



DARREL PATTILLO/Colby Free Press

Colby Trojan sophomore Eric Fowlkes got up over Northeastern defenders Tuesday in a scrimmage at the Colby Community Building.

## Trojan hoopsters gearing up for season

By DARREL PATTILLO

Colby Free Press

Local basketball fans got a freebie Tuesday night as the Colby Trojan men's basketball team scrimmaged the team from Northeastern Colorado at the Colby Community Building.

Over 100 fans watched as Colby won the scrimmage 76-63, and head coach Brian Ostermann saw some

things he liked, and some things he didn't like.

"I thought we shot very well," he said. "54 percent is pretty good. And defensively, we held them to 39 percent, which is very good."

"What I didn't like was the fact that we had 26 turnovers. That number is going to have to come down. We got some guys playing new positions, and

we've got some new players on the team, so we'll be working on that.

"I think we're continuing to improve each week, and as long as we keep improving, we're going to get good."

The Trojans open the season next Thursday with the Stephens Construction Tip-off Classic that will go Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Games will be played at the Community Building.

## Colby Eagle seventh grade football team ends year 4-3

On Saturday, Oct. 5, the Colby Middle School seventh grade B team traveled to Goodland for their second meeting of the season. The Mustangs scored their touchdowns in the first and third quarter to defeat the Eagles by the score of 22 - 0.

Coach John Miles said, "Even though we didn't score during the game our backs did a fairly good job of moving the ball." The running backs were Justin Brown, Dalen Schlageck and Jordan Erickson.

Eagles with good defensive games were Jason Schwarz, Jason Schroeder, Cody Wark, Kyle Cox and Bryan Brewer.

COLBY SEVENTH GRADE LOSSES TO NORTON

On Monday, Oct. 14, the Colby Middle School seventh grade football team lost to the Norton Bluejays by the score of 18 - 0. The loss dropped their record to 3 - 3.

Coach John Miles said, "It was one of those days that our offense could not get untracked. Even though we did give up 18 points to the Bluejays I thought our defense played well. It was probably our best game of the season for recording turnovers."

The defense was led by Hunter Olsen and Brent Luedke intercepting passes. Travis Parker recovered two fumbles and Duke Turner and Grant Jennings both came up with fumble recoveries. Other Eagles with good defensive games were Austin Taylor, Taylor Pool, Todd Ziegelmeier, Bradley Dible and Ethan Stover.

COLBY SEVENTH GRADES FINISHES SEASON 4 - 3

The Colby Middle School seventh grade football team finished its season Thursday, Oct. 17 with a 26 - 6 victory

over the Oberlin Red Devils. Travis Parker started the game by returning the opening kickoff 63 yards. The extra point attempt was blocked and the young Eagles led 6 - 0 with not much time off the clock. Later in the first quarter Mikel Ladenburger threw a 34 yard halfback pass to Mitchell Tuma. Parker scored the two-point conversion on a fake extra point to put the Eagles up 14 - 6 at half-time.

In the third quarter, Parker scored on a 54 yard run and the extra point was blocked by the Red Devils. Later in the same quarter Parker scored his third touchdown of the day on a 42 yard run. The defense was led Todd Ziegelmeier, Duke Turner, Bradley Dible, Ryan Baalman, Hunter Olsen, Taylor Pool, Justin Shields and Ryan McCoy.

Coach John Miles said, "This was a great way to finish the season. Travis, Mitchell, Mikel and Eli Robert did a good job of running the offense today and the defense really stepped up after Oberlin scored their touchdown in the first quarter. The halfback pass from Mikel to Mitchell worked for the fifth time in seven games. This year's team was definitely a big play offense as our shortest touchdown play of the season was 23 yards. We also threw a total of seven touchdown passes during the season."

Coach Miles and Assistant Coach Bruce Plumisto mentioned Todd Ziegelmeier, Mitchell Tuma, Travis Parker, and Eli Robert as the hardest workers. Chase Vaughn, Bradley Dible, Ryan Baalman and Austin Taylor were the most improved for the 2002 season. Miles also wanted to thank Bruce for his help this year and the parents for their support during the year.

## Colby Middle School basketball meeting scheduled for Oct. 29

All Colby Middle School girls in grades seven and eight who will be playing basketball this season, along with their parents, are invited to a Parent/Player meeting with middle school basketball coach

Raenette Martin.

The meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. in the Colby Elementary School gymnasium.

For more information, you can reach Coach Martin at 462-3400.

## Lady Eagles capture league title

By DARREL PATTILLO

Colby Free Press

The Colby Lady Eagle volleyball team, champions of the Northwest Kansas League, is heading to Pratt Saturday for Class 4A sub-state volleyball action. As of press time, the brackets for the tournament had not been released.

At Hoxie last Saturday, the Eagles went 4-1, losing only to Atwood during their second match in pool play, 6-15, 9-15. In the first match, Colby beat Oakley 15-11, 15-8. As pool play continued, Colby defeated St. Francis 15-8, 15-7. In the other pool, Goodland was on its way to beating Hoxie and Quinter, before losing to Oberlin.

In semifinal action, Colby needed three games to beat Goodland, 10-15, 15-8, 17-15. Sainty defeated Oberlin

## Eagle junior spikers end regular season

The eighth-grade volleyball A-team improved their record to 5-2 last Thursday, with a decisive win over Oberlin, 15-4, 15-1.

Rishonna Martin grabbed top scoring honors with 11 points, followed by Lauren Cox and Brittany Kersenbrock with seven, and Kristin Cox with five. Martin, L. Cox, and Kersenbrock each served one ace on the day as well.

The lady Eagles did not have as many offensive opportunities as Oberlin had trouble handling the Colby serves, but Kersenbrock had two kills and Martin had two assists.

The B-team played October 14 at St. Francis. They split their match, winning one and losing one.

However, they defeated the St. Francis A-team in two games. On Thursday, they lost to Oberlin, 5-15, 3-15.

Michelle Kaus led all scorers with two serving points.

Several Eagles had one point, including Lindsey Bugbee, April Weaver, Carleigh Dempewolf, Kristin Skiles, Ashley Bickimer, and Kaylie Dugger.

The B-team finished their season with a record of 6-7.

The A-team travels to Goodland Thursday to play in the league tournament. Games begin at 2 p.m.

15-13, 15-10 in the other semifinal match.

For the league championship, three games were needed again as Colby dropped the first one 12-15, but came back to take the next two 15-12, and 17-15.

If Colby advances to the state tournament, they'll head for Salina to start play on Friday, Nov. 1.

## Huskermania!



DARREL PATTILLO/Colby Free Press

Long-time Kansas State football fan Bill Mariman of Colby sets up Nebraska football memorabilia at long-time Cornhusker fan Francis Britton's house. Unfortunately, both Nebraska and Kansas State lost last weekend in Big 12 football action.



Congratulations to the CHS Girls Tennis Team and Coach Sprengel & Coach Weber for Regional Championship and for qualifying for State!!

KPA  
Alltel  
W1453LF  
4X10  
100% GDN  
\*NEW AD IN  
TRUCK\*