

Eagles win big at home

Balanced offense leads to easy win

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The Colby High football team ran roughshod over Hugoton in the annual homecoming game, pounding their opponent 42-2.

Four Eagles scored touchdowns, and senior wide receiver Corbin Stephens caught two touchdown passes. He ended up with 116 receiving yards.

Colby jumped all over Hugoton early and often. Senior quarterback Kale Arnberger found Stephens with a pass as he cut across the middle of the field. The receiver sped down the field and into the end zone for a 58 yard touchdown.

"He's a big kid," said Arnberger. "He finds ways to get open."

Sophomore Trek Keck booted the extra point through the uprights to make it 7-0.

Opening the next series, senior linebacker Andrew Flanagin; senior defensive end Rocque Russell, returning from an injury that kept him out of Colby's opener; and Stephens smothered Hugoton's ball carrier for no gain. Hugoton's running game was stuffed on the next two plays and they were forced to punt.

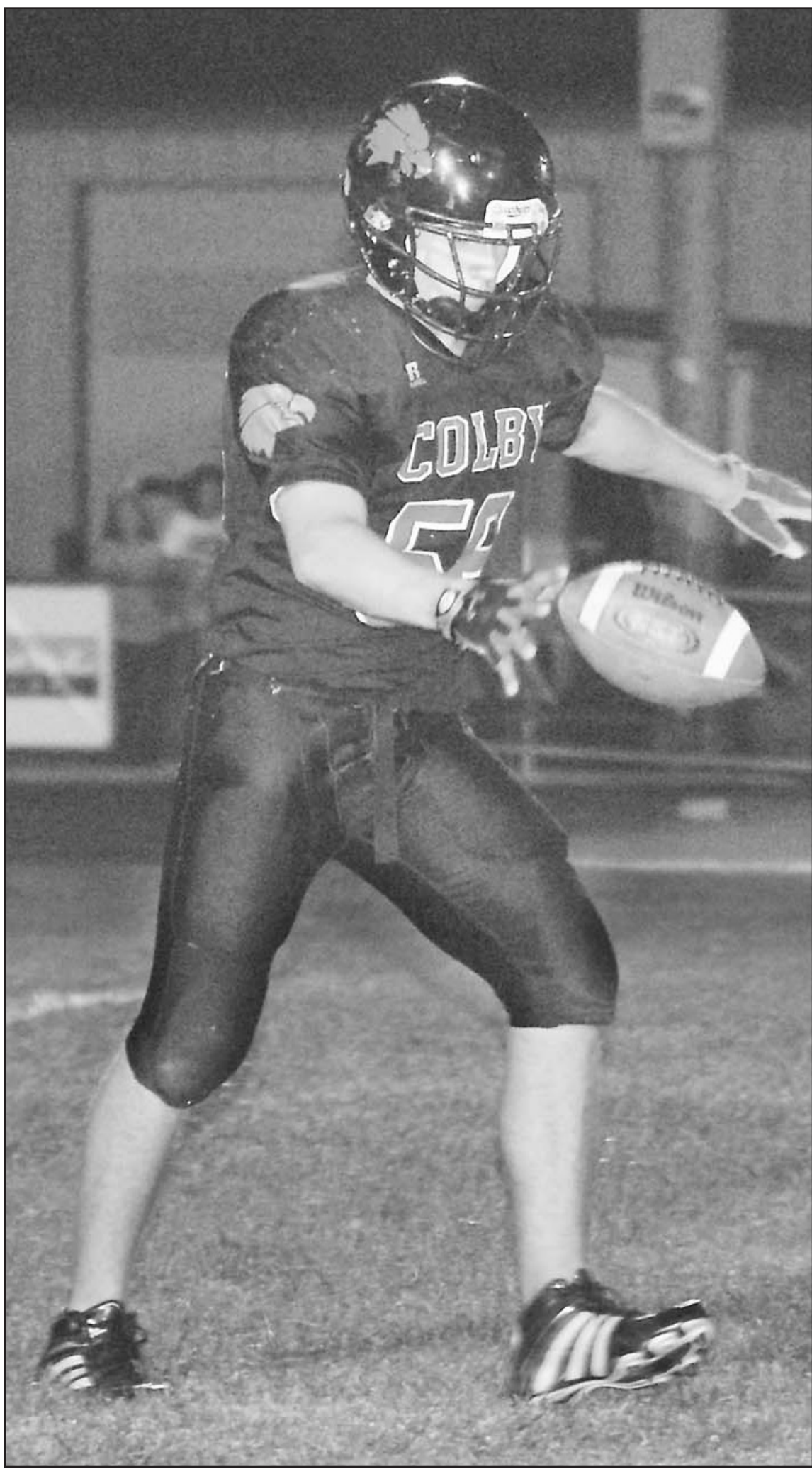
Sophomore running back Beau Brown ran around the left side for a 36-yard touchdown with 5:56 remaining in the first quarter, but Keck's extra-point attempt clanged off the goal posts.

