

Food first, game second



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A new tradition started this year under Colby High School head football coach Greg Koenig's direction — team meals each Thursday before Friday home games, and again on Friday away games sack lunches are provided. The Colby Eagles not only had a meal, but also watched video footage Thursday of their

opposition when they meet up with St. Francis today at Dennen Field in the annual homecoming clash. In addition to the meal at the 4-H Building, activities continued with a football jersey auction, bonfire and inspirational messages from the team and coaches. Kick-off is at 7 p.m., royalty crowning after the game.

SportsLine

FFA to feed football fans

Colby High School's FFA Chapter will hold a fund-raising hamburger feed from 5 to 7:30 p.m. today at Dennen Field when Colby takes on St. Francis. The meal will include hamburgers, chips, beans and drinks with all proceeds going to help FFA students with trips and other chapter activities.

Brewster Boosters feed is today

The Brewster Booster Club will be having a Homecoming Pre-Game Supper from 5-7 p.m. (CDT) today in the school cafeteria. Tacos with toppings, chips and salsa, Spanish rice and a dessert will be provided for a donation. Proceeds will be used for the Prom Party and other school activities, organizers said.

Colby High sports activities

Today — Homecoming parade downtown, 2:30 p.m.; Colby FFA tailgate party at Dennen Field, 5:30 p.m.; varsity football vs. St. Francis, Dennen Field, 7 p.m. Colby High band/Grade 2-8 dance perform at half-time. Homecoming ceremonies after the game.

Saturday — Varsity girls tennis tourney at McPherson, 9 a.m.; Colby invitational junior varsity girls tennis tourney, 9 a.m.; Fike Park and college courts; junior varsity/varsity volleyball tourney at Oakley, 9 a.m.; (note: The high school girls' golf team will not be attending the tourney scheduled this day at Lakin); girls volleyball camp for grades 4-6 at the high school gym, 9-10:30 a.m.; 7B football at Goodland, 10 a.m. (depart 8:30 a.m.); girls volleyball camp for grades 1-3 at the high school gym, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Monday — Junior varsity girls tennis tourney at Tribune, 3 p.m.; 7/8 volleyball at Burlington, 4:30 p.m.; 7B/7A at middle school gym; 8C/8B/8A at the high school gym; 7/8 football with Burlington at Dennen Field, 4:30 p.m.; C-team volleyball with Goodland, Oakley and Weskan at Colby High gym, 4:30 p.m.; junior varsity football at St. Francis, 5:30 p.m.

Brewster sports activities

Tuesday (Oct. 5) — High school volleyball 3:30 p.m., Oberlin quad (varsity and junior varsity).

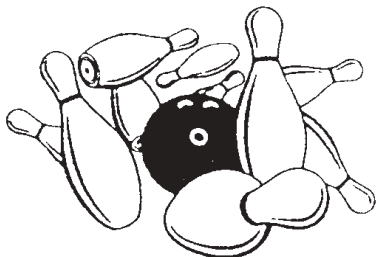
Golden Plains sports activities

Today — High school varsity football vs. Brewster, there, 7:30 p.m.

Girls volleyball camp continues

The Colby volleyball camp for girls grades 1 through 6 continues at the Colby High School on the following Saturdays: Oct. 2, 9 and 16. The 4th through 6th graders will play from 9-10:30 a.m. on those dates and the 1st through 3rd graders from 10:30-11:30 a.m. For additional details, please call coach Dustin Rorabaugh at 460-0221.

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Big 12 Saturday

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Tech has the early lead in the Big 12, having won the only conference game so far.

But the comeback Red Raiders' status in the Big 12 South is going to get a quick test. On the first Saturday in October, the first full week-end of league play, they are a nearly four-touchdown underdog when they go to No. 2 Oklahoma (3-0).

Texas Tech (3-1) scored 26 straight points to win the league opener 31-30 over Kansas on Saturday. That came a week after the Red Raiders overcame a 21-0 deficit to beat TCU 70-35.

"They've always got the capability of coming back and making it a game," Oklahoma quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Jason White said. "If we have the opportunity to get up, we just have to keep going and keep scoring points."

In other Big 12 openers Saturday, No. 5 Texas (3-0) is home against Baylor (2-1); No. 25 Oklahoma State (3-0) hosts Iowa State (2-1); Colorado (3-0) goes to Missouri (2-1); and Kansas State (2-1) is at Texas A&M (2-1). Kansas (2-2), goes to Nebraska (2-1).

Texas A&M's defense has made strides toward regaining its "Wrecking Crew" moniker. But after allowing just six points their past two games, the Aggies have to deal with Kansas State running back Darren Sproles, who's piling up 183 rushing and a nation's-best 250 all-purpose yards per game.

Nebraska has won 35 straight games over Kansas, the nation's second-longest streak of one team beating another — Notre Dame has

40 straight wins over Navy.

