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Golden Plains quarterback Matt Giesenhagen (#11) and halfback Casey Shaw (#33) were out in front blocking for Lee Albers (not pictured) during the annual Battle of the Bulldogs, which Golden Plains won 53-8 over Brewster last Friday evening in Brewster.

Golden Plains wins Battle of the 'Dogs

By JAY KELLEY
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The Brewster High School Bulldog football team came up on the short end, 53-8, of the annual battle for Thomas County bragging rights against Golden Plains Friday night.

Golden Plains, 6-1 and sporting a powerful running game, came into Brewster heavily favored over the 4-3 'Dawgs.

Golden Plains opened with a touchdown drive on big plays and led 8-0 with less than three minutes off the clock.

Brewster was unable to get anything going offensively and trailed 32-0 with

5:38 left in the half. Golden Plains tried an onside kick with only five minutes left and got the ball back at mid-field.

A 24-yard carry by 230-pound full-back Lee Albers put them on the Brewster 16.

Two more carries by Albers put them at first and goal on the three.

Brewster's defense stepped up and stopped Golden Plains on three successive plays. On fourth and six inches for the touchdown, Branson Gilley stripped the ball from Jesse Miller and Jacob Falcon scooped it up, racing 79 yards for the 'Dawgs only score.

Half-time found Brewster trailing

38-8 and Golden Plains ended the game in the third quarter with touchdown runs by Miller at 9:30 and Albers at 6:15.

Brewster had only 33 yards offensively. Falcon had 17 tackles and a fumble recovery for a touchdown. Jake Long had 13 tackles.

Lucas Moore had 12, Gilley and Jesse Crumrine had nine each. Joel Selby had eight. Sean Swanson had six. Aaron Smith had five and Jarrett Carpenter had four.

Brewster takes on Cheylin in Bird City Thursday night. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Golden Plains plays Weskan at Rexford Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting is tonight for hoops hopefuls

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 coach Raenette Martin. The meeting will be tonight, at 7 p.m. in the Colby Elementary School gymnasium. For more information, you can reach Coach Martin at 462-3400.

Tip-off Classic is set to get the season started off right



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Our season officially begins this weekend. We host Sterling College, Kansas Wesleyan, and McCook this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. There will be two games each night beginning at 6:00. We will play the 8:00 game each night. The feature game is the Saturday clash with area rival McCook Community College. We split our two games a year ago with McCook. We both won on the opponent's floor. We are looking forward to that contest.

We have several players nursing nagging injuries. Point Guard Branden Miller has a sore Achilles tendon. Mike Wolters has a bruised foot and is just returning to practice. Dedic Spooner hurt his foot and is day to day. Eric Fowlkes bruised his tailbone when he fell at our last scrimmage. It appears that all these things are minor and we are hopeful that all the guys will play this weekend.

The Trojan line-up should (if everyone is healthy) look pretty solid. We will go with Justin Williams in the post. Justin is 6'9 and can run really well. He will be a good rebounder and shot blocker. Returning starter Dedic Spooner holds down the power forward slot. Spoon will try to build on his all-conference performance as a freshman. Our small forward will be E.J. Drayton. E.J. at 6'8 isn't small. He is very athletic and will play both forward spots for us. Eric Fowlkes returns for his second season in the starting line-up. Eric is ready for a breakout sophomore season.

The point guard position will be run by freshman Branden Miller. Branden is a very good defender and a solid ballhandler. The biggest strength of this team will be our depth. Stu Keltner started about half our games a year ago and he is solid, steady, and tough. Joe Williams, another wing player, really came on at the end of last season and he played nearly 20 minutes a game last year.

Mike Wolters also logged 20 minutes a game a year ago and he can play either guard spot. Jason Ven John is an-

other sophomore with game experience. In addition, several freshmen can provide depth especially front-line player Dillion Sneed. Dillion is 6'7, 240 and provides us with a great deal of muscle. K.J. Wilkens, Sam Jackson, and Zane Davis round out our freshman class.