Hugoton got a drive going later in the first quarter. Hugoton ran plays meant to entice the Eagles' defensive ends to go inside, allowing Hugoton's backs to go around them, said senior defensive end Josh Middleton. Hugoton's play calling had the Eagles' a little off-balance and it was able to advance the ball all the way to Colby's one-yard line.

It looked like Hugoton was headed for a touchdown, but Colby's defense buckled down and made a huge stand. Josh Middleton came up with a big tackle at the one. Moments later, senior linebacker Logan Middleton, Josh's twin, tackled a Hugoton back for a loss on fourth and two. Arnberger said the big stop gave his team a lot of confidence.

Flanagin blasted through a hole created by the offensive line and motored 50 yards for a touchdown at the start of the second quarter, but the play was called back because of a holding penalty. This would be a recurring theme for Colby. They ended up having five touchdowns taken away because of penalties.

Later on, Flanagin picked off a pass and ran 70 yards for a touchdown, but once again the play was called back due to a holding penalty, this time on senior defensive tackle Nathan Quagliano several yards behind the ball. Since the



Colby High senior Josh Middleton punted the ball during the Eagles' homecoming game against Hugoton on Friday at Dennen Field.

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penalty happened after the interception, however, the ball remained in Colby's possession.

Arnberger scrambled to the 24. A few plays later, Colby's quarterback rolled to his right and found Josh Middleton for a touchdown. But the play was called back due to a false start.

The Eagles' offense wouldn't be deterred, though. Flanagin took a handoff, charged through a hole in the line and took it 15 yards for a touchdown, breaking a few tackles along the way. Arnberger scored on a keeper, extending the Eagles' lead to 21-0 with 25 seconds left in the half.

Colby's defense continued to stifle Hugoton in the third quarter. Senior George Smollock got a nice tackle on a Hugoton back for no gain. Senior linebacker Ryan Parker almost picked off a pass on

the next play.

Hugoton was forced to punt, and Brown returned it to Hugoton's 37. Later on, Arnberger hit Stephens with a short sideline pass on fourth down. Stephens evaded a tackler and ran for a first down, thanks to an excellent screen block by junior right tackle Braden Sager.

Parker rammed his way into the end zone from four yards out a few plays later. The extra point was good and Colby led 27-0 with 5:09 left in the third. Then Arnberger ran 55 yards for a touchdown in the final minute of the quarter.

Arnberger found Stephens with a screen pass early in the fourth. The Eagles' wide receiver evaded a few tacklers with some fancy footwork and took the ball 25 yards for a touchdown. Keck

booted the extra point and Colby led 42-0.

Coach Chris Gardner took his starters out of the game and sent in the junior varsity with 9:30 left in the fourth. Colby went on to win 42-2.

Sager said the game went well, but the offensive line needed to cut down on penalties. Josh Middleton said the offense was clicking, but the defense should have had more takeaways.

Coach Chris Gardner said he was happy his defense gave up less rushing yards than they had in their home opener at St. Francis. He said they gave up 285 yards on the ground against St. Francis and they gave up 163 yards against Hugoton.

The Eagles will play at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Scott City.

Colby High girls finish in top five

The Colby High junior Emilea Finley took third place out of 105 runners and senior Katrina Kaus took fifth Saturday at the Wamego Invitational.

Finley ran the course in 15 minutes, 44 seconds while Kaus finished in 16:17.

Coach Bob Mannebach said Finley almost came in second. He said the second-place finisher just nipped her at the line.

The coach said Finley is athletic and had determination and desire. He added that Kaus had ran a good race and competed well.

The girls cross country team took seventh out of 16 schools and the boys team finished ninth out of 16. Nineteen schools were represented at the invitational, but only 16 could field a full team, Mannebach said.

