

Eagle golf team takes fifth at Smoky Hills

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The Eagle golf team traveled to Hays Monday to play in the Thomas More Prep tournament at the 18-hole Smoky Hills course. Sara Nally tied for 10th and the team took fifth out eleven teams.

Coach Ray Higley said, "The girls had a good day at the TMP tournament. The conditions were excellent for playing golf."

"We all came away feeling good about how things are going. Smoky Hills Country Club is a very challenging course, and we enjoyed having the opportunity to play there."

Individual Results:

Sara Nally	tied 10th	107
Joanna Hawk		124
Lindsey Schafer		128

Kelsey Strickler	129
Regina Heier	155

Top Medalists:

Jessica Osborn, Goodland	77
Kendra Billington, Hays	83
Stacy Karl, Hays	86

Team Scores:

Hays Varsity	357
Goodland	414
Minneapolis	446
Hays JV	465
Colby	488
TMP	500
Hoisington	509
Trego	519
Russell	545
Bennington	551
Scott City	561

The Eagle will be golfing at home Monday, Sept. 23. Tee time for the nine-hole tournament is 3 p.m.

Trojan spikers nearly upset #20 Garden City

After playing a non-conference 5-set match on Monday night, the Lady Trojans had a replay of that match Wednesday night in Garden City in a Jayhawk West Conference match.

The Lady Trojans took the #20 ranked Garden City team to the wire before falling 3-2 (30-19, 30-25, 22-30, 29-31, 15-13). Coach Chvatal was very excited for her team as the Lady Trojans continue to improve.

"We played a great match on the road in a Jayhawk West Conference match against the #20 ranked team in the

country," Chvatal said. "Our pass efficiency was good, allowing for good offensive swings."

"A major improvement was our defense, blocks and aggressive back court digs. The girls are getting better and better and I love their competitiveness and coachable attitude."

Colby is now 11-8 overall and 1-2 in Jayhawk West action. The Lady Trojans return to action this weekend in Colorado Springs with matches against Air Force Prep and Air Force JV.

Royals tie club record for worst road losses with 53

CHICAGO (AP) — Even when he pitches well, Jeff Suppan can't win.

Suppan lost his ninth straight decision Wednesday night as the Chicago White Sox beat Kansas City 3-1. Frank Thomas homered for a second straight game and the Royals managed only four hits.

"He got us deep," said Michael Tucker, who scored the Royals' only run. "It's not like they were scoring in bunches — just one at a time. But right now, it doesn't seem like we can get a break at the plate."

It was Kansas City's 53rd road loss, tying the club record set in 1970 and matched in 1992. The Royals need to go 8-2 in their last 10 games to avoid matching the club's record for total losses in a season (97).

The White Sox, meanwhile, climbed back to .500 for the first time since June 20 with their fifth victory in six games.

"We're hitting better in the clutch, we're getting some pretty good starting pitching at times," manager Jerry Manuel said. "But the bullpen has always been a key for me."

Suppan (8-16) has lost plenty of games before, but never like this. His 16 losses are the second-worst in the AL. He hasn't won since July 17, a span of 11 starts.

His nine straight losing decisions leaves him one shy of the club record set by Tom Gordon — and Gordon needed parts of two seasons to do that.

