophomore quarterback Michael Tubbs replaced Arnberger at quarterback to start the fourth. Most of the Eagles' starters were replaced by junior varsity and C-team players.

The Eagles advanced the ball to the Cardinals' 25 to start the period. A little later in the drive, Slavens rushed 19 yards inside to get Colby inside the 1 on fourth and five. Slavens finished the drive off with a 1-yard touchdown run to give the Eagles a 48-0 lead. Tubbs kept the football and took it in for a score to make it 50-0 Colby.

Stickel carried the ball 11 times for 147 yards.

The win improved Colby's record to 3-1. The team will play Phillipsburg at 7 p.m. on Friday at Dennen Field.

Tennis team to hold meet Tuesday

The Colby High varsity tennis team will hold a home meet at Fike Park and the tennis courts on the Colby Community College campus starting at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

The girls will be coming off a first-place performance out of 11 teams in Garden City on Saturday.

Junior Caitlyn Wark will be trying to keep her undefeated streak alive in No. 1 singles action. She has yet to lose a match or even a set all season.

The No. 1 doubles duo of senior Barbara Bickner and junior Kayla Hockersmith have had an outstanding season thus far. The

tandem has only suffered one loss all season.

Junior Lauren Shoaff will be competing in No. 2 singles action. Shoaff finished first in the Garden City meet with a 3-0 record. The No. 2 doubles team of juniors Madison Gawith and Megan Schroeder took fourth at the meet.

Lady Eagles go 1-3 in Topeka

The Colby High varsity volleyball team went 1-3 at the Topeka-Seaman Invitational this weekend.

The girls defeated Junction City in three sets (25-23, 24-26, 25-20). They were swept by St. Mary's (19-25, 9-25), Lawrence Free State (13-25, 15-25) and Topeka-Seaman (12-25, 7-25).

"Even though the scores didn't show it, the girls played well," said coach Leslie Wagoner. "It was a grueling day of non-stop

play, but the competition was incredible."

The girls will compete again at 4:30 on Tuesday at Norton in a triangular with Hays and Wheatland.

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