

A gold day for Eagles

Tennis girls now preparing for the regional action



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Becky Lang, who partners with Crystal Mannebach as the #1 doubles team for the Colby High Eagles, is pictured here in an early match at the Fike Park courts. Becky and Crystal went 4-0 at Scott City on Thursday and they, along with the other varsity team members, are now preparing for Monday's regionals at Larned.

the dark (literally) to take home first-place medals.

Layla Woodall and Crystal Herschberger, #2 doubles, went 4-0. They received countless compliments from other coaches about how hard they played Thursday and how much they have improved since the first Colby meet. They played Ashland in the final round and after letting the opponent think they might have a chance, capped a win and took home first-place medals.

Thus, the Scott City trip yielded three first-place medals, one second-place and first-place team medals.

Coach Jay said the girls will be practicing today and Sunday before they head to regionals at Larned on

Monday. She said they will have a pretty tough regional with competing teams including Buhler, Goodland, Kingman, Larned, Lindsborg-Smokey Valley, Nickerson, Pratt, Scott City, Ulysses and Colby.

She said that to get to state the girls have to place in the top four at regionals in their singles or doubles. State will be held the following Friday-Saturday in Pratt. "If the ladies play up to their potential, we'll be three," Jay said.

Here are the season's records to date: Katie Lang, #1 singles, 22-7; Rachel Funk, #2 singles, 18-10; Crystal Mannebach-Becky Lang, #1 doubles, 17-7; and Layla Woodall-Crystal Herschberger, #2 doubles, 17-9.

Trojan softball goes 14-20-1

The Colby Community College Lady Trojan softball team went 3-2-1 in the final outing of the season at home on Oct. 4-5. For the fall season, the Lady Trojans were 14-20-1.

The results:
Game #1
Colby 6
McCook 1
Winning Pitcher - Kastanek 8H, 4K, 1BB, 2R, 1ER, 7IP
Leading Hitter - Calea Meyer 2-3, Erica Reitz 2-3
Team Hits - 7
Game #2
Seward 0
Colby 4
Winning Pitcher - Obernolte 2H, 5K, 4BB, 0R, 7IP
Leading Hitter - Erica Reitz 2-2
Team Hits - 8
Game #3

Colby 0
Otero 6
Losing Pitcher - Kastanek 7H, 4K, 2BB, 6R, 6ER, 7IP
Leading Hitter - Alissa Schields 2-3
Team Hits - 8
Game #4
Colby 5
Barton 4
Winning Pitcher - Obernolte 1H, 1K, 1R, 1ER, 1IP; Andrea Long 8H, 1K, 0BB, 3R, 3ER, 6IP
Leading Hitter - Calea Meyer 2-4
Team Hits - 8
Game #5
Colby 1
Lamar 1
Pitcher - Kastanek 3H, 2K, 0BB, 1R, 0ER, 8IP
Leading Hitter - Alisha Liess 2-4, Sam Wolf 2-4

Team Hits - 7
Game #6
Colby 0
Otero 4
Losing Pitcher - Obernolte 6H, 0K, 2BB, 4R, 3ER, 7IP
Leading Hitter - Mary Egger 1-1
Team Hits - 3
Coach Ryan Sturdy's comments: "We finished the fall 14-20-1. We have a slow start but improved each weekend. We have seen some very good things from the team. The pitchers threw well in the past couple of tournaments. Our offense came to life in Lamar. Everyone has proven they can hit the ball this fall. Each game was a different person stepping up. The team learned we have to play solid defense to win games. If this fall is any indication of the things to come for this team the spring should be very exciting."

Sixth graders lose to Victoria by 8

The Colby 6th grade football Eagles were on the road for the 3rd consecutive week on Sunday. They traveled to Victoria to take on the Huskers, suffering a 28-20 loss.

Colby received the opening kick and marched right down the field to put a touchdown on the board with 5:04 left in the first quarter. Adam Weber bulled his way across the goal line to put the Eagles up 6-0, as the extra point attempt failed.

Victoria answered right back with a score of their own with 2:02 on the clock. Their extra point was good and they led 7-6. The lead didn't last long however, as Preston Kryzcki took the ensuing kickoff back 75 yards for the Eagles 2nd touchdown of the opening quarter. Kryzcki also carried in the extra point to make it 13-7 Colby.

Victoria again answered with their offense when they scored on a 10-yard pass with 6:13 left in the 2nd quarter. The point-after attempt was good and the Huskers were back on top, 14-13.

What was turning out to be a wild first half continued with the Eagles next possession when Jordan Voss broke through right up the middle for a 60-yard touchdown run. Kryzcki again tacked on the extra

point to make the score 20-14 Colby's favor.

However, Victoria wasn't done scoring in the half yet until they completed a halfback pass for a 35-yard touchdown with :52 left, and then converted the extra point for a 21-20 lead at half-time.

Just as Colby had done last week against Hays, Victoria took the second half kickoff and began a long, time consuming drive that ended with a touchdown with only :20 left in the 3rd quarter. The Eagles were only able to run five plays until they had to turn it over on downs. Victoria then took control of the game and kept the ball on the ground until time ran out. After a wide open 1st half, the 2nd half saw only one score by the Huskers, but it was enough as the game ended with a 28-20 score.

Assistant Coach Tracy Rogers said, "We just weren't able to make the stops when we needed them. We were able to score with our offense, but couldn't get the ball back when we needed to."

Voss led the offense with 96 yards rushing and 1 TD. Kryzcki followed him with 58 yards rushing, 80 yards in returns and 1 TD. Weber had 29 yards and a TD. Kalen Rasmussen

also had 30 yards on kick returns.

Defensively, Kirt Dugger led the team with 13 tackles, followed closely by Ethan Stickle with 12. Brandon Gordon and Chas Winger both had 8 stops, Kalen Rasmussen had 7, Torey Taylor 6. Nathan Reed, Brandon Kraus, Garrett Rogers, Jacob Hutfles, and Voss all had 3 tackles each, followed by Weber, and Tyler Bates with 2. Krzycki and Dylan Stithem with one.

This coming Sunday marks the last game of the season for the young Eagles as they try to get revenge on the Oberlin Demons at Dennen Field. Colby fell short in week three when they traveled to Oberlin and lost, 12-6.

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Heartland Christian School's activities

• Today — Heartland Christian School is playing in the Scott City soccer tournament from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Scott City recreation fields.

Colby High's activities

• Today — Varsity football at Smith Center, 7 p.m.
• Saturday — Varsity volleyball at Scott City tourney, 9 a.m.; junior varsity/varsity cross country at Lakin, 10 a.m.
• Monday — Class 4-3-2-1A regional girls golf tourney at Colby Country Club, 8:30 a.m.; Class 4A regional girls tennis tourney at Larned, 9 a.m.; 7/8 volleyball with St. Francis at elementary gym, 4:30 p.m. (7B, 7A, 8B, 8A); 7th football with St. Francis at Dennen Field, 5:30 p.m.; jayvee football at Burlington, 5:30 p.m.

Brewster's activities

• Today — Varsity football at Healy, 7:30 p.m.
• Monday — (no school, no activities)

Golden Plains' activities

• Today — Varsity football vs. Tribune at home 7:30 p.m.
• Monday — (no activities)

Colby College's activities

• Today-Saturday — Volleyball, Northeastern (Colo.) Tournament, Sterling, Colo.
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