

Cubs drop nail-biter to Eagles

Brownfield sees early lead fade as rain falls

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Brownfield Cub fans got another ride on the roller coaster that is the 2012 season thus far on a soggy night at Cub Stadium Friday.

The Cubs were firing on all cylinders early in the Homecoming match-up with the Pecos Eagles.

But the inconsistent play that has plagued the Cubs through their pre-district schedule once again cost them the game in nail-biting fashion as the clock ticked down in the final minutes of the game.

The Cubs marched down field and took advantage of a Pecos penalty to end up on the Eagles' 12-yard line with first and ten and a minute and a half to play in the game.

Four consecutive missed passes, including two bobbled in the end zone, ended the last ditch effort to come from behind and gave the Eagles the win.

"This one hurts because we needed a win and we know we could have had a win," said Cubs Head Coach Bryan Welps after the game. "We made a lot of progress compared to last week and we kept our composure and played as a team. I'm very proud of the guys for that. But we have got to stop making mistakes that cost us points and cost us games."

The Cubs drew first blood early in the first quarter with a 20-yard run up the left side by senior Rocky Rey at the 8:32 mark in the first quarter.

The point-after by senior kicker Michael Munoz put the Cubs on top, 7-0.

The Cubs made a big defensive stop on the Eagles' next possession, stopping them on fourth down with two yards to go.

Brownfield was forced to punt on their next possession, but junior Omar Alvarez put the ball on Pecos' own 2-yard line.

Another big stop by the Cubs' defense forced the Eagles to punt, which sophomore Cub Jordan Demps returned to Pecos' 27-yard line.

The Cubs moved the ball to the 11-yard line, setting up a 21-yard field goal by Munoz at the 3:16 mark to increase Brownfield's lead to 10-0, which would last through the remainder of the opening quarter.

The Cubs continued their hot streak with a 27-yard pass play from senior quarterback Cade Powell to Demps who went up the middle for a touchdown with just over six minutes to play in the half.

Another Munoz PAT gave the Cubs a 17-0 advantage midway through the second quarter.

Just three minutes later, the Cubs found the end zone again when Powell connected with

sophomore Simon Jacquez who pulled the pass down in heavy traffic then ran 40-yards for the score.

Munoz' PAT went low, but Brownfield was on top 23-0 with 3:28 to play in the first half.

The Eagles finally got on the board with a deep catch by Michael Carrocco at the 2:46 mark in the second quarter.

A wide-right point after attempt left the Eagles trailing the Cubs 23-6.

Just two minutes later, Pecos was in the end zone again, on a one-yard catch by Justin Thornton with :25 to play in the half.

At the buzzer, the Cubs took a 23-13 lead into the locker room.

The only score of the third quarter belonged to Pecos, who scored with another pass play just four minutes into the half.

Two minutes into the final frame, Pecos got its first lead of the contest with another pass with just shy of 10 minutes to play.

A Pecos touchdown was called back at the 4:40 mark because of a flag for an ineligible receiver down field.

The penalty had the Eagles facing third and 11, but the Cubs defense made a big stop with a quarterback sack from Alvarez and senior Rodney Warren, forcing a punt.

With just over three minutes to play, the Cubs had the ball with four points to make up and a lot of field to cover.

Brownfield marched down field, picking up several first downs along the way and reaping the benefits of a 15-yard face mask penalty called against a Pecos defender.

Unfortunately the Cubs efforts weren't enough and the Eagles took over on downs a their own 10-yard line with 30 seconds to play.

Welps said next week's open schedule will give the Cubs a boost heading into their first district game of 2012 against perennial powerhouse Idalou.

"We have two weeks and we're going to use every single day working on what we need to do to reach our goal, which is to be a playoff football team. We made up that step backward we took last week, but we still have improvements to make. I was proud of our effort and our sportsmanship tonight. I just wish we could have gotten the win too."

The Cubs have an off-week Friday and are back in action Oct. 12 in Idalou. The go into the District contest with a non-conference record of 1-4.

"We're looking forward to playing some 2A teams and meeting the schools in our new district," Welps said. "We want to be playing in November and I believe we have what it takes to get there."



Cubs quarterback Cade Powell hands off to running back Anthony Gomez during a soggy Homecoming game Friday night in Cub Stadium.

'Cats suffer hard loss

The Wellman-Union Wildcats had to live through another difficult night Friday as they suffered a 57-0 defeat to Anton at home.

The 'Cats are now 1-4 for the season.

Next up will be their homecoming game next Friday night against Wilson.

The Wildcats were without the services of Juniors Kolby and Kaleb Chase and Aaron Loera.

Kolby Chase is out with a concussion. Kaleb Chase suffered a knee injury and Loera has a shoulder injury.

For the night, the 'Cats had two first downs and 21 yards total offense including 16 net yards rushing on 24 carries and five yards passing on one of three attempts with two interceptions.

Unfortunately, the 'Cats also lost five fumbles.

Luis Gonzales was the leading rusher with 24 yards on nine carries and had one reception for the five yards passing the

'Cats had for the game. Kirby Bailey had 15 yards rushing on 10 carries.

The 'Cats and their fans are looking for a homecoming win against Wilson.

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