

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 one.

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 effort.

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

The B-team suffered the same fate as the A-team, losing to Scott City but defeating Burlington, to improve their record to 5-6.

Against Scott City, Michelle Kaus



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

served 15 straight points to win game one at 15-0, but the Eagles went on to lose the next two games: 4-15, 13-15. Other Eagles scoring were Brandy Bussen-4, Lindsey Bugbee, Kristin Skiles, Rashaun Wilson, Denise Repshire, Kaylie Dugger and Nicole Ritter-1 each. Rebecca Muirhead scored two kills, and Carleigh Dempewolf had one. Amanda Paulsen helped the offense with two assists.

The Eagles bounced back at Burlington, winning 11-15, 15-9, 15-13. Dempewolf served three straight aces in game three and had 12 total points on the day. Other scorers were Tisha Bieker-II, Skiles-6, Wilson-5, April Weaver-3, Bugbee and Bussen-

2 each.

The team had an impressive offensive performance with kills recorded by Weaver-4, Wilson-2, and Bussen-I. Dempewolf led the way with four assists, while Bieker had one.

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 and ran our offense even though Burlington didn't run one," Strand said.

Both the B- and A-team Eagles hosted Oberlin in their last regular match at 4:30 today in the elementary gym.

points. This is the first time in my 14 year coaching career that we have tried kicking the point after touchdown. Quarterback Eli Robert, center Todd Ziegelmeier and Mikel have done a good job in practice."

Austin Taylor and Parker led the young Eagles defense. Taylor recorded a fumble recovery and Parker had another interception. Other players with good defensive games were Todd Ziegelmeier, Duke Turner, Taylor Pool, Brent Luedke, Ryan McCoy and Chase Vaughn.

Lady Eagles win tennis regional

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The Colby Eagle tennis team went to Pratt Monday for regionals and came home with a well deserved team championship.

Colby scored 10 points to distance itself from the rest of the competition. 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 difference."

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-

way through the first set. "At that time," Sprenkel said, "her opponent started moving her around the court, varying the depth and spin of her shots. Crystal ended up dropping the first set 5-7."

The second set saw the Chaparral girl take over and win 6-2. Mannebach picked up a crucial team point for Colby.

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 set 6-1.

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 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."

In the finals, Lang and Wilson played the Larned team that was 30-2

and had been a top-four finisher at state last year. The Colby team played well 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 and earned four points for the team.

Sophomore Katie Lang entered the regional tournament with a 15-4 record 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 to tie the match at 4-all."

With her back to the wall, Lang responded with two wins to take the first set 6-4.

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 compete in the state tournament Friday and Saturday.

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 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 during last week's game at San Diego in just his second start.

Hobgood-Chittick, 6-foot-3, 296 pounds, appeared in 10 games with the

Chiefs last season and made one start. Coach Dick Vermeil said he did not plan on making Hobgood-Chittick active this week.

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

The Colby Middle School seventh grade football team saw its record improve to 3 - 2 on Oct. 7 with a 14 - 6 win over the Burlington Cougars. The young Eagles tallied their first touchdown 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 7 - 6 at half-time.

During the third quarter neither team 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 final 14 - 6.

Coach John Miles said, "Our defense played much better the second half against the Cougars. Anytime you can shut out an opponent that is quite an accomplishment. The kids were also excited that we kicked the two extra

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Friday, October 18

Spirit Day/Color War Day

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