

Season gets underway for Colby Trojans



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The 2002-2003 Trojans participated in a day-long scrimmage in Denver over the past weekend. It was our first taste of facing an opponent. We scrimmaged three times on Saturday facing Mid-Plains, Neb., Northeastern, Colo., and Western Nebraska. We went 3-0 or 2-1 depending on what score you counted. There were several impressions on the day regardless of the scoreboard. First, let's look at the positive. Overall, this is the most talented group in my four seasons. We showed great team athleticism. We out-rebounded all our opponents (although not by enough). We were explosive offensively in spurts.

Sophomore notes. Eric Fowlkes played solid but not spectacular. He has improved defensively and is showing more explosion on the offensive end. Detric Spooner was very good in spurts. He must be more consistent and must improve his post defense. Detric tied for the team lead in rebounding. Mike Wolters suffered a slight concussion early in the first scrimmage and did not play. Stu Keltner hit a few open three's and played hard. He must cut down his mistakes.

Joe Williams played very well. He was forced into playing the point the majority of his minutes and did very well considering he has not practiced the position very much. Jason Ven John has improved in the off season but today made too many turnovers. As always Jason gives a great effort.

Freshman notes. Justin Williams (6'10) tied Spoon for the team lead in rebounds with 21 on the day. Justin showed flashes of being a dominant big man. He simply must mature and be consistent.

Dillion Sneed played hard in spurts. He must play hard at all times. E.J. Drayton scored in a variety of ways and often displayed his talent and quickness. E.J. must get stronger with the ball and make the easy plays. Brandon Miller played a very solid point guard position. He made solid decisions and scored when he was open. He must continue to improve. Zane Davis shot the ball OK but must continue to improve his defense. Sam Jackson did some very nice things on the offensive end (really moved the ball) but must improve his footwork defensively. K.J. Wilkens did a solid job running the point spot.

Finally, we must also address the negative. We must correct our mis-

takes and improve in order to have the kind of season we all would like to remember. We must play harder longer. We must show more discipline to execute in the half court. I could dwell on several things but let's just build on the positive. We will build!

JOTTINGS
My 'SPORTS TALK' top 10. 1. Miami 2. Oklahoma 3. Ohio State 4. Virginia Tech 5. Georgia 7. Oregon 8. Notre Dame 9. NC State 10. Air Force

Each team in my top 10 is undefeated.

The Jayhawk Press Conference is Monday the 21st. I will have some details and insights upon my return.

We are working with Colby Recreation Department to put together a 'Halloween Hoops' night for the kids. We have tentatively scheduled this for Nov. 2nd. Kids grades 2-8 will be invited to our game, in costume, we will provide supervision from 7:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m., after our game concludes our players will have contests and games with the kids, we also will provide some Halloween goodies. It should be a lot of fun. Sign your kids up with the Colby Rec. Dept.

Rich Epp commented that the Eagle football win over Smith Center was one of the biggest wins in the past 30 years for Colby Eagle football. Way to go EAGLES!

We will host Northeastern Colorado in a scrimmage on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the community building. It is open to the public and admission is FREE.

Our season officially tips off with the 'Stephens Construction Tip-off Classic' Oct. 31, November 1 and November 2.

The feature game will be Saturday night at 8:00 p.m. as the Trojans take on McCook.

The toughest Trojan basketball schedule in history could be this season. A pre-season look at the RANKED opponents. Barton County is #1, South Plains #8, Seward County #18 and Coffeyville is receiving votes. We also scrimmage Northeastern Colorado (receiving votes) two times in the next two weeks, at Sterling, Colo., tonight and here in Colby on Tuesday Oct. 22 at 6:30.

Detric Spooner has been named a 5th Team Pre-season All-American in Street & Smith's basketball yearbook.



DARREL PATTILLO/Colby Free Press

Tuesday night was Senior Recognition night for the seven Eagle seniors, Jessica Bricker, Tiffany Focke, Sally Schlick, Desiree Sharp, Summar Stephens, Sam Wolf, and Lori Ziegelmeier, and their parents.

Lady Eagle volleyball team wins at Scott City

By LINDA TAYLOR

Colby Free Press
Last Saturday, the Colby High School Eagle volleyball team traveled to Scott City to participate in the Scott City Invitational tournament. The Lady Eagles brought home the 1st place medal, 5 wins and 2 All-Tournament members, Bethanie Linden and Tiffany Focke.

With the 5 wins, the Lady Eagles are going into the final two matches of the season Tuesday evening with an impressive record of 21-2.

In the Eagles first match, the ladies played Ulysses High School, beating them in three games, 15-5, 10-15 and 15-3. The Lady Eagles recorded 93.8 percent serving efficiency with Summar Stephens, Sally Schlick, Brianna Swafford, Tiffany Focke, Samantha Wolf and Raya Mazanec all with 100%. Points were 11 for Focke, 8 for Schlick, 6 each for Bethanie Linden and Whitney Adams, 4 for Mazanec, 3 for Swafford, and 2 for Stephens. Linden recorded 9 kills, followed by 4 for Stephens, 3 for Schlick, 2 for Adams, and 1 each for Jessica Bricker, Mazanec, and Lori Ziegelmeier. Desiree Sharp also saw action for this match.

