

Eagles suffer first loss on road

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The Colby High varsity football team suffered its first loss of the year on Friday, falling to Scott City 42-14 in a road game.

"We came out a little intimidated and we didn't execute," senior fullback Ryan Parker said.

The Beavers jumped out to an early lead thanks to a strong running game. Scott City's running backs gained large chunks of yardage in the first quarter with runs to the outside and up the middle. The Beavers' first scoring drive featured 29- and 37-yard runs. Scott City's quarterback Ron Baker finished the drive with a two-yard quarterback sneak to make it 6-0. The extra point was good.

The Eagles' offense was inconsistent throughout the first half. Scott City eventually extended its lead to 21-0 after Dalton Buehler caught a pass and ran for a 41-yard touchdown.

Colby went on a sustained drive featuring some tough runs by Parker and senior tailback Andrew Flanagin. The Eagles marched down near the Beavers' goal line. It looked like Colby's drive might not yield any points, but senior quarterback Kale Aramberger was able to get a first down on a fourth down and short situation.

A few plays later, Aramberger found senior wide receiver Corbin Stephens with a pass in the end zone, cutting the Beavers' lead to 21-6. Sophomore Trek Keck boot-ed the extra point.

Scott City came right back and scored a touchdown. Baker found Brayden Robinson with a 37-yard completion that left Scott City at Colby's 7 yard line. Moments later, the Beavers' Colburn Couchman took the hand-off and ran it in for a touchdown with a little over a minute remaining in the half.

Scott City made its first big mistake in the third. The Beavers' ball carrier fumbled a pitch that was a little behind him, allowing senior defensive end Rocque Russell to recover it on the Beavers' own 26.

Flanagin and Parker both gained solid yards on runs thanks in part to holes created by the Eagles' offensive line. Flanagin creased through a hole on the left side of the line and ran it to the Beavers' four yard line. Then the Eagles



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Colby High senior tailback Andrew Flanagin ran through a hole in the line during the Eagles' game Friday at Scott City. Colby suffered its first loss of the season, falling to the Beavers 42-14. With the loss, The Eagles dropped to 2-1.

lost 10-yards after a pitch to Flanagin was fumbled. Aramberger found senior Christian Wilson on the left sideline on the three-yard line. Wilson broke two tackles and ran it in for a touchdown, cutting the Beavers' lead to 28-13. Keck made the extra point.

The Eagles' defense looked rejuvenated when Scott City returned to offense. Aramberger and senior linebacker Logan Middleton both made nice tackles. On the next play, a swarm of Eagles defenders tackled Scott City's ball carrier for a loss. But a flag was thrown and Colby was called for a face mask giving the Beavers a first down. Scott City drove the

Great West Activity League Standings

Team	League Record	Overall Record
Colby	1-1	2-1
Scott City	2-0	3-0
Ulysses	1-0	2-1
Goodland	2-1	2-1
Holcomb	0-2	0-3
Hugoton	0-2	0-3

ball all the way to Colby's nine-yard line. But the Eagles' defense made a huge stand and Scott City was unable to get any points on the board. Flanagin sacked Baker

for a big loss on the Eagles' 25-yard line on fourth down.

Russell said Scott City gained most of their running yards going inside the tackles. He said in

the second half his team was more successful at stopping the Beavers' running game because the guards and tackles were looking up to make sure they saw where the ball was going.

Colby's offense couldn't get much going for the rest of the game. Baker and Beavers' running back Jason Williams scored one touchdown each before the end of the game and Scott City won 42-14.

The Beavers rushed for 315 yards and Jason Williams finished with 123 yards on 16 carries.

With the loss, the Eagles dropped to 2-1. They play Holcomb at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Dennen Field.

Teams look to improve

The Colby Middle School eighth grade volleyball teams played Tuesday at Colby High School.

The Eagles' A team went 1-1 in a triangular against Scott City and Goodland. Colby swept Scott City 25-18, 25-10 and it lost to Goodland 25-19, 25-15.

Coach Shirley Aramberger said her team played well against Scott City.

"The girls did a good job of trying to set the ball up, and we had some great hits," Aramberger said. "The girls were playing the net pretty tough. I was really impressed with them."

The coach said her team was playing pretty well against Goodland, but they shut down at some point in the match.

"They all of a sudden became timid players and lost all of their confidence," Aramberger said. "We also struggled a little bit on our serving."

The coach said she had a good serving team, they just need to be a little more consistent.

