

Falcon football suffers loss to Casteel

By Ryan Winslett
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It was a rough night on the road Friday, Oct. 7, as the Falcons made their way to take on the team from Casteel and ultimately suffered a defeat, 57-6.

According to head coach John Flynn, it was a game the local squad should have won. Following two big wins at home, however, the Falcons just didn't seem to play with a lot of heart when squaring off against their most recent road opponents.

Casteel went up 7-6 early on in the first quarter and, according to Flynn, an unsuccessful next series from the Falcons seemed to take all of the wind out of their sails and it remained that way throughout the

rest of the competition.

The Falcons wound up down 21-6 after the first, with Casteel scoring another 19 unanswered points before the half came to a close. That trend continued following halftime, with the Falcons losing quarters three and four by respective scores of 10-0 and 7-0.

The local boys couldn't seem to connect in the air this outing, with quarterback Garrett Renner only going two for 11 with seven yards.

The ground game was quite a bit better, with Daniel Butler carrying 11 for 106 yards.

As for defense, Andrew Hoyt led the charge with eight tackles and a pair of assists while Eddie Flores put in seven tackles and three assists. Kainoa Reid

chipped in with six tackles of his own and an assist for good measure.

Coach Flynn was clearly frustrated with the outcome, as the Falcons proved unable to keep up with a team made entirely of freshmen and sophomores.

"That was the first and only time we'll play Casteel," Flynn said. "They'll be out of our region next year. Next year they'll have a junior class and they'll have to move up to 6A."

Flynn said Casteel was a solid team, though not on par with some of the squads the Falcons have faced so far this season.

"We suffered eight significant injuries in the first half on both sides of the ball, which set us back,"

Flynn said. "We weren't able to switch over and run double tight like we had hoped. We had issues with our center, unable to snap the ball and, well, it is what it is."

Flynn said Flynn's impressive rushing was the only highlight from the night, including a 56-yard touchdown run to help get the game going.

"We don't practice until Wednesday, which was planned, and we're hoping to get a lot of our guys back," Flynn said. "I think we've lost one for sure, due to a concussion, but the other guys were just bumped and bruised."

"Were they bigger than us? Probably not. Were they stronger than us? Yes. But did they have a greater will to win? Absolutely. And



Photo by Steve Wapon

Quarterback Garrett Renner makes a break for it.

that's frustrating."

Flynn said that, as the season comes to a close, the team will be making some wholesale changes to defense that, while it won't necessarily be a perfect fit for every situation, will allow the team to experiment and find the right combination of players in the right

positions.

Next up, the Falcons hit the road to take on Valley Christian this Friday, Oct. 14, beginning at 7 p.m. The final two games of the regular season will be back on the home field, with the local boys welcoming ASU Prep on Oct. 21 and Yuma Catholic on Oct. 28.

Town offers fall activities

The Town of Fountain Hills Community Services continues to provide opportunities for residents to get out and get active with various programs scheduled for the coming weeks.

For questions, more details or to register, contact Anjelica Giardino at 480-816-5132 or email agiardin@fh.az.gov. More details, including full schedules and course numbers, can be found on the Community Services page at fh.az.gov. Register online or by visiting Town Hall.

Softball

Men's slow pitch softball is played at Golden Eagle Park on Tuesday nights. Softballs and umpires are provided. New teams and

players are always sought by the league.

This season's games will run from Oct. 25 to Dec. 13. Participants must be 18 years of age or older.

Full moon yoga

Participants are invited to practice outdoor yoga at the Fountain Park amphitheater. The classes are centered on having fun, finding peace and joy and enjoying the lunar energy of the moon.

Classes are for those 16 and older with a \$12-\$15 drop-in fee. Plan to attend Saturday, Oct. 15, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Youth dance and gymnastics

A variety of classes are being held at KDA Dance

Academy through a partnership with the Town. Classes include gymnastics, ballet, cheer dance and hip hop for ages four and up.

Jump rope

The drills, skills and thrills jump rope class teaches proper skipping technique with intervals of core and muscular strength training.

Classes are for those 16 and up and will be from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Peaks Athletic Club, Thursdays, Nov. 3 through Dec. 15. Cost is \$65.

Tai Chi

Tai Chi classes will be held at the Community Center with a registration deadline of Oct. 26. Classes will be taught by Willie Lim, who has been a Tai Chi instructor since 1970.

Classes include an introduction to Tai Chi course for newcomers, which will be held on Thursdays from Nov. 3 to Dec. 15, 9 to 10 a.m. This class is for participants 18 and older and the cost for the full session is \$60.

The intermediate course is for students who have already completed an introduction to Tai Chi course. This will be held Mondays from Nov. 7 to Dec. 12, 6 to 7 p.m. Again, this course is open to those 18 and up and will cost \$60 for the full session.

Tennis

Community Services is offering a large number of tennis courses starting in October, perfect for any age group or skill level.

Courses range between \$80-\$200. Junior tennis lessons hosted out of CopperWynd are perfect for

young players, with classes available at Golden Eagle Park for adult beginners, intermediate and advanced players, too.

Whether you're learning the basics or sharpening your skills, there's a tennis class made available through the fall.

Jr. Golf

Junior golf lessons are designed to introduce players to the rules, skills and techniques of golf. Courses will be hosted out of Sun-Ridge Canyon on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The first session runs from Oct. 18-27 with the second session running from Nov. 8-17. Times are 4-5 p.m. and courses are intended for participants ages five to 13. Cost is \$55 for either session.

Archery

Archery classes are back by popular demand. Classes will be held Tuesdays from Oct. 18 to Nov. 22. This session is \$60 for all classes, which run from 6 to 8 p.m. Classes are open to those eight years and older, including adults.

Archery classes will be hosted out of Golden Eagle Park, Field 1. Participants will learn all about archery, from proper technique to firing at a target.



Falcons adopted

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