

Thunderhawks bring down Bulldogs

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The Wheatland-Grinnell Thunderhawks brought down the Golden Plains High School Bulldogs 38-18 in a Western Kansas Liberty League and District 6 football contest.

The game opened on the field in Grainfield on Oct. 19 with the Bulldogs receiving from the 'Hawks. The Bulldogs moved the ball down the field with carries by Andrew Luna and Jose Bermudez before a pass from Grant Spresser to Luna connected to put the 'Dogs near the goal line. Tristan Schwarz finished the drive with a 1-yard touchdown to put the Bulldogs in the lead 6-0.

After a failed two-point conversion, the Thunderhawks took over, adding a touchdown to their side of the board. A two-point conversion and a safety put the 'Hawks in the lead 10-6 at the end of the first quarter.

The Bulldogs continued to work hard in the second period, and following a Thunderhawks touchdown, Chance Hoeting flipped

into the end zone for another Bulldog score.

The Bulldogs kicked back to the 'Hawks, who consistently moved the ball toward the goal line to gain another touchdown and conversion to extend their lead. With one more 'Hawks touchdown, the Bulldogs trailed 32-12 at the half.

The game was far from over, as both teams dug in during the third quarter and their defensive squads powered through to allow no score. The Bulldogs stopped the 'Hawks near their goal line as the quarter wound down.

The 'Dogs started the fourth by punting back to the 'Hawks, who broke through for a final Thunderhawk score. The 'Dogs turned the ball over once again.

Despite the 'Hawks' attempts to move the ball, the Bulldog defense kept them out of the end zone, forcing them to turn the ball back over to the Bulldogs at the goal line. After quarterback Spresser handed the ball off to Luna, Luna broke through the line and the Thunderhawk defense for the longest rushing play in the Western Kansas Liberty League this season. He sprinted for a 79-yard

touchdown and the final points of the night.

The 'Hawks still had time for one more possession, but were stopped by the Bulldog defense and the game ended with the Thunderhawks winning 38-18.

Luna led the Bulldog rushing with a total of 165 yards. Also rushing for Bulldog gains were Bermudez with 44 yards and Chance Hoeting with 8. Grant Spresser threw for 100 yards to receivers Tristan Schwarz, 58 yards; Bermudez, 31; and Luna, 11.

Sophomore Benny Martinez led the Bulldogs' strong defense with 14 tackles. Seniors Jesus Garcia and Camron Spresser each claimed 11 tackles while senior Luna had 10 and senior Bermudez tallied 9. Other tackles were credited to Hoeting with 7, Schwarz 6, Josh Barnhart 6, Domonic Luna 4, Joseph Koerperich 2, Braden Korte 2, Cole Ziegelmeier 2 and Koi Wessel and Kade Wessel 1 each. Hoeting recovered a fumble.

The Bulldogs played their final game of the season Oct. 25 when they traveled to Almena to face off with the Northern Valley Huskies in a nondistrict contest.

Golden Plains girls team wrap up season in Brewster

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The Golden Plains High School Lady Bulldogs went into the sub-state volleyball tournament in Brewster as the third seed with a record of 23-14. They won their first match against Cheylin, then lost to Weskan in the semifinals to end their season.

The Lady Bulldogs played the second game of the day on Oct. 20 against the Cheylin Lady Cougars. The Lady Bulldogs started off with communication conflicts in the first match, but redeemed themselves to get the win in the first set, 25-18. Golden Plains played a close second match, but managed to pull off a 25-20 victory to advance to the semifinals.

The Lady Bulldogs sat out a match, and then took on the No. 2-seeded Weskan Lady Coyotes. Golden Plains started off slow and fell to the Lady Coyotes in the first set 25-14. The Lady Bulldogs fought back in the second game to win, 25-23. In the third set, Weskan took control, ending the Lady Bulldogs season 25-8.

Golden Plains started off the season right, placing third in the Healy tournament. They had many

ups and downs, then a nine-match winning streak, sweeping quads in Healy, Quinter and at home.