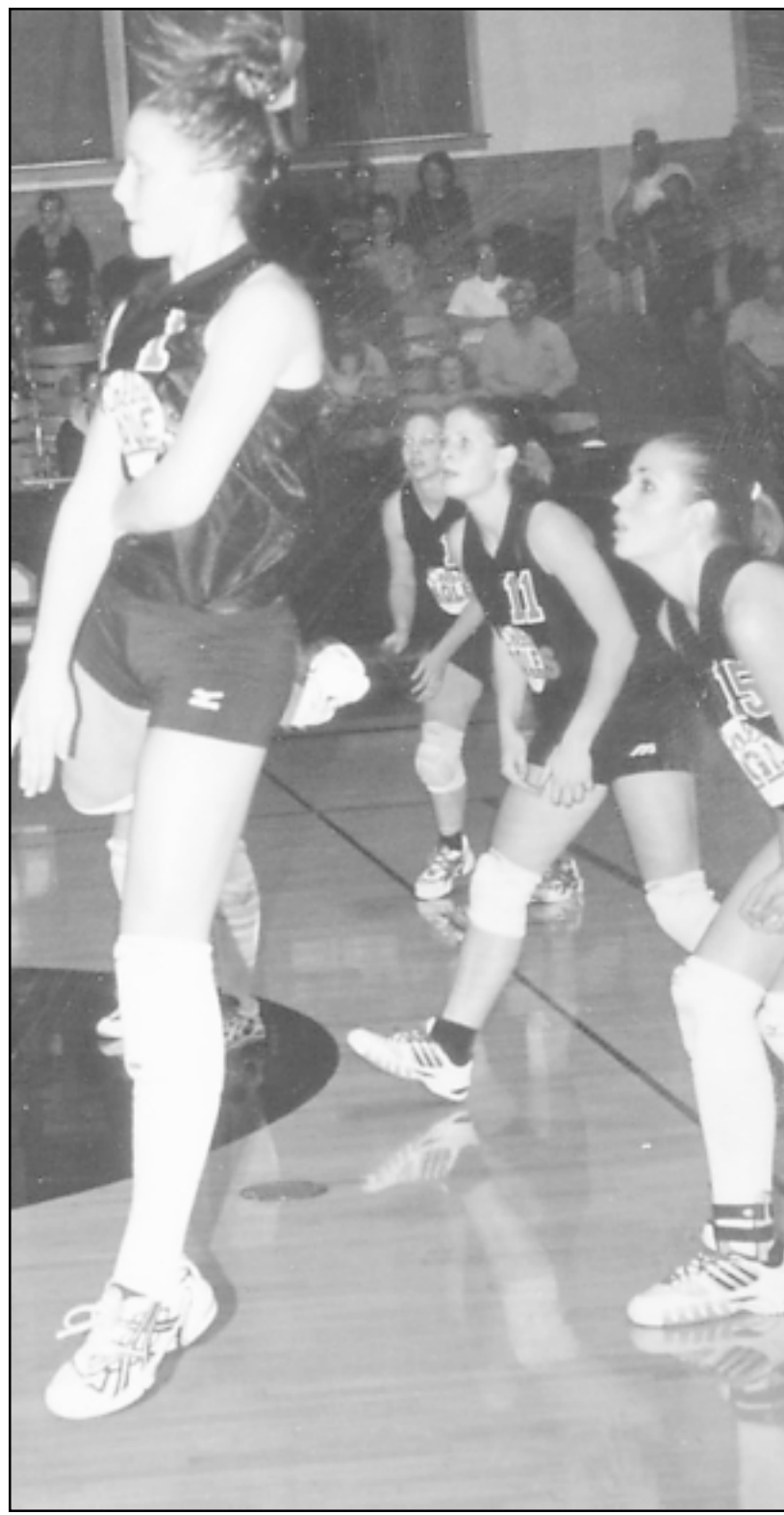
The second match found the Lady Eagles taking on Leoti High School. Colby won this match in two games, 15-3 and 15-6. Again all players saw action during this match. The Eagles were very aggressive this match with 9 players having at least one kill during the match; Linden and Ziegelmeier each had 5, Stephens had 2 and Wolf, Bricker, Swafford, Mazanec, Sharp and Focke had 1 each. Focke was credited with 15 points, Schlick and Mazanec each with 4,

Stephens with 3, and Linden, Wolf, Bricker, and Sharp each with 1 point.

The final match of pool play saw the Lady Eagles playing the Holcomb Longhorns, who came to the tournament with a 16-2 record, the same as the Lady Eagles. The Lady Eagles came out strong beating Holcomb 15-8 in the first game. Then Holcomb came back and beat the Eagles 15-12 in the second game. The Eagles finished the match beating the Longhorns 15-10 in the final game. Again, all 11 players saw action during this match. Schlick had 16 hits with 12 kills, Linden had 18 hits with 9 kills, Stephens had 16 hits with 8 kills and 5 blocks, and Swafford had 6 hits with 3 kills. Receiving credit for scoring was 12 each for Schlick and Swafford, 6 for Stephens, 5 for Adams, 4 for Linden, and 3 for Focke for a team total of 97.4% serve efficiency.

