Middle school volleyball team now 4-2

After a tough loss to Scott City the previous Thursday, the eighth grade volleyball A-team rebounded with a win over Burlington on Oct. 7 to bring their record to 4-2.

The Scott City match went three games: 5-15,15-1,13-15. Ashley Barnes led the way with 12 points, serving seven straight points to win game two. Others scoring points were Rishonna Martin-10, Kristin Cox-5, Caitie Henry and Brittany Kersenbrock with 3 each. Henry and Kersenbrock shared top honors in the kill department, recording three each, followed by Lauren Cox, Martin and Barnes with one each. To round off the offensive effort, Henry and L. Cox each had three assists while K. Cox had

Putting that loss behind them, the Lady Eagles beat Burlington convincingly, 157,15-13. Lauren Cox scored ten serving points in the win, followed by Kristin Cox and Kersenbrock-6 each, Henry and Barnes-3 each, and Jenna Johnson-2. The Eagles took advantage of Burlington's mistakes with Kersenbrock getting three kills, and L. Cox, K. Cox and Barnes each hitting one down, in the assist department, Henry had two and L.Cox had one. Defensively, Kersenbrock and L. Cox each had one block.

Coach Cathy Cash thought the difference between the Scott City and Burlington matches was the girls' team

"The team relaxed, had fun, and played as a team here in Burlington,"

The B-team suffered the same fate as the A-team, losing to Scott City but defeating Burlington, to improve their

Against Scott City, Michelle Kaus April Weaver-3, Bugbee and Bussen- gym.

The Colby Middle School seventh

grade football team saw its record im-

prove to 3 - 2 on Oct. 7 with a 14 - 6 win

over the Burlington Cougars. The

young Eagles tallied their first touch-

down in the first quarter on a 43-yard

touchdown pass from Mikel

Ladenburger to halfback Mitchell

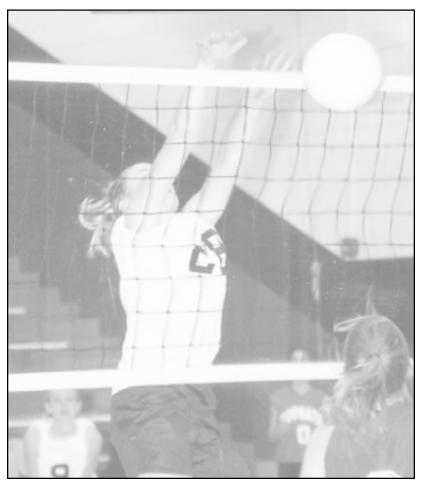
Tuma. Ladenburger kicked the ball

through the uprights for the extra point

to put the Eagles up 7 - 0. Burlington

scored in the second quarter but failed

to convert the extra point and Colby led



LOU KERSENBROCK/Colby Free Press

Brittany Kersenbrock had a block against Burlington last Monday in Colby Middle School volleyball action.

During the third quarter neither team points. This is the first time in my 14

fense played much better the second other interception. Other players with

can shut out an opponent that is quite Ziegelmeier, Duke Turner, Taylor

an accomplishment. The kids were also Pool, Brent Luedke, Ryan McCoy and

served 15 straight points to win game 2 each. one at 15-0, but the Eagles went on to Other Eagles scoring were Brandy Skiles, Rashaun Wilson, Denise sists, while Bieker had one. Repshire, Kaylie Dugger and Nicole Ritter-l each. Rebecca Muirhead scored two kills, and Carleigh Dempewolf had one. Amanda Paulsen helped the offense with two assists.

Burlington, winning 11-15,15-9,15-13. Dempewolf served three straight said. aces in game three and had 12 total points on the day. Other scorers were hosted Oberlin in their last regular

was able to dent the scoreboard. Late

in the fourth quarter linebacker Travis

Parker made an outstanding play and

returned an interception 70 yards for

the decisive touchdown. Ladenburger

kicked the extra point to make the fi-

Coach John Miles said, "Our de-

half against the Cougars. Anytime you

The team had an impressive offenlose the next two games: 4-15,13-15. sive performance with kills recorded by Weaver-4, Wilson-2, and Bussen-1. Bussen-4, Lindsey Bugbee, Kristin Dempewolf led the way with four as-

Coach Liz Strand attributed the team's success to their dogged persistence to run an offense.

"It's easy to get sucked into playing bump ball, but our girls set the ball up The Eagles bounced back at and ran our offense even though Burlington didn't run one," Strand

Both the B- and A-team Eagles Tisha Bieker-II, Skiles-6, Wilson-5, match at 4:30 today in the elementary

year coaching career that we have tried

kicking the point after touchdown.

Quarterback Eli Robert, center Todd

Ziegelmeier and Mikel have done a

Austin Taylor and Parker led the

young Eagles defense. Taylor recorded

a fumble recovery and Parker had an-

good defensive games were Todd

good job in practice."

Middle School seventh-grade A-team improves to 3-2

Lady Eagles win tennis regional By DARREL PATTILLO way through the first set. "At that and had been a top-four finisher at state

to Pratt Monday for regionals and came home with a well deserved team cham-

Colby scored 10 points to distance Pratt and Larned tied for second with six points and Chaparral was fourth with four points.

In doubles competition, Carla Sloan and Layla Woodall played the Kingman team in the 1st round, and played their best tennis of the year in the first set, dominating their opponents 6-1. The last two sets, unfortunately, were a different story, as they fell 3-6, 3-6. Coach Mike Sprenkel said, "At times, they played very well, but then started to fall into the traps that have plagued them all year: Nerves and inconsistency. Even though they lost, they've improved immensely from the start of the season. Layla will be back next year and will be a contributing factor in next year's season."

