

Tigers run amok at Colby's Homecoming

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Beautiful slobber-knocking wipe-out blocks highlighted two terrific Colby touchdown plays covering 125 yards Friday night.

Sophomore Ben Matchell's kickoff return not only covered 92 yards, it started on the left sideline and went clear cross-field while Eagle blockers took out potential Ulysses tacklers.

Senior Adam Taylor's TD journey required another 33 yards. It began with a perfectly-timed screen pass from quarterback Josh Matchell.

The journey became really interesting when sophomore Bryce Arnberger pancake-flattened one Tiger obstacle.

Boom, down you go was a perfect description.

It ended when Taylor made one nifty step to cut inside the final Tiger.

Yet unfortunately, the Homecoming crowd also witnessed what happened when big cats run free and create carnage inside an Eagle's "house".

"With respect to (3A No. 1) Scott City, we knew that Ulysses was probably the best, most physical team we'll play all year," Colby coach Chris Gardner said about the Tigers.

Ulysses unleashed a punishing ground attack led by fullback Ian Rudznik's 112 yards on just 13 carries (8.7 yards per attempt).

The Tigers tallied seven TDs overall, with only two requiring a forward pass during their 52-16 victory.

Scott City needed four quarters to score 26 points against Colby a week earlier. On Friday, Ulysses reached 31 midway through quarter two.

"I was a little upset with the second quarter," Gardner said. "We were letting them (Ulysses) get some yards after contact. We have to tackle lower on a team like that."

Colby actually owned some momentum after that Ben Matchell late first-quarter return.

The Eagles made one good de-



fensive stop as sophomore Garrett Rose ripped through and dropped one Tiger for a three-yard loss.

However, Ulysses calmly booted a 41-yard field goal — not often seen in high school football — to regain command at 17-6.

The Tigers stuffed Colby's next series on three plays and saw a shanked punt set up great field position.

One play later, one of those rare Ulysses passes went 21 yards to pigskin paradise. The PAT kick promptly put those no-fun visitors ahead 24-6.

Rudznik's 33-yard run made it 31-6 before Taylor matched that distance with his first touchdown of the season. Ben Matchell shook loose for about 20 yards to set up the score.

The 31-14 halftime score gave Colby at some comeback hope. Perhaps the Tigers would take long cat naps during intermission and sleepwalk through that second

half. It didn't happen.

In fact, Ulysses tallied another three TDs within eight minutes. Their lead reached 52-14 and only a second-half running clock really seemed to slow Ulysses' attack.

The game's final score didn't arrive until less than two minutes remained.

After some tough late Colby defense pinned the Tigers inside their own five, an ensuing high snap eluded Ulysses' leaping punter.

He chased that loose pigskin in his own end zone, and hustling defender Keegan Morgan led Colby's charge to tackle this Tiger for a safety.

The Eagles' season record slipped to 0-3 with losses to Oakley, Scott City and now Ulysses.

"I told the guys you just played three very good football teams," Gardner said. The Eagles only trailed 14-12 through one half

against Scott City.

"But we can't keep going up and down like a roller coaster," he added. "We're not young anymore. At some point, we have to start playing like we know what we're doing more consistently."

Some other Colby highlights from the Homecoming game:

First quarter

The one Eagle drive ending on Taylor's screen-pass TD was easily their best highlight.

Second quarter

Trailing 52-14, Colby continued to show great effort as Taylor rumbled for his best rushing game this season. Official Colby stats will likely be featured later this

week. Quarterback Josh Matchell also ran to a first down at Ulysses' 26. Yet the Tigers later forced fourth down, and an Eagle pass fell short.

Fourth quarter

The safety and some more Taylor runs were most memorable. Other young Colby players contributed to posting that final-period shutout.

The Colby quest for win No. 1 at Hugoton Friday evening (7:30 p.m.).

Again, watch for more details later in the week.

Titans, 'Dogs both fall to 1-2

Topping half-a-hundred points became the theme for foes of area varsity football teams Friday evening.

While Ulysses tallied 52 at Colby, the Triplains-Brewster Titans fell 53-0 to a tough Wallace County team at Sharon Springs.

Wallace County remained unbeaten (3-0) while Triplains-

Brewster dropped its second consecutive game after an opening win.

Meanwhile, the Golden Plains Bulldogs expected better success against 0-2 Greeley County at Tribune.

Yet the Jackrabbits were impossible to catch throughout a 66-24 victory.

Additional details from both contests will likely appear later this week.

Both teams can enjoy home games this week. Tri-Plains Brewster (1-2) will get a visit from Wheatland-Grinnell while Golden Plains welcomes Weskan.

Both contests are set to kick off at 7 p.m.

Crusaders clobber Flint Hills

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Brook Ziegelmeier's pair of "pick six" interceptions meant Heartland Christian defense alone doubled the Flint Hills Christian point total during a 58-6 win Saturday evening.

Ziegelmeier returned those picks about 60 and 40 yards to touchdowns as the visiting Crusaders (2-1 record) scored 58 unanswered points.

"Defensively, we did a nice job. They (Flint Hills) only scored on the first drive of the game with a quick little pass," coach Steve Ziegelmeier explained. "We let them get behind us."

Yet Heartland's 6-0 deficit lasted for exactly one play. Blaine

Wertz returned the ensuing kickoff about 70 yards to a tying TD, and winless Flint Hills (0-3) never recovered.

Heartland Christian literally reached pigskin six-point paradise every way possible: defense, special teams and — of course — offensively.

Wertz supplied plenty off offense with two rushing touchdowns, one long distance from about 45 yards away.

Heartland also attacked through the air as Brennan Ziegelmeier delivered about a 20-yard scoring strike to Corey Wertz.

"We passed the ball a lot better, which is something we worked on a lot last week," coach Ziegelmeier said.

Sophomore Caleb Morris joined in the fun by adding his

own one-yard scoring. Morris blasted across the goal line two more times on two-point conversion runs.

Blayne Wertz added a fumble recovery before the game was called with about two minutes remaining in its third period.

"It was their (Flint Hills) coach's decision," coach Ziegelmeier said. "It was fun to see the kids perform well. We still have some things to work on, though."

The Crusaders visit Western Plains-Healy next for a Friday 7 p.m. contest.

Public Notice

ORDINANCE INCORPORATING THE UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE BY REFERENCE

ORDINANCE NO. 318

An ordinance regulating public offenses within the corporate limits of the City of Brewster, Kansas; incorporating by reference the "Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities," edition of 2013.

Be it Ordained by the Governing Body of the City of Brewster, Kansas:

Section 1. INCORPORATING UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE. There is hereby incorporated by reference for the purpose of regulating public offenses within the corporate limits of the City of Brewster, Kansas, that certain code known as the "Uniform Public Offense Code," Edition of 2013, prepared and published in book form by the League of Kansas Municipalities, Topeka, Kansas. One official copy of said "Uniform Public Offense Code" shall be marked or stamped "Official Copy as Adopted by Ordinance No. 318," and to which shall be attached a copy of this ordinance, and filed with the city clerk to be open to inspection and available to the public at all reasonable hours.

Section 2. REPEAL. Ordinance No. 311 is repealed.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED by the Council the 10th day of September, 2013.

APPROVED and SIGNED by the Mayor this 10th day of September, 2013.

/s/ Rex Jamison
Mayor, City of Brewster, Kansas

Attest:
/s/ Daryl Ann Jorgensen
City Clerk, City of Brewster, Kansas

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