Falling short in Winona to end their streak, the Lady Bulldogs worked hard to place as runner up at the Ringneck Classic in Hill City, which Golden Plains hadn't placed in for six years.

The Lady Bulldogs hit a rough patch at Trego County, but quickly picked themselves up for the league tournament, taking second place. As the season wound down, the Lady Bulldogs were disappointed by the way substate turned out, but couldn't hang their heads because it turned out to be the "most unforgettable season ever."

Coach Orba Smith reflected on the season, saying the team was full of leaders.

"In a preseason interview, I was asked who I thought our team leaders would be," Smith said. "I said I believed I had a whole team of leaders. Now that our season is over, my answer would still be the same. All of the girls bought into and contributed to the concepts of team unity and togetherness. Their positive attitudes, as well as their emotional, intense and united play, were evidence of the girls' dedica-

tion to the team and to each other.

"One Team, One Goal, One Heart, One Soul," our team slogan, was embraced by not only the players and coaches, but by parents and grandparents, who brought in pre-match meals and snacks, led cheers and provided encouragement and support throughout the year. All of this contributed to making the 2012 season one of the most successful in GP volleyball's recent history, as well as one of the most enjoyable for me as a coach.

"We will definitely miss our two seniors, however, with the great nucleus of talented returning players, I envision this team picking up right where we left off, and look forward to preparing for the 2013 season."

"Overall, I felt our season was a success," senior Angela Ritter said. "In my four years of volleyball, this was by far the best season I have been a part of. We may not have ended the way we wanted to, but I'm proud to have finished my senior volleyball career with such an outstanding group of girls. I wish the best for all of them next year and look forward to watching them as they continue to climb to the top."



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Kasey Hoyt (left) dove for the ball Thursday during the Colby Community College women's basketball game at the Community Building. This was the Lady Trojans' first game, which they lost 50-45.

Lady Trojans squad loses close first game

Though they tied the score with a minute left to play, the Colby Community College women lost their first basketball game of the season to Lamar Community College 50-45 Thursday at the Community Building.

The Lady Trojans were behind by three points at halftime and led the Lady 'Lopes by as much as eight points in the second half. With under a minute left in the game, Colby scored a field goal to tie the game at 45. However, Lamar edged out the Lady Trojans in the remaining seconds.

Agnese Aramina was 10 of 17 from the field, scoring 28 points, including 8 three-point shots. Seven of the three-pointers were in the second half. She also had seven rebounds.

Liene Liepina had 7 points including a free

throw, plus 12 rebounds and 2 blocks. Hailey Dinkel scored 5 points, including a free throw, and had 2 rebounds and a steal.

Kasey Hoyt had 3 points and a rebound and Linda Pagrode had 2 points and 8 rebounds.

Colby made 17 of 60 field goals, 9 three-pointers and 2 free throws. The women grabbed 46 rebounds, 20 on offense and 26 on defense, along with 2 blocks and 4 steals.

Colby turned the ball over 18 times while Lamar had eight turnovers. The Lady Trojans committed 20 fouls to Lamar's 15.

The women's next game will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Community Building for the Ambassador Classic. They will play again at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

K-State quarterback hurt Saturday

MANHATTAN (AP) — Third-ranked Kansas State's perfect season remained intact Saturday night.

So did its national title hopes.


The future of both may be in jeopardy, though, after Heisman Trophy front-runner Collin Klein left in the third quarter of a 44-30 victory very Oklahoma State with an undisclosed injury.

Kansas State coach Bill Snyder declined to dis-

cuss the nature or severity of it afterward, and said he wasn't sure whether Klein would be available for next Saturday's game at TCU.

Klein had thrown for 245 yards and run for 64 more before sneaking in for his 50th career rushing touchdown with 9:47 left in the third quarter to give Kansas State a 38-17 lead.


It wasn't clear when he got hurt, but Daniel Sams played the rest of the way.



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