



On Oct. 20 the Perkins County youth football team completed their third season. They compete in the South Platte Youth Football League (SPYFL).

SPYFL is a youth tackle football league for third, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders that is based out of Sterling, Colo. This past year official games took place on Saturday mornings in both Sterling and Ovid. The season consists of a six game schedule. Practice in Grant took place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Communities involved in SPYFL include: Sterling, Merino, Brush, Ft. Morgan, Akron, Fleming, Haxtun, Holyoke, Julesburg, Ovid, Yuma, Iliff, Crook, Sidney, Chappel, Oshkosh and Grant.

There are two age divisions: third–fourth grade and fifth–sixth grade. This past season there were nearly 400 kids that participated.

SPYFL philosophy: Success is not necessarily measured of games won or lost, but by success in learning quality attributes and values. The purpose of the South Platte Valley Youth Football League is to allow all youth the opportunity to participate in a wholesome, educational experience; learning basic football fundamentals while stressing teamwork, sportsmanship, self discipline, and respect for others.

The program is described as a supervised activity with emphasis on learning skills, character, sportsmanship and social attributes. Every attempt is made to treat each individual player, coach, parent and administrator with respect and dignity.

If interested in learning more about this youth football program, contact any of the coaches or parents who have been involved with the program. Coaches this year included Trent Patrick, Marlin Wendell, Shawn Kohl, and Carlos Hickey. For more information visit the official SPYFL website: www.spyfl.com.

