

Signature of a champ



Photo provided

Alex Young had his shirt autographed by Olympian Rulon Gardner during the recent Colby Community College wrestling benefit. Gardner spoke for about an hour about his experiences at the 2000 and 2004 Olympics, where he won gold and bronze medals, respectively. More than 350 people attended the event held at the Colby Community Building.

Brewster Bulldog volleyball season ends at substate

The Brewster High School Lady Bulldogs ended their season with a 29-9 record after the substate tournament at Ransom Saturday.

They went 22-25, 25-18 and 8-25 against Wheatland.

Head coach Lynn McKee said the team started their first game "tentatively," then got behind and had to fight their way back.

"We played much more aggressively in game two and came away

with the win," she said. "Game three was a nightmare — we started worrying about making mistakes, quit playing aggressively and never got into the game."

Despite the substate loss, she still said they had a decent season.

"We had a very good season, it's just unfortunate to end it not playing our best," McKee said.

Leading hitters were Avery Schultz with 13 kills and Caitlan

Rush with 9.

Leading setters were Jalyn Reid with 12 assists and Rush, who had 6 assists.

Leading servers were Britt Kammer, 3A, 100 percent, 13 points; Reid, 1A, 100 percent, 6 points; Kasie Stevenson, 1A, 100 percent, 9 points; Rush, 1A, 100 percent, 6 points.

Leading blockers were Shultz with 3 stuffs and 5 deflections.

Statistics reveal K-State's many faults

MANHATTAN — For someone who can recall an opponent's average punt return yardage — or some other obscure number — seemingly at will, Kansas State coach Bill Snyder has never put too much stock in statistics.

Some numbers should cause Snyder some consternation, though: Through their first four Big 12 games, the Wildcats have amassed 156 more penalty yards than yards rushing.

That goes back to mistakes in preparation, Snyder said.

"You see the inconsistency and

some of those things during the course of practice," he said Tuesday, during the team's weekly news conference. "When they happen on Saturday, it's easy to go back and say, 'This is why.'"

Kansas State was held to 27 yards rushing — and had almost one-third of its first-down running plays go for negative yardage — in last weekend's 30-28 loss to Texas A&M. Three weeks before that, the Wildcats produced just 22 yards rushing against Oklahoma.

Their 136.7-yard rushing average for the season drops to 49.5

yards in conference games, worst in the Big 12.

That stands in stark contrast to the Wildcats' nonconference season.

Thomas Clayton had the nation's best rushing average after two games, and in the third game, Parrish Fisher set a school freshman record with 169 yards against North Texas.

"It's a huge shock, especially considering how well we ran the ball at the beginning of the season," Clayton said. "Sure you can say it's competition, but it's not the whole thing."

SportsLine

Varsity football at home Thursday

The Colby High School Eagles will play at home against Goodland on Thursday at 7 p.m. at Dennen Field. Battle of the Bands will be featured at halftime.

Sendoff for state-bound teams on Friday

Recognition and send-off for the volleyball and cross-country teams will be at 8:10 a.m. Friday in the Colby High School auditorium.

Colby Lady Eagle runners to state meet

The Colby High School Lady Eagle runners will travel to the state cross country meet in Wamego. The meet begins at 9 a.m.

Colby volleyball traveling to tourney in Salina

The Colby High School Lady Eagles volleyball team will travel to the state volleyball tournament in Salina on Friday. Bracket play is on Friday and match play is on Saturday.

Volleyball awards potluck Nov. 1

There will be an awards potluck dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 1 for the Colby High School volleyball team at 6:30 p.m. at the high school commons. Drinks will be provided. Please bring your own table service. Parents and students are encouraged to attend. The program is open to the public.

Football potluck planned

An awards potluck for the Colby High School football team will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10 in the high school commons area. Drinks will be provided.

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