

Three Lady Eagles headed to state

By JAY KELLEY

Colby Free Press

Colby High School varsity girls tennis took third at the Class 4A Regional Tennis Tournament in Scott City on Monday, sending Katie Lang and the doubles team of Dominique Palser and Ashley Amos to the state tournament in Pratt Saturday.

"Some of the team were a bit sluggish at first," said coach Mike Sprenkel, "while other team members were rather nervous. It cost us, but I'm sure it will be a valuable learning experience for next year."

Lang went 3-1, losing to the no. 1 seed from Kingman in round three, but coming back to avenge Crystal Mannebach's loss against the no. 3 seed from Larned. Lang finished the season at 15-8.

"Katie played extremely well and a few of the other regional coaches thought their semi-final match against Williams should have been the championship match," said Sprenkel. "If she continues with the aggressive style that earned her the third place finish, she should do well at state."

Palser and Amos went 2-1 and lost to the no. 1 seed and last year's state champs from Ulysses, Beth Eudey and

Alesha Anderson.

"Palser and Amos shook off the sluggish feeling and bounced back to qualify for state, playing extremely well in the second set of the consolation finals," said Sprenkel. Their record is 15-6.

"If these two play like they are capable and reduce the unforced errors, they should excel at state."

Mannebach fell to the no. 3 seed from Larned in round two, finishing the season with a 14-7 record.

"Crystal had a fantastic season, upsetting quite a few players that had previous varsity experience," said Sprenkel.

"She is one of the best freshman that I have coached in tennis."

Diane Wilson and Becky Lang finished the season at 11-7. They won their first round match, but were beaten in the second round.

"Diane and Becky were disappointed with the outcome of regionals, but got some valuable experience," said Sprenkel. "I'm sure they will use this next year."

The state tournament in Pratt starts Saturday at the Walter Blake Tennis Complex at 3rd and Rochester Streets. For more information, call Dale Deighton or Larry Kahmeyer at 620-6724540.



Trojans start scrimmages

Random thoughts

- Our first scrimmages of the year were supposed to be in Kansas City on Friday. They were cancelled

when the National Collegiate Athletic Association ruled no Division I coaches could attend.

- We will play in Denver this weekend (Division I schools cannot attend but we don't care.) We will play Western Nebraska (Scottsbluff,) Otero (La Junta, Colo.) and Lamar, Colo. Western is a top 25 caliber team and will give us a great gauge of where we are this early in the year. As everyone knows the Jayhawk West is loaded with top 25 caliber teams.

- The pre-season Jayhawk Conference Basketball press conference will be Oct. 22.

- The opening of our season is just around the corner. Nov. 2-3 we host the Western Sprinklers Tip-Off Classic at the Colby Community Building.

- Barry Bonds hit 73 homers and walked 177 times both records! Oh by the way he hit .328. One of the greatest hitting seasons ever!

- The Chiefs do not look like they will make the playoffs.

- I like the As over the Yankees (I did pick the pre-season Yanks to win it all again) and Seattle over Cleveland. Seattle should go to the World Series. In the National League I like the Cards over the D-Backs and the Braves over the Astros.

- I like the Cards to go to the Series



Power Sports

• Brian Ostermann

with Seattle winning it all. They won a record 116 games so I think they are the best team and they will prove it in the playoffs!

