

# FRESHMEN REBELBALL



## Columbine 47, Arapahoe 36

By Gene Moisey

The Columbine freshman team played on a perfect Saturday afternoon against the Arapahoe freshman team. The Rebels were fueled by outstanding performances from several players. Running back and defensive back Austin Norton scored touchdowns in all three phases of the game - offensively, defensively, and special teams. He returned a kickoff for a touchdown, scored a rushing touchdown, and returned an interception for a touchdown. This is an accomplishment that you don't see often in a game at any level. Quarterback Michael Tait also had a successful afternoon. He found a huge hole on the left side of the offensive line, made a nice cutback, and found the end zone for his score. He also threw a touchdown pass to a wide open Austin Shape earlier in the contest.

In this game, several players stepped up and played well for the Rebels. There were a couple of changes on the offensive and defensive lines for the Rebels. The big guys up front did a nice job of opening holes for the Columbine running game. Offensively, this was the most complete game the offense has played in several weeks. The Rebels were successful running the football and passing the football. The Arapahoe defense only stopped the Columbine offense a couple of times in the game. On special teams, the Rebels played much better than in previous weeks. The only bizarre event for the special teams was the extra point for the opening touchdown. There wasn't an official underneath the goal post, and how they called this kick wide baffled many observers of the game.

Defensively, the Rebels played well. Defensive end Logan Anderson had two sacks in the first half and played his best game of the season. Both Trenton Kusterer and Darien Chavez had solid afternoons on the defensive line as well. The Columbine linebackers did a good job of maintaining gap responsibility and making tackles. Isaiah Fabiano, Jesse Delgado, and Isaiah Ross contributed with several tackles. In the secondary, the big play was Austin Norton's interception return for a score. Arapahoe only completed a few passes, and the Rebel defenders were in the correct position to make the plays defensively all afternoon. Going into the Bear Creek game, it was good to see the secondary play well. The Bear Creek program is known for throwing the football. The Rebels were also missing a couple of starters this week. Linebacker Dalton Rothrock and Lorenzo Reyes both missed the game due to knee injuries, and Jeremy Ortega played sparingly against Arapahoe because he was still recovering from his injury. Hopefully all these players can return to full action next week against Bear Creek.

According to Coach Flansburg, "This was a good effort and a much needed win for us." Overall, the play was improved in all phases of the game. This week's opponent, Bear Creek, will be a good test for the Rebels. They have good size and a balanced offensive attack. They can put points up from both passing and running the football.

On a perfect Saturday in October, playing well and winning against Arapahoe was just what the players needed. Hopefully they can maintain the improved play and finish out the season with great efforts against Bear Creek and Mullen. Go Rebels!

**GAME DAY STATS**

From Mike Ortega

**Rushing:**

- #4 J. Ortega-63yds on 3 carries
- #42 A. Norton-52yds on 13 carries
- #10 M. Tait-45yds on 10 carries
- #36 C. James-11yds on 5 carries
- #31 A. Freyta-4yds on 2 carries
- #45 J. Walker-2yds on 1 carry

**Touchdowns:**

- #10 M. Tait-(4) rushing TD'S for a total of 35yds
- #42 A. Norton-(2) one on an 80yd interception return and one on an 80yd kickoff return
- #20 A. Shape-(1) on a 50yd reception

**PAT'S:**

- #12 T. Holden-5/7 for 5 points

**Passing:**

- #10 M. Tait-6/8 for 121yds

**Receiving:**

- #20 A. Shape-1 reception for 50yds
- #42 A. Norton-4 receptions for 39yds
- #82 G. Olson-3 receptions for 32yds

**1<sup>st</sup> Downs:**

13

**Turnovers/Recoveries:**

- (2)- Turnovers on onside kicks
- (2)- Recoveries on onside kicks

**Penalties:**

6/55yds

**Tackles:**

- #42 A. Norton-7.5
- #54 T. Kusterer-6.5
- #77 L. Anderson-5
- #36 C. James-4
- #2 I. Fabiano-3.5
- #47 I. Ross-3.5
- #58 J. Delgado-3
- #4 J. Ortega-2.5
- #10 M. Tait-1.5
- #21 K. Huck-1
- #85 J. Couture-.5



**Sacks:**

- #77 L. Anderson-(2) each for 7yd losses
- #54 T. Kusterer-(1) for a 6yd loss

**Interceptions:**

- #42 A. Norton-1 for an 80yd TD

**Forced Fumbles:**

0

**Fumble Recoveries:**

0

**Kick off Returns:**

- #42 A. Norton-80yd for a TD

**Punts:**

0

**Punt Returns:**

0



### REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

**Game:** Thursday, October 20 at 4:00 pm Bear Creek at Columbine

**Drinks:** Storrs & Olson

**Snacks:** Sharp & Pitcher

Please bring 25 drinks or 25 snacks per volunteer. This will provide for enough drinks and snacks for all players and coaches. The drinks and snacks are for after the game.

**Apparel Sales:** Storrs & Pitcher

**End-of-Season Banquet:** Monday, November 7 at 6:00 pm in the Columbine High School commons

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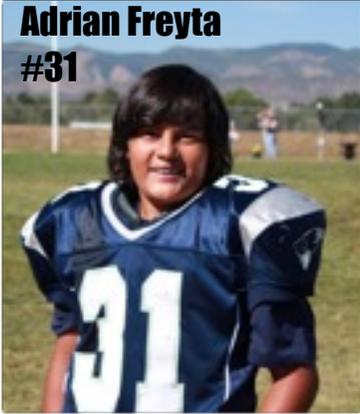
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# FRESHMEN PLAYER PROFILES

**Darien Chavez**  
#52



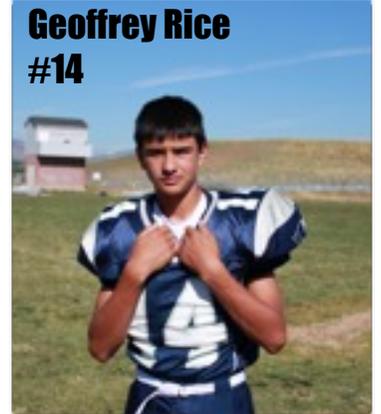
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**Zach Abney**  
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**Geoffrey Rice**  
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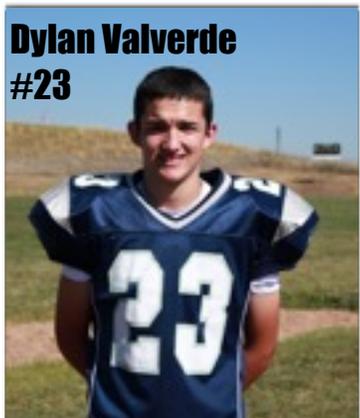
**Mason Armstrong**  
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**Miles Gerdes**  
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**Dylan Valverde**  
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**Dylan Compton**  
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**Isaiah Fabiano**  
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