

FRESHMEN REBELBALL



Columbine 52, Bear Creek 48

By Gene Moisey

The Columbine freshman team played on Thursday in a game that looked more like a track meet. Both teams had big plays and went up and down the field on offense. Clearly the officials had a long day of running to call this game. However, many of the people who watched this game left with the feeling that the freshman Rebels had regained some of that "swagger" you saw earlier in the year. The freshmen have now compiled a record of five wins and three losses and have won two games in a row. The next opponent is the Mullen Mustangs on Thursday at Columbine.

The game started off with a collision between two Rebel defenders that allowed a Bear Creek receiver to go in for a score on a long pass play. However, the Rebels put together a good drive and went down the field to score. Bear Creek's main weapon was their running back #28. He scored five touchdowns in the game against the Rebels. Columbine had two players with multiple scores in the game to counter Bear Creek's running back. Quarterback Michael Tait scored three times and running back Jeremy Ortega scored three times as well. In the fourth quarter it looked like Bear Creek was going to move down the field and run out the clock for the victory. Then linebacker Dalton Rothrock recovered a Bear Creek fumble to give the Rebels another chance. Michael Tait found Jeremy Ortega on a short pass which Ortega then took to the end zone. This pass play covered 36 yards and left 1:52 on the clock. This score put the Rebels ahead by four points. Bear Creek would have to score a touchdown to win the game.

After the Rebels go-ahead touchdown, Bear Creek had less than two minutes to score. Their running back #28 took a couple of big hits which clearly slowed him down in the fourth quarter. Trenton Kusterer got a big hit on him and fullback Jeremy Ortega had a couple of big blocks on him as well. So in the final drive of the game, Bear Creek stopped giving the ball to their running back and went to the air. Linebacker Isaiah Fabiano sealed the victory with a huge interception for the Rebels. Columbine went into the victory formation, kneeling on the ball to run out the clock.

Once again, special teams played a huge roll in this contest. The Rebels had several breakdowns on special teams which almost cost them the victory. The freshmen overcame two missed PAT's, a kick returned for a touchdown, and a fumble on a punt return late in the game. The bright spot on special teams was another kickoff returned for a score by Austin Norton. He has returned two kickoffs for scores in the last two games. It was a great effort to overcome these mistakes and gain a victory over a good Bear Creek team. The offensive line had a couple of different faces this week and played well, opening up some big holes for the Rebel running backs. Overall, it was a great win for the boys and an exciting game to watch.

Now bring on the Mustangs!

GAME DAY STATS

From Mike Ortega

Rushing:

- #4 J. Ortega- 156yds on 24 carries
- #10 M. Tait- 144yds on 14 carries
- #36 C. James- 65yds on 6 carries
- #42 A. Norton- 17yds on 6 carries

Touchdowns:

- #10 M. Tait- (6) - 3 rushing and 3 passing
- #4 J. Ortega- 3 receiving
- #42 A. Norton- 1-90yd kickoff return

PAT'S:

- #10 M. Tait- 2/2 for 4 points
- #12 T. Holden- 3/5 for 3 points

Field Goals:

- #12 T. Holden- 1/1 for 32yds

Passing:

- #10 M. Tait- 4/6 for 84yds

Receiving:

- #4 J. Ortega- 4/5 for 84yds
- #81 J. Tagita- 0/1

1st Downs:

18

Penalties:

4/20yds

Tackles:

- #54 T. Kusterer- 6.5
- #2 I. Fabiano- 4.5
- #58 J. Delgado- 4
- #36 C. James- 3.5
- #77 L. Anderson- 3.5
- #40 D. Rothrock- 3.5
- #4 J. Ortega- 3.5
- #55 C. Moisey- 3
- #42 A. Norton- 2.5
- #81 J. Tagita- 2
- #47 I. Ross- 1.5
- #79 A. Sanchez- 1.5
- #10 M. Tait- 1
- #21 K. Huck- 1
- #28 J. Allen- 1
- #52 D. Chavez- 1



Sacks:

- #77 L. Anderson- (2) 1 for a 9yd loss and another for a 4yd loss
- #54 T. Kusterer- 1 for a 9yd loss

Interceptions:

- #2 I. Fabiano- 1

Turnovers:

2 fumbles

Forced Fumbles/Blocked kicks:

- #4 J. Ortega- 1 forced fumble
- #81 J. Tagita- 1 blocked PAT

Fumble Recoveries:

- #40 D. Rothrock- 1

Punts:

- #10 M. Tait- 1 for 26yds

Punt Returns:

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REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

Game: Thursday, October 27 at 3:00 pm Mullen at Columbine

Drinks: Norton & Freyta

Snacks: Peckham & Gerdes

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.

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END-OF-SEASON BANQUET

Hosts: Darcy Rothrock, Lisa Norton, Jennie Lawrence, & Jennifer Gerdes

When: Monday, November 7 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Where: Columbine High School Commons & Auditorium

Dinner: Pizza will be provided for players, coaches, and parents. Please bring the following to share based on last name (enough for at least 10 people):

A-F Side dish or salad

G-O Dessert

P-Z Cooled drinks

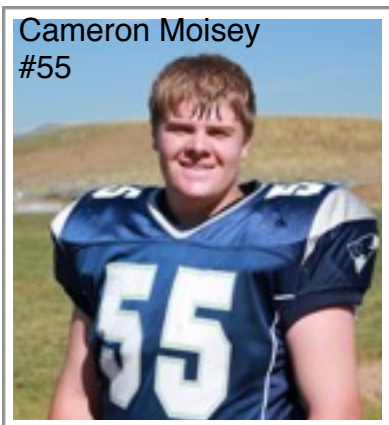
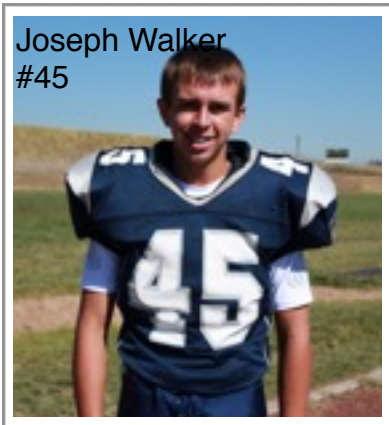
Contribution: Each family needs to contribute \$20 toward gifts for the players and coaches. Please give this to any of the hosts as soon as possible. Checks should be made payable to Darcy Rothrock.

RSVP: The Evite Invitation: Freshmen Football Banquet was sent by e-mail. Please RSVP and also post a comment with the number of people attending by Friday, November 4.

Questions: Please contact Darcy Rothrock at 720-201-2081 or at jdrex5@comcast.net.



FRESHMEN PLAYER PROFILES



Little League: SJ Scorpions
 Years Played: 6
 Favorite NFL Player: Darren McFadden
 Favorite NFL Team: Raiders
 College: LSU
 Wants To Be: Teacher
 Favorite Food: Steak
 Position: Middle Linebacker/
 Defensive Tackle



Not Pictured: #48 Blake Brassell
 #29 Destin Brave
 # 24 Tyler Cantrell
 #61 Clayton Sanfacon