"It's historic, and it's obviously a tradition, and it's one that's respected by all of us," said first-year Nebraska coach Bill Callahan. "We hope we can add to that."

Callahan is the Cornhuskers' fourth coach since the 35-year dominance began. Mark Mangino is Kansas' eighth.

Oklahoma is the Big 12's top scoring team with 45 points a game, a touchdown more than the Red Raiders average. And the Sooners are one of eight teams coming off an off date following non-conference play.

The Sooners have a 9-2 series lead, with four straight victories. Oklahoma beat Texas Tech 56-25 last year after a 60-15 victory in 2002 when the South Division title was at stake.

Colorado made it through non-conference play undefeated for the first time in coach Gary Barnett's six seasons.

Missouri suffered a shocking loss at fledgling Division I-A team Troy State last month. That was also an early blow to the Heisman hopes of Brad Smith, but that doesn't ease Colorado's concerns of stopping the dual-threat quarterback.

"Smith just gives you headaches in trying to figure out what to do," said Barnett, who's 5-0 vs. his alma mater. "You can probably overcoach all that stuff and overdo it, so the bottom line is you just have to go out and play."

Texas coach Mack Brown insisted this week that Baylor is the most improved team since the first week of the season.

Lady Eagles are first, Stephens first at Hays

The Colby Eagle cross country ladies captured first place and Jessica Stephens crossed the line before anybody else at the Hays High Invitational Thursday on the course at Fort Hays State University.

On the boys' side, the team finished seventh and the top runner was Heath Bieker at 24th.

Here are the results:

Girls (team)

Colby, 1st, 42 points; Scott City, 2nd, 53; Abilene, 3rd, 81; Ulysses, 4th, 111; TMP-Marian, 5th, 123; Hill City, 6th, 164; Trego, 7th, 178; Northern Valley, 8th, 180; Stockton, 9th, 221; and Dighton, 10th, 260.

Individually:

Jessica Stephens, 1st, 12:04; Zanae Baird, 8th, 13:20; Paige Stephens, 11th, 13:44; Aubrette Stephens, 12th, 13:46; Emily Sloan, 14th, 13:58; Kelly Gerstner, 15th, 14:00; and Marcia Kaus, 18th, 14:17.

Boys (team)

Abilene, 1st, 32; TMP-Marian, 2nd, 73; Ulysses, 3rd, 100; Trego, 4th, 107; Scott City, 5th, 123; Ness City, 6th, 131; Colby, 7th, 143; and

Hill City, 8th, 154.

Individually:

Boys

Heath Bieker, 24th, 20:37; Trevor Siebert, 31st, 20:59; Ryan Baalmann, 29th, 20:55; R.J. Ladenburger, 42nd, 22:25; and Matt Hildebrand, 43rd, 22:39.

The girls' junior varsity found Colby's Rosalie Schroeder finishing 7th with a time of 14:20 and Lauren Kaiser, 15th, 14:40.

"Our cross country team has a great run in windy conditions at Hays," said coach Bob Mannebach.

"Runners in 1A through 6A participated in the same race and then they scored 1A through 4A in one division and 5A and 6A in another division," he said.

Mannebach said the Eagle ladies participated well against the bigger schools. He called Jessica Stephens' first place finish in 12:04 as a "tremendous run." Eight girls medaled.

Mannebach said the boys' team was a mixture of varsity and junior varsity runners "and they performed well in a very competitive race."

Football

Eagle fifth graders lose on road, return home

Colby 5th grade football team traveled to Norton last Saturday looking for the first win of the season.

The Eagles didn't find the win, but they showed great improvement on both sides of the ball. The score ended up 24-0 with Norton prevailing.

Defensively Colby was led by linebackers Justin Slavens, Houston Gourley with 8 tackles apiece, defensive lineman Kaleb Vaughn with 7, Jared Nally, Jordan Rasmussen, Karlton Leiker, Kellan Ziegelmeier and Konnor Kriss all tallied 5, Braden Sager, Dalton Snyder, Michael Tubbs and Tayte Query all piled on for 1 each.

Also, on defense, Justin Slavens had an interception and return for 15 hard earned yards. On offense

Colby couldn't seem to get into a rhythm with several fumbled snaps and penalties at the wrong times.

Return specialist Konnor Kriss led all rushers with his 43 yards on 2 kick returns and 1 punt return. Dalton Snyder worked hard up the middle to get his 19 yards, while Jordan Rasmussen spent his time outside to tally 24 yards.

Kellan Ziegelmeier led all receivers with 24 yards on 1 reception. Quarterback Paul Schiferl's primary target was Konnor Kriss with 2 catches for 10 yards. Paul Schiferl once again showed great accuracy completing 4 of 6 passes for 40 yards, with just 1 interception.

Colby will be in action on Saturday at home against the Hays Gamblers. Game time is 12 noon.

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