There are several promotions going on this weekend at our games. Thursday night is 'Fright Night' for our college students. They will feature a costume contest.

Friday night is Trojan Team Poster Night. The first 250 fans will receive a free poster of the 2002-2003-basketball team. Saturday night will be of course be the showdown vs. McCook but we also will have 'Halloween Hoopla' for kids' grades 2-8. After the game our players will have treats and contest with the kids. Call the Colby Recreation Department at 462-4440 to sign up! We hope to see you all this weekend! Have a GREAT week!

JOTTINGS

My 'SPORTS TALK' SUPER 7. 1. Miami 2. Oklahoma 3. Ohio State 4. Notre Dame 5. Georgia 6. Virginia Tech 7. NC State. Each team in my top 7 is undefeated.

The official Jayhawk coaches' poll was released and it looks like this: 1. Barton County 2. Seward County 3. Colby Community College Trojans 4. Dodge City 5. Hutch 6. Garden City 7. Butler 8. Cloud 9. Pratt

The Eagle Volleyball team is going to the state tournament. Congratulations!

A special thank you to all our sponsors especially 'Stephens Construction' who sponsors our tip-off classic this weekend.

One week from Saturday (Nov. 9) we travel to Levelland, TX to take on 8th ranked South Plains. You will want to tune into Rich Epp's broadcast on 100.3 FM. Game time in Texas is set for 6:00 p.m. Be sure to listen!

Brian Ostermann is the head coach of the Colby Trojan men's basketball team. His column appears on Tuesdays.

Stuff it!



BARBARA PRATER/Pratt Tribune

Summar Stephens was up over the net to block a shot by a Hugoton player during Saturday's sub-state volleyball tournament. The Lady Eagles won the sub-state tournament, and will begin pool play in Salina at the 4A State tournament Friday morning at 9:30 against Towanda-Circle.

Middle school 8th-grade volleyball team wins NWKL championship at Goodland

By DONNA HENRY
Colby Free Press

The Lady Eagle 8th-grade volleyball team knocked off an undefeated Goodland team to capture the league tournament championship last Thursday in Goodland.

It took the Eagles three games to win the title match, 9-15, 15-13, 15-8. Jenna Johnson was top scorer with ten serving points followed by Britany Kersenbrock-7, Caitie Henry and Ashley Barnes-6 each, Rishonna Martin-5 and Lauren Cox-2. Consistent offense was key with a fairly even number of kills per player. Martin led with five, followed by L. Cox, Johnson, Henry and Kersenbrock-3 each, and Barnes-1. Implementing the

offense was Henry with eight assists. Defense played a major role in the confrontation with Barnes, Johnson, Kersenbrock and L. Cox each having one block.

In the semifinals, Colby trounced Quinter 15-7, 15-1. Martin came up big in the serving category, scoring eight straight points in game two of her total 11. Other scorers were L. Cox-9, Henry and Johnson-4 each, and Kersenbrock 2. Offense was also a key element in this match with Kersenbrock slamming down four kills, along with Martin, L. Cox and Henry-2 each, and Johnson-1. Henry and L. Cox shared assist honors with four each.

Defensively, Barnes, Kersenbrock and Johnson each blocked one spike.

Colby drew Oberlin in the opening round and, after getting on track, disposed of them 15-12, 15-13.

Henry grabbed top scoring honors by serving eight points. She was followed by L. Cox and Martin-6 each, Johnson-5, Kersenbrock-4 and Barnes-1. Again, the offense was evenly split with Henry and Johnson hammering five kills apiece, along with Kersenbrock-4, Martin-39 and L. Cox-2.

In the assist category, Henry had eight and L. Cox had four. Kristin Cox also saw action in all three matches, playing across the back row.

The Lady Eagles, coached by Ms. Cathy Cash and Ms. Liz Strand, finished the season with an 8-2 record.

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