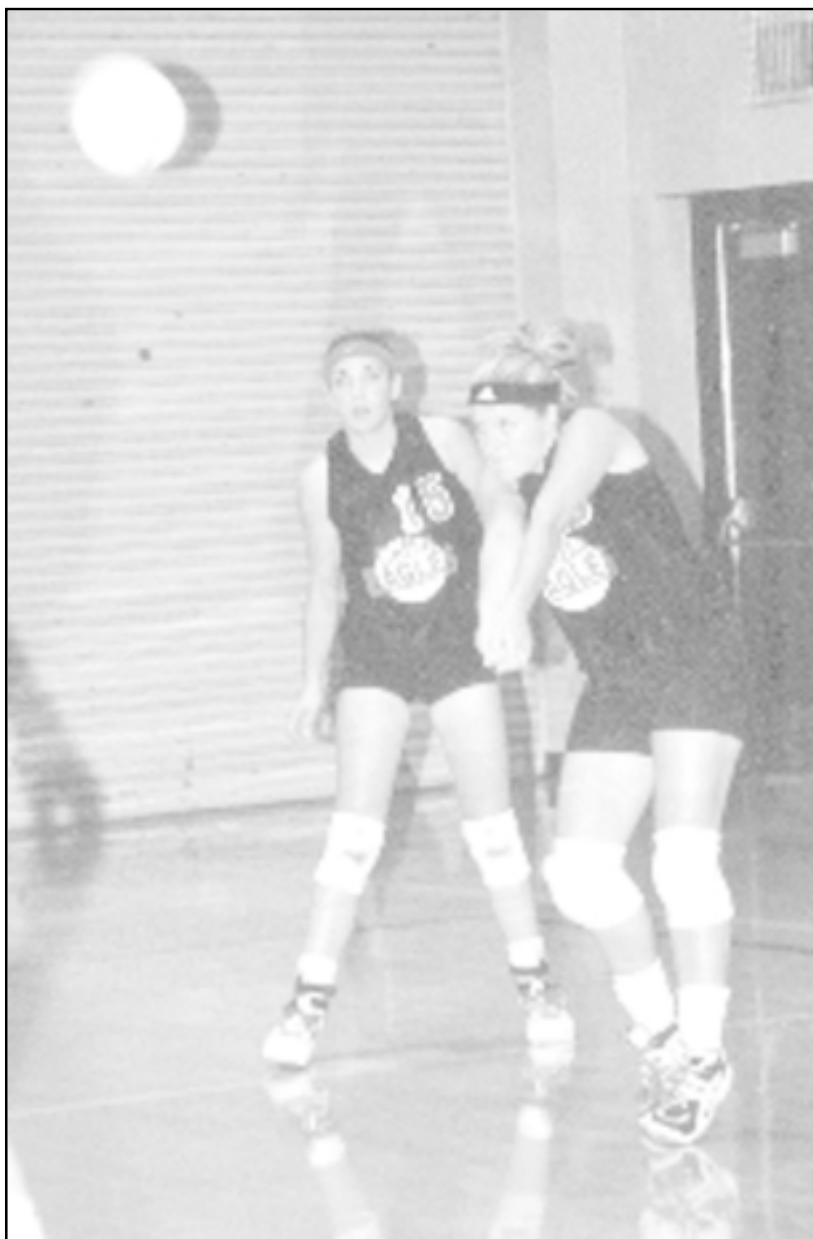
"It's been a tough year with all these losses," said Suppan, Kansas City's pitcher of the year last season. "All I can do, bottom line, is keep trying out there."

He allowed 11 hits and three runs over eight innings. Besides Thomas' solo homer in the seventh, his only real trouble came in the fourth inning.

Magglio Ordonez led off with a single and, two outs later, rookies Joe Crede and Joe Borchard singled to load the bases.

Miguel Olivo, playing in only his second major league game, then drew a four-pitch walk to force in the go-ahead run.

"I probably tried too hard," Suppan said.



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Sam Wolf bumped the ball as Sally Schlick prepared to attack in volleyball action from Hays last Saturday. The Eagles beat both Hays and Dodge City Saturday to boost their record to 5-1.

Lady Eagles win two in Hays

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The Lady Eagle volleyball team improved to 5-1 by beating Dodge City and Hays Saturday in Hays. After winning the first game against Hays 15-12, the Eagles found themselves in a hole, down 13-4 in the second game.

"It really shows a lot about their determination that they came back to win 15-13," said head coach Lesley Waggoner.

