

Churubusco EAGLES

(0-3)

| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME |
|-------|-----------------|--------|
| 8/23 | @ Columbia City | L 0-42 |
| 8/30 | Lakeland | L 8-33 |
| 9/6 | Garrett | L 0-41 |
| 9/13 | @ Eastside | 7 PM |
| 9/20 | Prairie Heights | 7 PM |
| 9/27 | @ Fremont | 7 PM |
| 10/4 | Central Noble | 7 PM |
| 10/11 | @ West Noble | 7 PM |
| 10/18 | Fairfield | 7 PM |



TONIGHT: The Eagles hope to find the win column for the first time this season as they bus over to Butler to face the 1-2 Eastside Blazers, who have been blanked in back-to-back weeks by Adams Central and West Noble. "Eastside is the best team in our conference," said Sade, referencing the "Small School Division" of the Northeast Corner Conference. "They are well coached and they play hard. They had a rough start with a difficult early-season schedule. But (two-way standout and PT-40 selection) Linkin Carter will be back against us, likely on both sides of the ball. He is a difference-maker in a big way." Carter was listed as doubtful for tonight's game, according to the Eastside depth chart. If he plays he will be Priority No. 1 for the 'Busco "D." Bianski will need to "angle" some balls tonight against the Blazers' dangerous return men, too, when the Eagles are forced to punt.

LAST WEEK: The Eagles dropped a 41-0 decision last Friday night at home against the unbeaten Garrett Railroaders. "Garrett is a good football team," coach Paul Sade said on Saturday. "They played better and they were coached better than our team." To be fair the Eagles' three opponents thus far are a combined 9-0: Columbia City, Lakeland and Garrett. Furthermore, Churubusco was playing without eight regulars because of injury and saw two more players go down against the Railroaders. Junior Weston Ott, who was featured last week in Jake Smith's Scouting Report, moved to fullback from his customary TE spot and led the Eagles' ground game with 68 rushing yards on seven carries. Classmate Carson Tonkel (pictured) contributed a 12-yard reception, but the 'Busco "O" has produced just eight points in three weeks of action.



BIANSKI

"Our offensive line did not communicate well or down-block well," Sade said. "Our defense as a whole did not tackle well in the open field." Junior ILB Jack Huelsenbeck led the Eagles' defense with nine solo tackles and three assists. Senior punter Brayden Bianski – the fisherman's brother – averaged 32.3 yards per boot on four attempts.



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Eastside BLAZERS

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| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME |
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| 8/23 | Woodlan | W 25-11 |
| 8/30 | @ Adams Central | L 0-43 |
| 9/6 | @ West Noble | L 0-35 |
| 9/13 | Churubusco | 7 PM |
| 9/20 | @ Garrett | 7 PM |
| 9/27 | Prairie Heights | 7 PM |
| 10/4 | Fremont | 7 PM |
| 10/11 | @ Central Noble | 7 PM |
| 10/18 | @ Angola | 7 PM |



TONIGHT: Eastside welcomes 0-3 Churubusco to Butler tonight in a key early-season NECC tilt. "Anytime you play Churubusco you know you need to be prepared for an extremely physical and well-coached football team," Brandewie said. "They have had some success in the perimeter run game and as they continue to get healthier – we expect to see (Angelo) Ianucilli at running back – that will certainly be something we have to account for. Coach Sade and his staff do things the right way and we are looking forward to the opportunity to compete against them." Starting QB Linkin Carter "is unlikely for this week," Brandewie said.

LAST WEEK: The Blazers dropped a 35-0 decision at West Noble last Friday night, marking the second straight week that they've been skunked. It's the first time that Eastside has been shut out in back-to-back games since the 2009 squad failed to score in three straight setbacks vs. Fairfield, Lakeland and Fremont. "We came out and played a really competitive first half, particularly on the defensive side of the ball," said second-year coach Alyx Brandewie, who's team was down just 7-0 at halftime. "Unfortunately we've struggled to find consistency and execution on both sides of the ball and that was the case again against West Noble." Freshman safety Noah Dove flew high vs. the Chargers, "and has really started to develop into one heckuva player," Brandewie said. Senior safety EJ Miller had several tackles and one INT vs. WN. Senior Nolen Steury (pictured) had three kickoff returns totaling 83 yards; he also chipped in three tackles from his DB spot.



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