The Eagles saw five of their runners take medals by finishing in the top 40 in their race.

"I was really proud of our girls and boys," coach Bob Mannebach said. "Running against the best teams in (Class) 4A and on a very challenging course, they performed well."

The coach said the top ranked 4A teams in the state were in the race. For the girls, he said this includes Baldwin, De Soto, Wamego

and El Dorado and for the boys, Baldwin, Clay Center, Hugoton and Wamego.

Senior Katherine Kaus, Katrina's sister, came in 26th with 17:24. Mannebach said she also ran well.

Senior Kayla Hockersmith completed her race in 18:32. It was the first race of Hockersmith's career. The senior recently quit tennis and joined the cross country team. Mannebach said she ran okay for her first race and he added that she has a lot of potential. Junior Christina Ostmeier finished with 19:32.

On the boys side, sophomore Dustin Reed took 23rd out of 113 runners in 18:16.

"He ran a smart race," the coach said.

Junior Jared Nally finished 33rd with 18:35.

Sophomore John Faber completed the race in 19:32, freshman Reed Stephens, 20; sophomore Brad Schroeder, 21:14; sophomore Blake McNinch, 21:45; and junior Jake Thompson, 22:03.

Mannebach said Stephens had done well for a freshman.

"He will get better as he goes along," the coach added.

The Eagles will run next at 3:45 p.m. Thursday at Hays.

Final racing event crowns champions

By Eric Gaede

Thomas County Speedway

It was a perfect night for racing at the Thomas County Speedway.

Not a cloud was in the sky on the last night of motor sport for 2010.

The race on Sunday, Sept. 5, was run in memory of Jeff Hartwell, a longtime Colby driver who lost his battle to cancer in 2007. A helmet passed through the grandstands raised \$343 dollars for the American Cancer Society in Jeff's name.

Jason Schoenberger, Dustin Daniels, Richard Boon and Jeff Tubbs were all crowned champions in their respective divisions.

Darren Deloach took the win in the Modified division main. Nick Tubbs finished second and Adam Morris finished third, all receiving a gift from Brady Coen. Coen blew up his engine going into turn 3 on the final lap and fell from second to fourth before the finish. Bill Albin was fifth with Marty Clark in sixth. Schoenberger only got to seventh from his 12th-place start, but that was enough to get him the track championship for the year. There were 16 cars on hand.

Bruce Plumisto used a great starting position to hold off all contenders during the Stock Car main event. Daniels tried everything he could but fell just short in the final two turns and had to settle for second. That finish proved to be enough to secure a track championship, however.

Jason Rogers was inches away from taking second from Daniels

and Casey Werkmeister, with a new car to the Colby track, finished fourth. Ryan Wark came in fifth and Jeff Tubbs sixth. There were 16 Stock Cars on the track.

Michael Schamberger got off to a great start, but his night ended early when he broke his right-side axle. Austin Carter took it from there and got the win in the Hobby Stock division, with Boon hot on his heels for second. Boon's finish was enough to earn him the track championship.

Cody Pancake had a nice run and finished third and Daniel Irwin came in fourth. Angel Munoz grabbed the final spot in the top five and Joey Snethen finished sixth. Jake Blackhart was seventh and Jason McIntyre came in eighth. Eleven Hobby Stocks started the main.

Jeff Tubbs took the win and the track championship in the Econo class feature race. Jason Gray gave him a great race, but had to settle for second. Jory Friesen started toward the rear of the field, but he advanced to third before the checkered flag.

Alex West came in fourth and he donated all his winnings to the American Cancer Society. Bryan Guyer finished in the top five and Joe Harper placed sixth. Nine cars started the main.

We had a great season of racing and wish you all a great off-season and an even better race season next year. See you at the track!

Great West Activity League Standings

Team	League Record	Overall Record
Colby	1-0	2-0
Scott City	1-0	2-0
Ulysses	1-0	1-1
Goodland	1-1	1-1
Holcomb	0-1	0-2
Hugoton	0-2	0-2

Applications for funding are being accepted for two grant opportunities at the Thomas County Community Foundation. Non-profit organizations, schools, and government agencies in Thomas County are encouraged to apply by September 30, 2010.

- Kids Can Do! Fund is a \$200 grant that provides funding for classroom and service-learning projects.
- James & Betty G. Secrest Fund supports fine arts, literacy, education, and the professional development of educators.

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