Colby Eagles face Redmen

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Smith Center has won 72 straight games. That being said, the historical football powerhouse lately. Three of their five wins this season have been in closely contested games.

The Redmen's margin of victory in its last three games has been a little over four. Phillipsburg came the closest to breaking Smith Centers' winning streak. They lost to the Redmen 14-12.

The Colby High Football team (4-1) beat this same team by 8 points last Friday at Dennen Field. These comparisons can be less conclusive than they may seem on the surface, but it does suggest that the Eagles have a good chance to win tonight's game if they play well.

The team will need their offensive line to step up and open up holes for their four-man running attack. Senior running back Ethan Stickel, junior running back Andrew Flanagin, senior fullback Adam Weber and junior quarterback Kale Arnberger all have proven they have the capacity to break loose for long runs.

el and Weber have combined for with 10.

ten touchdown runs so far this season. Arnberger and Flanagin have aheintz@nwkansas.com three touchdowns each this year. Flanagin also has eight points stemming from successful twopoint conversions.

Stickel leads the backs in yards has looked a little more human per carry with seven yards a run. He averages over 115 yards per game. Flannagin comes in at a close second on yards per carry gaining over six yards a run.

The Eagles will also need another solid game from junior receiver Corbin Stephens. Stephens' has made huge plays on both offense and defense that played key roles in Colby's victories over Goodland and Phillipsburg. During certain moments in each game he played the role of the game changer by making a tough catch or snatching a interception and taking it 17 yards for a game-winning touchdown. Colby could use some help from some of the teams' other receiving threats like Flannagin, sophomore wide receiver Dalton Snyder and sophomore tight end Ryan Parker. Parker and Snyder have both caught touchdown passes this season.

The team's defense has only given up 22 points in the last four games. That is only a little over 5 points per game. Linebacker Arnberger has ran for two Flanagin leads the team in tackles touchdowns that went over 60 with 13 per game and defensive yards in the last two weeks. Stick- tackle Weber comes in second

Eastern New Mexico took first.

Aiming for a victory



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Golden Plains quarterback Rilee Spresser looked for a receiver during the Bulldog's game against Wheatland/Grinnell last Friday. The Bulldogs defeated the Thunderhawks 54-8 last Friday.

Philadelphia's Lee quiets Rockies' bats as Phillies take game one of playoffs

PHILADELPHIA(AP) - CliffLee was so focused and intent on doing his job he didn't notice the gusty wind — or recognize jokes about it.

Lee dominated the Colorado Rockies, tossing a six-hitter, and the Philadelphia Phillies began their World Series title defense with a 5-1 victory in their playoff opener Wednesday.

Raul Ibanez had two hits and two RBIs, and Ryan Howard and The team will run again at the Javson Werth drove in runs with key extra-base hits off 15-game winner Ubaldo Jimenez.

Lee, the reigning AL Cy Young Award winner, struck out five and had no walks in his first career playoff start. He retired 16 straight batters during one stretch until Garrett Atkins hit a wind-blown double in the seventh. Lee lost his shutout when Troy Tulowitzki doubled in a run with two outs in

Asked by a newspaper columnist how difficult it was to pitch on a day when he was almost getting blown off the mound, Lee replied: "Did I get blown off the mound?"

the ninth.

He paused for a second before realizing the questioner actually meant it literally.

"Oh, the wind," he said. "I thought you were talking about them stroking (the ball) off me."

No one who watched Lee stifle Colorado's potent lineup could've meant anything else.

"He got really, really good as the game went on," Rockies manager Jim Tracy said. "To the point where by the third inning, I don't know if he missed a spot.'

Game 2 of the best-of-five NL division series is set for Thursday with Cole Hamels, last year's World Series and NLCS MVP, on the mound for the Phillies against Colorado's Aaron Cook.

Some questioned manager Charlie Manuel's decision to give Lee the ball over the playoff-tested Hamels for the first game. But Lee made his manager look brilliant with a masterful performance. He mixed a deceptive fastball with off-speed pitches, had pinpoint accuracy and threw 113 pitches.

Trojans runners finish 15th at meet

The Colby Community College men's cross country team finished Nicaise Kazingo of New Mexico 15th out of 28 teams Saturday at Highlands won the meet in 25 the Oklahoma State University minutes. Cowboy Jamboree in Stillwater.

Sophomore Albert Mong'ony Fort Hays State Invitational at 10 came in 17th in the 8K race with a a.m. on Saturday. time of 26 minutes, 4 seconds.

Freshman Trey Dunsirn had the squad's second-lowest time at 27:27., and sophomore Lendon Hartshorn finished with 27:45.

Other times included freshmen Alfredo Arellano, 28:16, and Jacob Plata, 28:2, sophomore Ryan Baalman, 29:04, and freshmen Robert Robledo, 29:33, and Garrett Jones, 29:46.

There were 240 runners in the

"My guys stepped up today," said coach James Hortiz. "We had six of eight athletes hit personal best times. It just shows how hard these guys are working. We finished 15th this year, and it doesn't sound too great, but you put our guys in last years results for this meet and we finish seventh, so a lot of other teams stepped up today as well."

Colby finished 19th last year.

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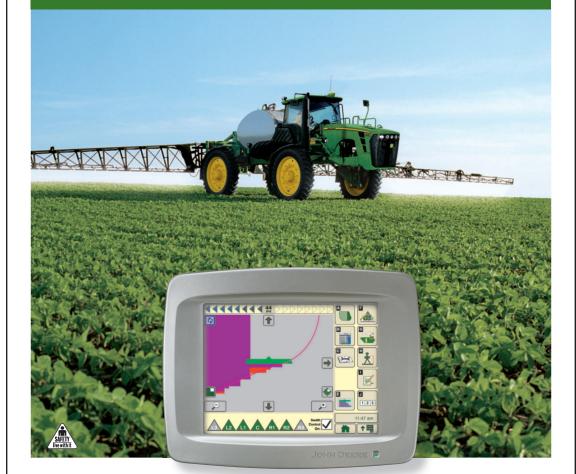
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