

Lady Eagles second at league tourney

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The Colby High School Lady Eagle volleyball team took second at the Northwest Kansas League tournament on Saturday in Goodland with a 3-2 record.

Both Colby losses came to the league champion Goodland Cowgirls, who have been the team to beat all season.

The Lady Eagles fell to Goodland 15-4, 17-15 in the championship. Megan Blatt and Sally Schlick had six kills each, Summar Stephens had four, Bethanie Linden had two and Jessica Bricker had one.

Bricker had nine points, three aces and an 83.3 percent serve efficiency. Stephens had four points and 100 percent. Blatt had three points and 100 percent. Tiffany Focke had two points, an ace and 100 percent. Schlick had a point and 100 percent.

Colby had to get past Hoxie, the winner of pool #1, to advance to the championship. The Lady Eagles were up to the task, dispatching the Lady Indians 15-8 and 15-3.

Blatt had five kills, Linden had four, Stephens had three and both Bricker and Schlick had two.

Linden had 10 points, an ace and

92.9 percent. Blatt had eight points, two aces and 100 percent. Bricker had six points, two aces and 100 percent. Both Schlick and Focke had three points. Focke had an ace and served 85.7 percent, while Schlick was at 100 percent. Stephens and Kylee Hunter



were also had 100 percent.

The Lady Eagles beat St. Francis 15-4, 15-9 to open pool play. Stephens had five kills, Linden had four, Schlick and Blatt had three each and Bricker had one.

Focke had 11 points, four aces and 92.3 percent serve efficiency. Linden had eight points, two aces and 90 percent. Blatt had five points, an ace and 100 percent efficiency. Schlick had three points and 100 percent. Hunter had two points, an ace and 100 percent. Stephens had one point and 100 percent. Bricker had 50 percent.

They faced Quinter next, beating them 15-4 in game one, losing 15-12 in game two and winning game three 15-4.

Schlick had 13 kills, Blatt and Linden had seven each, Stephens had six and Bricker had three.

Linden had 10 points and 85.7 percent. Bricker had nine points, two aces and 84.6 percent. Focke had eight points, an ace and 91.7 percent. Hunter had six points, an ace and 100 percent. Stephens had five points and 100 percent. Blatt had four points, two aces and 100 percent. Schlick also had 100 percent.

The Lady Eagles' last match in pool play was against Goodland. They won the first game 15-7, but lost the next two, both 15-13.

Stephens had 11 kills, Blatt had six, Linden had five and both Bricker and Schlick had two. Linden had 13 points and 94.7 percent. Blatt had eight, an ace and 92.3 percent. Focke had seven, three aces and 91.7 percent. Stephens had six, an ace and 100 percent. Schlick had four, an ace and 100 percent. Bricker had three, two aces and 88.9 percent. Hunter also had 100 percent.

The Lady Eagles will be in Goodland again Saturday at the Class 4A Sub-State Tournament.

Tournament action



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Rebecca Wark overpowered a couple of Tribune Lady Jackrabbits on the way to a third place finish for the Golden Plains Lady Bulldog volleyball team at the Western Kansas Liberty League tournament Saturday in Brewster. The Lady Bulldogs finished first in pool play and lost to the second place team, Sharon Springs, before beating their cross-county rivals, Brewster for third place.

Trojans need to work on boards

The 2001-2002 Trojans may have some promise but right now we have a long way to go! We scrimmaged in Denver over the weekend against Western Nebraska (Scottsbluff), Otero (La Junta, Colo.) and Lamar, Colo.

We found out that there are many things we really need to improve before we open up the season with the Western Sprinklers Tip-Off Classic on Nov. 2.

We were soundly beaten on the boards against a very physical Otero ball club. We did a poor job overall getting back defensively. Offensively, we were unable to execute in the half court.

Despite the mistakes there were areas where we did show promise. I thought we were quick defensively, which forced several turnovers. This team does possess very good overall team quickness. There were several individuals that played solid.

