



Colby High wide receiver Corbin Stephens, pictured here catching a pass at practice, caught the game winning touchdown with three seconds left in the Eagles' game at Russell on Thursday. The 22-yard reception gave Colby a 48-40 win.

Eagles overcome odds, pick up dramatic win

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Colby High senior wide receiver Corbin Stephens' 22-yard touchdown catch in the final seconds of the game gave Colby a 48-40 come-from-behind win at Russell on Thursday.

The Eagles overcame a 20-point deficit on their way to picking up the victory.

"I'm extremely proud of them," coach Chris Gardner said.

The dramatic win allowed Colby's seniors to end their high school careers in grand fashion.

"It was good to go out with a win," Stephens said.

The boys got off to a shaky start, which allowed the Broncos to build up an early lead. Senior center Drew White said the game was about fighting through adversity.

Senior running back Andrew Flanagin got things going for his team in the second quarter. He caught a screen pass in the open field and charged down the left sideline. It looked as if Flanagin would be knocked out of bounds near the goal line, but he broke a few tackles and scored a 56-yard touchdown.

Gardner said junior Trevor Strutt provided some good down field blocking on the play.

Then Arnberger scored on a quarterback keeper, cutting the Broncos' lead to 20-8.

Russell fumbled on its next possession and sophomore Trek Keck recovered it on the Broncos' own 46-yard line. Senior fullback Ryan Parker ran through a hole in the middle of the line for a 10-yard touchdown several plays later. He also ran in the two-point conver-

sion.

Russell answered with a three-yard touchdown run by Ryan Zachman with a little over a minute left in the half. Good coverage by senior cornerback Christian Wilson prevented the Broncos from getting two more points.

The offensive line really stepped up in the second half, creating big holes for Parker and Flanagin to run through.

"We thought we might as well be an example for next years' linemen," White said.

Gardner said that coach Matt Sims made some adjustments that helped the offense in the second half.

The Eagles' marched down the field on a methodical drive early in the third. Stephens made a catch near the right sideline that he almost took in for a touchdown.

The drive ended with a short touchdown run by Parker to make it 26-22. Arnberger got into the end zone on a keeper.

Russell's Nash Karst shed a few tackles and took it 37 yards for a touchdown on the Broncos' next possession. Their extra points attempt was successful.

Colby went on another sustained drive that resulted in a seven-yard touchdown run by Parker. Then Parker plowed his way into the end zone, cutting the Broncos' lead to 34-32 with four seconds left in the third.

Russell led 40-32 when Flanagin charged through a hole in the line and motored 64 yards for a touchdown. Arnberger scored on a keeper with two defenders hanging on him, tying the game.

The Broncos' Karst busted loose from the pack on a long run before being brought down at the Eagles' 21. But the Eagles' defense tight-

ened up after that. Linebacker Parker made a tackle on fourth and four, which gave Colby's offense the ball on its own 19.

The Eagles' offense was unable to get any points on the board and Russell regained possession after Arnberger was tackled short of the first down marker on fourth down. But Colby got another chance at a win after senior defensive linemen Travis Horinek recovered a Russell fumble on the Broncos' 34.

Arnberger found a wide open Stephens for a touchdown and Colby walked away with a hard-fought victory. The Eagles finished the season with a 4-5 record.

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Former Trojans' coach returns with new team

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Former Colby Community College wrestling coach Steve Lampe will bring his new Northwest Kansas Technical College wrestling team to town to compete in the Daniel Cormier Open at 9 a.m., Saturday at the Community Building.

Lampe coached the Trojans for 35 years before retiring and accepting the job at the technical college. He will also be the Mavericks' athletic director.

During his time at Colby the Trojans won the National Junior College wrestling championship in 1999 and were runners up in 2003. He was named National Junior College Coach of the Year in 1984 and 1990. Lampe was inducted into the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame in 1999.

Lampe said his wrestlers, much like every other team he's coached, our tired of looking at each other every day in practice and are ready to compete. Lampe will be working with a young team that features only one sophomore.

The squad's lone sophomore is Anthony Pike, a two-time state champion from Sunnyside School in Tucson, Ariz. He will be wrestling in the 174 pound class. Lampe said Pike is probably his squad's best wrestler.

Pike is one of several wrestlers Lampe recruited from Sunnyside. Lampe said Sunnyside has been the

most prominent high school in Arizona in terms of wrestling talent for the past 30 years. The other wrestlers Lampe recruited from school include: Nicholas Gonzalez, one-time state champion at 149, Diego Bravo, at 184; and Alex Akers, 125.

Other wrestlers on the Mavericks' squad include Ricky Zaldez Ricardo, from Arizona at 285; Daulet Aliev from Uzbekistan, 157; Danny Floyd, three-time state champion from Osborne, 133; and Taylor Wuthnow, a state champion from Abilene who lost to Colby High Class 4A State Champion Tanner Kriss in the state finals two years ago, 197; Isaiah Bustos from Texas, 141; Caleb Crump, a runner up at state from Desert High School in Arizona, 165.

Lampe said his assistant coach and former Trojans' wrestler Nick Kriss has done a good job in his first year coaching. He said Kriss has been a big help, especially with the heavier weight classes. Lampe said his wrestlers in the top four weight groups are very good and Kriss, who wrestled at 197 his sophomore year at Colby, can work with all of them.

He said he would like to have a dual against his old school, whether it be at Colby or Goodland. Lampe said dueling fellow junior college wrestling programs is good for everyone.

Lampe makes his debut as Mavericks' Coach when his team takes on the United Air Force Preparatory School from Colorado tonight at Max Jones Field House in Goodland.

Lady Bulldogs struggle in tourney

By Judy Rogers

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The Golden Plains High School volleyball team had some close matches at the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament, but they were unable to pick up a victory and get out of pool play.

The tournament took place in Brewster on Oct. 16. The girls were in a pool with Wheatland-Grinnell, Wallace County, and Cheylin-Brewster.

The girls lost their first match to Wallace County 25-12, 25-22. The girls started out tied at 8-8 in the first set, before Wallace County

pulled ahead and won the set 25-12.

In the second, the Lady Bulldogs jumped out to a 7-3 lead. They continued to work hard and extended their lead to 12-4 before the Lady Wildcats scored a few points. But the girls held strong and won the set 25-22.

Senior Jacy Moss had some nice tip shots followed by a great spike along with a front row block by freshman Kylie Jones in the final set. Jones also had a good set that was spiked by teammate Hailee Spresser.

The highlights were not enough, however, and the Lady Wildcats won the set 25-14.

The Lady Bulldogs were swept by Wheatland-Grinnell 25-10, 25-20.

After dropping the first set 25-10, the girls fell behind 8-4 in the second. A five-serve streak by Jones gave the girls a 9-8 lead.

The Lady Thunderhawks regained the serve and scored eight of the next nine, giving them a 16-10 lead. The Lady Bulldogs scored six straight points off volleys and serves by Melissa Ritter. The girls kept it close, but the Lady Thunderhawks won the set 25-20.

The Lady Bulldogs were swept by Cheylin-Brewster in their final match 25-9, 25-19.

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