Being #1 in pool play, the Lady Eagles took on the Norton Bluejays, the #2 team from the other pool, in the semi-finals of tournament play. Again, the Lady Eagles beat the Bluejays in three games, 15-3, 11-15, and 15-7 with all players seeing action. Scoring for the Lady Eagles were Focke with 13, Schlick with 11, 7 for Swafford, 3 each for Linden and Wolf, 2 for Sharp and 1 for Ziegelmeier and Adams. Stephens had 13 hits with 9 kills, Linden with 8 hits and 5 kills, Schlick with 8 hits and 4 kills, Swafford with 7 hits and 4 kills, Sharp had 7 hits and 2 kills, Ziegelmeier with 3 hits and 2 kills, Adams with 3 hits and 1 kill, and Mazanec with 2 hits and 1 kill.

After winning in the semi-finals, the Lady Eagles took on the Scott City Beavers for the final match of the day and the championship.



LOU KERSENBROCK/Colby Free Press

The Colby Lady Eagle volleyball won five matches at Scott City last weekend to take first in the Scott City tournament. ABOVE: Bethanie Linden spiked the ball as Sally Schlick (15), Brianna Swafford (11), and Whitney Adams prepared to help out.

The Lady Beavers came out strong but the Lady Eagles prevailed beating the Beavers in two games, 15-11 and 15-9.

The Eagles recorded 53 hits with 24 kills for the match—Schlick had 14 hits and 9 kills, Linden had 15 hits with 7 kills, Stephens recorded 16 hits and 6 kills, Swafford had 5 hits and 1 kill, Focke had 1 hit with 1 kill and Adams with 2 hits.

Colby served an impressive 96.5 serve efficiency with Swafford scoring 11 points, Adams with 7, Stephens with 5, Schlick with 3 and 2 each for Linden and Focke.

Following the championship game, the winning Lady Eagles each received a medal to commemorate their hard work for the day. Bethanie Linden and Tiffany Focke also received medals for being selected to the All-Tournament team along with 3 girls from Scott City and 1 from Holcomb.

The Lady Eagles travel to Hoxie on Saturday, Oct. 19 for the league tournament and will travel to Pratt next Saturday, Oct. 26 for the sub-state tournament.

The winner of the sub-state tournament will compete at the state tournament in Salina on Saturday, Nov. 2.

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Bronco safety suspended

DENVER (AP) — Broncos strong safety Kenoy Kennedy was suspended by the NFL for one game without pay Tuesday for his helmet-to-helmet hit on Miami receiver Chris Chambers.

He will miss Denver's game next Sunday at Kansas City, but will not be fined.

Chambers got a concussion when he went up high for a pass from Jay Fiedler and was hit in the face by Kennedy in the second quarter of Miami's 24-22 victory Sunday night.

Chambers' head twisted after the hit, and he lay on the field for about five minutes before being helped off the

field. Kennedy was flagged for a personal foul and tried to apologize to Chambers as he walked off the field, but he was pushed back by Miami's Randy McMichael.

Kennedy has already been fined twice this season and received a warning from the league last week. He received a \$7,500 fine for a hit on St. Louis' Isaac Bruce on opening day, then was fined \$10,000 last week for a shot on San Diego's Fred McCrary.

The league warned Kennedy that future hits similar to the one on McCrary could lead to a suspension.

Rockies hire four new coaches

DENVER (AP) — The Colorado Rockies hired former major leaguers Sandy Alomar Sr., Jamie Quirk and Dave Collins as coaches Tuesday and rehired Rick Mathews as bullpen coach.

Alomar, named third-base coach, played infield for 15 years and was a coach in the Chicago Cubs organization for the past 12 years. He is the father of New York Mets second baseman Robbie Alomar and Rockies catcher Sandy Alomar Jr.

Quirk, named bench coach, was a catcher, infielder and outfielder for 18 seasons and played on three World

Series teams. He has been a coach for the Texas Rangers and Kansas City Royals.

Collins will be first-base coach. He played 16 seasons before managing the Rockies' Class-A Salem team and serving as the Milwaukee Brewers' first-base coach last year.

Mathews was the Rockies' bullpen coach in 1993, their inaugural season, and in 1995. He has been on the player development staff since 1992 and spent the last seven years as roving pitching instructor.

The Rockies hitting and pitching coach positions are still open.

Angels dilemma: Pitch to Bonds?

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Everywhere the Anaheim Angels go, the question is the same: Pitch to Barry Bonds or walk him?

Listening to the talk at Edison Field, it seems the Angels will be playing only against Bonds in the World Series, try-

ing to devise a plan to somehow beat him, 25 on 1.

Of course, San Francisco will have 25 players on the roster when the first all wild-card World Series opens Saturday night. But Barry Bonds is the focus.

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