"They have so much talent, I just wish they would have a little more faith in themselves," Aramberger said.

The middle school teams also played Saturday at Goodland in a round robin. The A team won two out of three matches and the B lost all four matches.

The A squad beat Wray, Colo., 15-8, 15-17, 15-8 and swept Burlington, Colo., 15-11, 15-10. The team lost to Norton 15-8, 9-15, 15-7.

"The A-team played well and did a wonderful job with serving and setting the ball up," Aramberger said. "They keep improving more and more each week."

The coach said her team was starting to get some of the main concepts of the game.

"I've seen a lot of growth and I have high expectations about what these girls can accomplish," she said.

The B squad lost to Goodland twice 6-15, 15-9, 15-5 and 14-16, 15-6, 17-15. The girls also fell to Burlington 15-7, 10-15, 15-2 and Holcomb 15-12, 15-5.

"The B-team is making progress," the coach said. "They did a good job of trying to set the ball up."

Aramberger said the B-team is struggling at serving and returning serves.

Lady Trojans' volleyball team goes 4-0 in tourney

The Lady Trojans' volleyball team extended its winning streak to six this weekend by winning all four of their matches in a tournament in West Burlington, Iowa.

The tournament was held by Southeastern Iowa Community College. The Colby volleyball squad beat Highland Community College from Illinois in four sets 23-25, 25-19, 25-22, 25-16 in its first match of the tournament on Friday.

Sophomore Gabrielly Cardoso had 14 kills and freshman Ana

Calito had 13 kills.

Later that day, the Lady Trojans defeated Iowa Central Community College from Fort Dodge, Iowa, in five sets. Colby lost its first set 25-19. The Lady Trojans split the next two sets, easily winning the second 25-7 but dropping the third 25-22. Colby won its next set 26-24 and beat Iowa Central in the fifth 15-10.

"We got the job done in the fifth set," coach Carey Jones said.

The Lady Trojans dropped their first set to Lake Land Community

College from Mattoon, Ill., on Saturday 25-17. But the Lady Trojans bounced back to win the next three sets 26-24, 25-14, 25-12.

The women swept Carl Sandburg College from Galesburg, Ill., in their last match of the tournament 25-18, 25-17, 25-19. The coach said everyone on her team was able to play in the match. Cardoso had 16 kills.

With the four wins, the Lady Trojans improved to 14-5. Colby plays Hutchinson tonight at the Community Building. Hutchinson

and Colby are both 2-1 in the Kansas Jayhawks Community College Conference. Jones said she was fairly confident that her team will pull out a win tonight.

If Colby wins they will be tied for either first or second place in the conference. Seward County Community College from Liberal, Dodge City Community College

and Pratt Community College are all 3-1. Dodge City plays Cloud County Community College from Concordia tonight. If Dodge wins they will be in first, but if they lose and Colby wins, the Lady Trojans will be in a three-way tie for first with Seward and Pratt.

Running back leads Wildcats to win

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas State gave the ball to Daniel Thomas as much as they could and dared Iowa State to stop him.

Thomas proved to be too tough for the Cyclones to handle.

Thomas rushed for 181 yards and two touchdowns on a career-high 34 carries and Kansas State rallied to beat Iowa State 27-20 on Saturday and improve to 3-0 for the first time since 2006.

"They told me to be ready to handle the load, but I didn't know it was going to be 34 carries," said Thomas, who has gained 552 yards through three games. "I want the

ball every play if I can take it." Carson Coffman added 104 passing yards for the Wildcats (3-0, 1-0 Big 12).

It didn't quite match the drama of last year's matchup in Kansas City — won by Kansas State 24-23 on a late blocked extra-point try — but it took nearly 60 minutes for the Wildcats to close out Iowa State yet again.

Thomas's 2-yard TD run gave Kansas State a 24-20 lead with 6:47 left. Brandon Harold then sacked Iowa State's Austen Arnaud with 1:58 left and recovered a fumble, setting up a 42-yard

field goal by Josh Cherry 20 seconds later.

The Cyclones drove to the Wildcats' 36-yard line with 19 seconds left, but Arnaud threw a pair of incompletions to end the rally.

Arnaud threw for 122 yards and a touchdown to lead Iowa State (1-2, 0-1), which lost its third straight to Kansas State.

"We had our spots of good and we had our spots of bad. Definitely penalties killed us today," Arnaud said. "We've got to be a smarter football team. We've got to execute better in times when it's crunch time."

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