I thought Jason Ven John (Ingalls) did a very good job. Jason is a smart player that works to get himself in the right position on defense. He may lack some speed but he is showing the toughness necessary to find a way to get the job done. Keyon Williams showed he is going to be one of the premier point guards in junior college. Keyon was injured mid-way through the second scrimmage (he will be back in a few weeks) but displayed great court savvy and tremendous quickness with the ball. Both Brent Brooks and Stuart Keltner knocked down some 3-point shots.

At times each of the guys showed some quality signs. One big key will be which guys can emerge on a high and consistent level. We are just over two weeks away from opening the season and I still don't know who will be starting (maybe 2-3 guys) or who will be in the top nine. Maybe that's a good thing. Maybe we have a deep team (a very good thing) or maybe no one is good enough right now to step forward and solidify themselves in one of those roles. I'm really not sure. I believe this can be a very solid team but some of the



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guys have to step up to a high level of consistency.

Jottings

• The pre-season Jayhawk Conference basketball press conference will be Monday Oct. 22. My article next week may not be out on Tuesday but later in the week (space permitting). I will review the press conference.

• The NJCAA Division One men's basketball preseason poll was released. Barton County is ranked 6th and Seward County is ranked 27th. Also, from the Jayhawk West Butler County is receiving votes. Western Nebraska, a team we scrimmaged, was ranked 20th (although their leading scorer from last season left school a week ago). We did defeat Western in our 40-minute running clock scrimmage. We have promise!

• The opening of our season is just around the corner. November 2 & 3 we host the Western Sprinkler Tip-off Classic.

• We are going to have a special promotion for our first weekend. We are bringing back \$1 Night! It will be with a hitch. We are going to call it \$1 + one! That's right, just \$2 to get into the games. Two games for \$2. Games for Friday and Saturday are 6 and 8 p.m. We will send 50% of the ticket sales to our local Red Cross. The Colby Community College men's basketball team and our athletic department along with you our fans are going to help out a little for a good cause. The tragic events that are ongoing within our country are only making us a stronger America!

• Keyon Williams injured his right shoulder (he is left handed) and was taken to the emergency room in Denver. All x-rays were negative and he suffered some strained ligaments.

• The Wildcats are hurting in a big

way! What has happened. I thought they looked very good against Oklahoma and would contend for a North Division

title and a possible re-match with OU. K-State may not even get into a bowl game. Wow!

• Don't read my predictions. I said K-State over Tech and picked the Cards to go to the Series. Not!

• 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.

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

• In practice we chart rebounds, assists, and turnovers. Our most important statistic is rebounds. Our week one rebound leader was Tony Tucker (Baltimore, Md.). The week two leader was Billy Williams (Milwaukee, Wis.). The rebound leader from the previous week is rewarded by not having to run any sprints the next week. We must become a good rebounding team in order to achieve a high level of success in the Jayhawk Conference.

• The Brian Ostermann shooting clinic set up through the Colby Recreation Department for Saturday has been canceled.

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to everyone who helped us celebrate our 65th Wedding Anniversary with cards, gifts, flowers, and by attending our reception. A special thank you to Father Galen for recognizing us during mass and to our children and their families for the wonderful weekend.
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American League series go to five games

NEW YORK (AP) — Derek Jeter and the New York Yankees beat Oakland 5-3 in the deciding Game 5 of the playoffs to advance to the AL championship series.

The three-time defending World Series champions became the first team ever to win a best-of-five series after losing the first two games at home.

New York, trying to become only the

third team to win the World Series four straight times, opens the AL championship Wednesday at Seattle.

SEATTLE (AP) — Back home where the Mariners' magic multiplies, baseball's best team during the regular season guaranteed it would be around for most of October.

Jamie Moyer tamed Cleveland's bats for six innings, Ichiro Suzuki got three more hits and Mark McLemore

drove in two runs as the Mariners advanced to the ALCS with a 3-1 win over the Indians in the deciding Game 5 of their first-round playoff series.

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