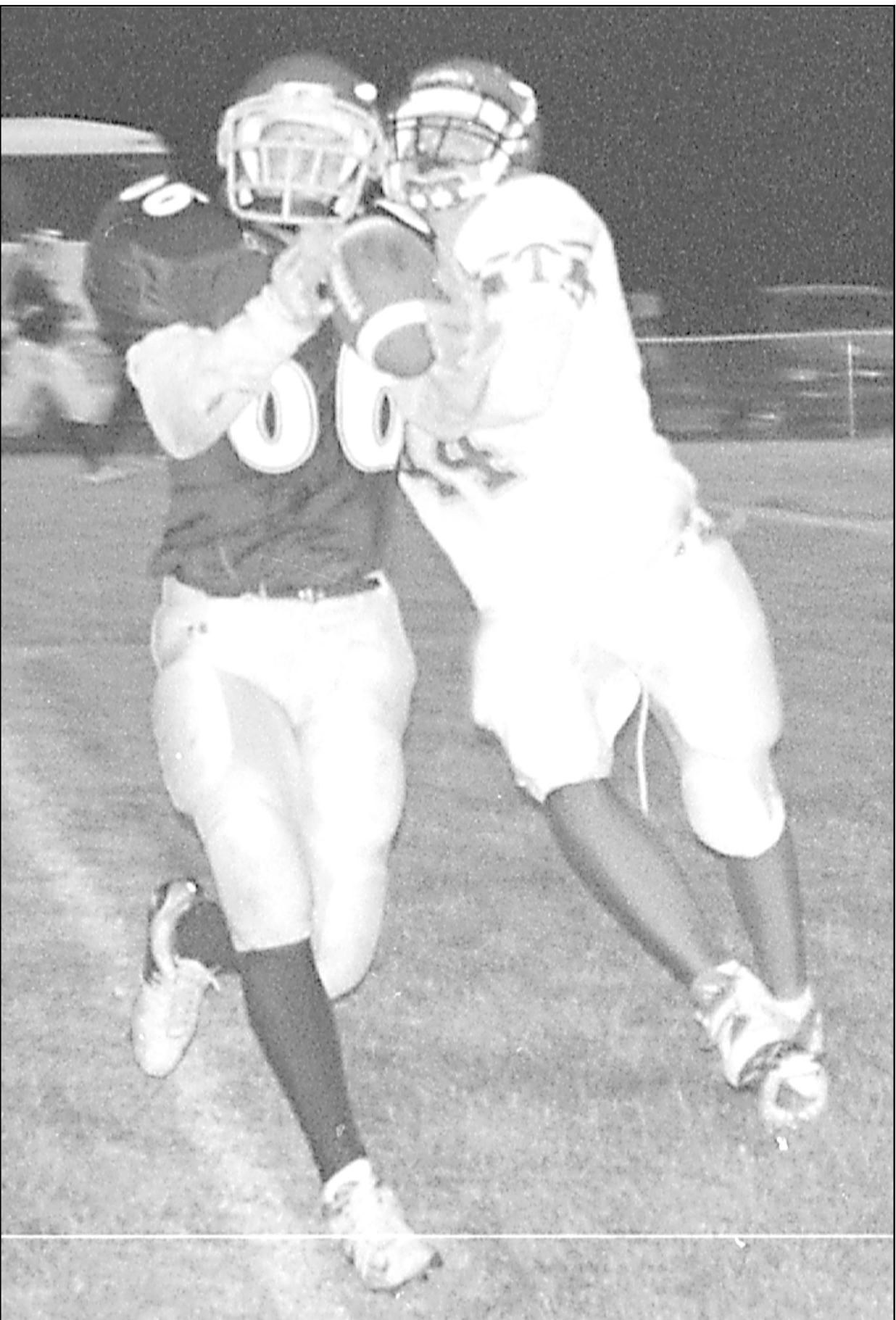
- K-State had a tough loss against Colorado. Will they bounce back this week against Texas Tech.? I think so!

- The Ambassador Classic will be Nov. 16-17 for the men and Nov. 15-17 for the women. Once again our sponsor will be Thomas County Insurance. The Colby ambassadors will be out in force the next two weeks.

- Rich Epp has his sports talk radio show. Be sure to check it out. It airs Mondays from 4-5 p.m. on KQLS 100.3 FM.

- We have completed 7 practices. Saturday we had our first intra-squad scrimmage. We didn't look very good and it is apparent we have a long ways to go. We looked very much like a team with 11 new players. It's going to take some time but there are enough signs that this could be our best team! We will start to identify roles on the team in the next two weeks and that will be critical to our team chemistry. Everyone must put themselves beneath the team. Team first!

- Our other scrimmages this fall will be at Garden City on Oct. 19 and here vs. Lamar on Oct. 26. We are less than four weeks from starting the season!



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J.R. Baird held on to a pass against a Tribune defender in a Brewster High School game against Tribune Friday night in Brewster. Baird's effort weren't enough, however, as the 'Dawgs lost 52-6.

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Baseball Update

Braves go with 3-man rotation
ATLANTA (AP) — Right-hander Kevin Millwood was left off Atlanta's roster for the NL division series against the Houston Astros because the Braves are going with a three-man rotation.

Manager Bobby Cox said that Millwood (7-7) will be his No. 4 starter — following Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and John Burkett — if the Braves make the NLCS.

Cox chose to keep Jason Marquis on the roster. Marquis had 22 relief appearances this season and has speed on the bases.

Astros rookie could be ready
HOUSTON (AP) — Astros rookie Roy Oswalt (14-3) threw 70 pitches in a simulated game to test his strained right groin and could be ready to start Game 4 of his team's first-round playoff series against Atlanta.

Local Briefs

Special Olympics to hold bowling tournament

Colby Special Olympics will be hosting a bowling tournament at the Colby Bowl from 9 a.m. - 12 noon Saturday. More than 60 athletes will be on hand to test their skills and the tournament is free to the public.

Colby rec searching for land

The Colby Recreation Department is searching for land to build a firing range/trap shooting range. If you know of any land available, please contact C.W. Cheney at 462-4440

Recreation department offers water aerobics.

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14 at the Colby Community College pool. Cost is \$15. Contact Colby recreation at 462-4440 for more information

Mid America Youth Basketball

Winter season schedules are now available. There will be 48 tournaments in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Nebraska. Registration materials and pricing packages are available by calling 316-284-0354 or e-mail busy@southwind.net.

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