In singles, Crystal Mannebach played Vargas from Wellington, and after struggling through some early match jitters, finished the first set strong, winning 7-5. The second set saw Mannebach dominate Vargas by the score of 6-2. "Crystal outclassed her opponent," Sprenkel said, "by making her move, and varying her play by mixing up baseline and net shots. Her consistency was the big differ-

In Mannebach's second match, she found herself pitted against the #3 seed from Chaparral. Mannebach gave her all she could handle, leading 3-2 mid-

time," Sprenkel said, "her opponent last year. The Colby team played well The Colby Eagle tennis team went started moving her around the court, varying the depth and spin of her shots. Crystal ended up dropping the first set

itself from the rest of the competition. girl take over and win 6-2. Mannebach picked up a crucial team point for regional tournament with a 15-4 record

In doubles competition, Diane Wilson and Becky Lang had a very successful tournament, placing second while defeating the #2 seed. After losing the first game, Wilson and Lang reeled off six straight games to take the first set 6-1, and then won the second

In the second round, Wilson and Lang faced a good Wellington team. The opposition had two good servers that caused the Colby team fits at times. After splitting the first two sets, 6-3, 4-6, Colby bore down and jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the third. Wellington made a run, but Wilson and Lang shut them down 6-3.

In a rematch from last week, Colby played Ulysses, the #2 seed, in the semi-final match. Ulysses took the first set 7-5 and was up 5-3 in the second when Colby turned the tables. Wilson and Lang took the next four games with to tie the match at 4-all." consistency and a variety of winning shots, to take the second set 7-5 and set up the deciding third set.

"The third set was really no match," Sprenkel said, "as the girls raced to a 6-3 victory. It was sweet redemption for Diane and Becky, who had lost to the same Ulysses team last Thursday."

played the Larned team that was 30-2 and Saturday.

at times but found out that there is still work to be done in preparation for state. Larned won the doubles finals. 6-2, 6-0. Wilson and Lang took second

The second set saw the Chaparral and earned four points for the team. Sophomore Katie Lang entered the and the #1 seed. "She did not disappoint her fans," Sprenkel said. "In fact,

at times, she put on a tennis clinic."

The first round saw Lang defeat the girl from Goodland 6-1, 6-0. The second round was much the same, as she beat Ulysses 6-0, 6-0. The third round pitted Lang against Galle from Pratt. who had defeated Lang earlier in the season at Smoky Valley. This time, however, the result was much different. Lang never allowed Galle to get on track, mixing up well placed baseline shots, drop shots, and a consistent net game. The final score was 6-3, 6-1.

In the finals, Lang faced the Chaparral player who had earlier defeated Crystal Mannebach. Lang dominated her opponent in the first four games. "Katie then made the one mistake that has haunted her all year," Sprenkel said. "She started playing at the level of her opponent. Katie allowed the girl

With her back to the wall, Lang responded with two wins to take the first

The second set showed Lang's determination to win a regional title, as she won 6-0 and earned the team 5 points toward the championship.

The team is headed to Lawrence to In the finals, Lang and Wilson compete in the state tournament Friday

Kansas City Chiefs put Ryan Sims on injured reserve

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs put rookie defensive tackle Ryan Sims on injured reserve Wednesday and agreed to terms pounds, appeared in 10 games with the tive this week. on a one-year contract with veteran free agent Nate Hobgood-Chittick.

Hobgood-Chittick will fill the roster spot of Sims, a 315-pounder who was the sixth player taken in this year's draft. He suffered an elbow injury dur-

Husker back is reportedly AWOL

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska running back Thunder Collins didn't report to practice for a third straight day, increasing speculation that he has quit the team.

Coach Frank Solich said he hasn't heard from Collins since Saturday's win over Missouri.

ing last week's game at San Diego in Chiefs last season and made one start. just his second start.

Coach Dick Vermeil said he did not Hobgood-Chittick, 6-foot-3, 296 plan on making Hobgood-Chittick ac-

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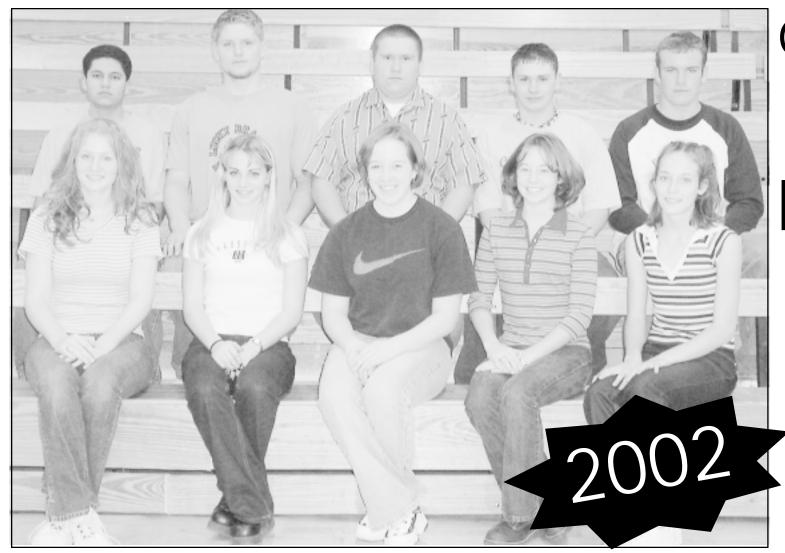
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