



2012 Season Week 9

COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL

REBELS

25 Oct 2012



REBELS DROP SECOND STRAIGHT WITH LAKEWOOD LOSS

The Rebels lost a tough one to the Lakewood Tigers in what had been billed as a rematch of the State Championship Game from 2011. Like the state game, this was a hard fought contest that saw 7 lead changes but in the end it was Lakewood exacting revenge and handing the Rebels their 2nd consecutive and 3rd loss on the season.

1st quarter action saw the Rebels open up in typical smash mouth fashion driving down to open the scoring for the game. Junior Austin Miller returning to action helped jump start the inside game opening things up for junior all everything running back Bernard McDondle.

McDondle torched the Tiger defense from 20 yards out to put the Rebels on the scoreboard first.

The Rebels defense held up well early on as the Rebels went into the scoring frenzied 2nd quarter up 7-0.

Holes in the damn began to break in the 2nd Quarter that saw 3 Lakewood scores. The Tigers drove down the field utilizing a Rebel

like ground game confusing the Rebels defense with counters and keepers to put up 17 points and go into halftime up 17-14.

Senior Quarter Michael Burns was able to pull a patented keeper and broke free for 86 yards to put the Rebels back on top mid quarter but the Tiger offense kept clicking and scored shortly before halftime.

The Rebels defense got tough in the 3rd quarter with solid play by Garrett Hyde (15 tackles) and Christian Isenburg (11 tackles). Michael Burns burned the Tigers D again with another keeper and the Rebels went into the 4th quarter with the lead again 21-17.

The 4th Quarter was like a prize fight with each squad trading blows to close the game. After some solid defense by both teams, the Tigers took the lead on a 4 yard run with about 4 min remaining in regulation.

Columbine wasted little time mounting a counter attack with QB Burns hitting Garrett Hyde for a 48 yard TD pass, seldom seen from the ground pounding Rebels.

However, the quick score turned on the Rebels as the Tigers marched down the field and scored the final touchdown with 19 seconds left.

This humbling couple of weeks may prove valuable to the Rebels as the post season approaches. It's time to get busy.



Week 8 Makeup

REBELS LOSE TOUGH ONE TO MULLEN

By Thomas Graf

A short-handed Columbine squad nearly pulled off an away win from the Mullen Mustangs last Friday but a Junior with a strong leg and a strong Senior running back game allowed Mullen to hang onto a lead and win 28-18.

Junior Mustang Kicker John Scott opened the scoring with a majestic 52-yard first quarter field goal that appeared it would have been good from 62 yards or more. Scott followed with a more pedestrian 26-yard kick early in the second quarter and Mullen led 6-0.

Columbine's offense finally got going in the second quarter and the Rebels scored on a 4-yard bash by Junior Fullback/Kicker Jeremy Aparicio. Columbine's scoring drive was highlighted by the running game of Aparicio and fellow Junior Tristan Storm. Storm was subbing for injured star running back Bernard McDondle, who was kept out of the game after suffering a concussion in the previous week's win over Chatfield. In his first Varsity appearance, Storm carried the ball 17 times for 101 yards, and Columbine went into halftime with a 7-6 lead.

Unfortunately, some Assistant Coaches must have advised first-year Mullen Head Coach Tom Thenell that their passing game wasn't cutting it and maybe he should run their own star halfback Connor Brady (a former South Jeffco Cobra in Midget Football) more in the second half. Because that's what he did, sort of, in the second stanza.

Thenell tried passing the ball a few more times before calling some running plays for Brady, who rushed in from four yards and scored on the 2-point conversion run to put Mullen in the lead 14-7 at the end of the third quarter.

Columbine rushed back and nearly tied it up, but for a dropped pass in the end-zone, and had to settle for a field goal from Aparicio to pull within four, 14-10.

Mullen, despite its running success, kept chucking it until they got lucky with a questionable pass interference call to prolong their eventual scoring drive. Mullen went up 21-10 on a short pass to Brady that turned into a 23-yard score.

But the Rebel's State Championship-Tested Quarterback Michael Burns was not ready to lay down his musket and almost singlehandedly brought the Rebels back to within a score, 21-18. Burns gritted it out all game and ended up with nearly 200 yards of total offense, the final touchdown and two-point conversion run, and an interception, but the two way starting Senior's warrior effort was not enough.

It's tough for a running team like Lowry's Rebels to mount a quick and long scoring drive, and that's what faced them after their defense forced the Mustangs to punt after three downs. Columbine had the ball near its own end zone with about a minute and a half remaining. Forced to throw for a win, Burns chucked it to the spot he hoped his wideout would be, but a Mullen defensive back playing deep on the pass got to that spot before the intended Rebel receiver and returned the interception back for the final score and the Mustangs prevailed this year, 28-18.

Matchup 25 Oct, 2012



Nickname: Rebels
Colors: Navy/Silver
Coach: Andy Lowry
League: 5A Super 6
Playoff Division: 5A
2012 Record 5-3












Nickname: Bears
Colors: Green/Gold
Coach: Zack Morris
League: 5A Super 6
Playoff Division: 5A
2012 Record 1-7

REBELS FINISH WITH PARENTS' NIGHT MATCHUP AGAINST BEAR CREEK

The Rebels (5-3) take on the Bear Creek Bears (1-7) in their final regular season game and Parents' Night at Jeffco Stadium Thursday night at 7 p.m. Columbine, coming off their stunning loss to Lakewood, needs to finish strong with a win to insure making the State playoffs and grab as high a seed as possible in the playoff bracket. Columbine will be without Senior linebackers Connor Graf and Trent Headley, both out with injuries. The Rebels sorely missed those two tacklers and injured fellow linebacker Caleb Schnell last week when Lakewood ran for more than 300 yards against Columbine. For Bear Creek and its seniors, an upset would "save" their disappointing season. Hopefully, Columbine's seniors will be just as motivated on Parents Night before the home faithful.



2012 Varsity Schedule

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| Fri 8/31 4pm HOME | Fri 9/7 7:30pm HOME | Sat 9/15 1pm AWAY | Sat 9/22 12pm AWAY | Fri 9/28 7:30pm HOME HOMECOMING | Thur 10/4 7pm AWAY | Fri 10/12 7pm AWAY | Fri 10/19 7pm AWAY | Thurs 10/25 7pm HOME |
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| Fort Collins | Fountain Ft. Carson | Pine Creek | Horizon | Arapahoe | Chatfield | Mullen | Lakewood | Bear Creek |
| W 42-9 | L 35-21 | W 13-10 | W 26-6 | W 48-36 | W38-15 | L28-18 | L 31-28 | |



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