Bethanie Linden led the attack for the Lady Eagles against the 5A Lady Indians with 8 kills; Sally Schlick had 7, Summar Stephens had 5, Whitney Adams had 3, Tiffany Focke 2, and

Jessica Bricker, Brianna Swafford, and Ray Mazanec had 1. Focke had 20 assists against Hays.

In the second match against Dodge City, also a 5A team, Colby came out with momentum and dispatched the Lady Red Demons 15-10 and 15-3.

"The girls really wanted to come out of the day 2-0," said Waggoner.

Linden led the attack again with six kills, followed by Stephens with five, Swafford with four, Schlick with three, and Raya Mazanec with one. Tiffany Focke had 15 assists.

The varsity volleyball team is in action Saturday in Oakley, along with Hoxie and Scott City.

Cards closing in on title

DENVER (AP) — One night, the St. Louis Cardinals score seven runs in the eighth inning to win. The next night, they score five runs in the ninth to win again.

Combining drama and inevitability, the Cardinals are closing in on their second pennant in three seasons.

Scott Rolen homered twice, including a tiebreaking two-run shot in the ninth, as the Cardinals beat the Colorado Rockies 8-5 Wednesday night and cut their magic number for clinching the NL Central to four.

St. Louis had five homers and three doubles, remaining 7 1/2 games ahead of second-place Houston in the division.

Rolen's second homer, his 27th, triggered the five-run ninth.

"We're taking care of business here," manager Tony La Russa said. "You don't worry about what the other club (Houston) is doing. We are in first place, and we are in charge."

Rolen agreed.

"We have a nice offensive club, and lately we've been stepping up in big situations."

"Jimmy (Edmonds) draws a big walk to start the ninth, and we go from there. We're getting good at-bats when we need them."

St. Louis had only three hits — all solo homers — until the ninth. Jim Edmonds led off with a walk off Justin Speier (5-1), Rolen homered and pinch-hitter Ivan Cruz followed with

a solo shot, the second time the Cardinals hit consecutive homers in the game.

Edgar Renteria doubled and scored on Mike Matheny's double, and Fernando Vina added a run-scoring double.

"We are playing hard, we just are not matching up well late," Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said. "(Denny) Stark gave us a good effort. Everything worked well until the ninth inning. That's why we play nine."

The game was delayed 79 minutes by rain in the top of the third.

The rain, which began two hours before the game, and 50-degree temperatures contributed to the Rockies' lowest attendance (25,330) in their 10-year history.

Ben Petrick had two solo homers and a double for the Rockies.

Pinch-hitter Ross Gload also hit a bases-empty homer.

Rolen had his second multihomer game this season — his first with the Cardinals — and the 12th of his career. Tino Martinez and Renteria hit solo shots for the Cardinals.

Rick White (4-6) pitched a scoreless eighth, and Steve Kline finished for his sixth save.

Stark allowed three runs and three hits in six innings for Colorado.

Andy Benes gave up one run and six hits in six innings. Since returning from the disabled list on July 16, he is 5-2 with a 2.15 ERA.

Local Sports Calendar

Tonight

8:30 Homecoming bonfire/Pep rally/Jersey Auction at the fairgrounds.

Friday

8 p.m. Colby High School Homecoming Football against Yuma, Colo., at Dennen Field. Homecoming ceremonies will take place after the game.

Saturday

- 9 a.m. 'C' volleyball at Oberlin.
- 9 a.m. JV/V volleyball at Oakley with Hoxie and Scott City.
- 9 a.m. FFA NW District softball tournament at Oakley.
- 9 a.m. Varsity girl's tennis at Lindsborg-Smoky Valley.
- 10 a.m. Cross Country at Scott City.
- 10 a.m. 7th-grade 'B' football with Goodland at Dennen Field. (NOTE: There will be no 8 'B' game as was indicated on the school calendar.)
- 10 a.m. 7/8 'B' volleyball 'fun day' at the elementary gym and high school gym with Atwood, Goodland, and Burlington.

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