

# Trojans ready for tournament

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After competing in the Butler County pre-season scrimmage last weekend, the Colby Community College volleyball team begins its regular season Friday at the North Platte, Neb., Tournament.

"The tournament usually features some good, solid teams from Nebraska and the surrounding area," Head Coach Pedro Gonzalez said.

The last two seasons the Lady Trojans have competed in the North Platte Tournament, with different results.

In Gonzalez's first season, the Lady Trojans didn't win a game at the tournament, but last year the squad went 5-1.

"We are an improving team every year," Gonzalez said.

"We have a good offensive and defensive strategy, which should make for a good weekend."

Here is a brief look at the volleyball team's opponents in the tournament.

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## North Platte Community College

Location: North Platte, Neb.  
Mascot: Knights

Conference: NCCAC (Nebraska Community College Athletic Conference)

Report: The Lady Trojans defeated North Platte four times last season, including once at the CCC tournament. North Platte finished last year 8-25.

## Iowa Central Community College

Location: Fort Dodge, Iowa  
Mascot: Tritons

Conference: ICCAC (Iowa Community College Athletic Conference)

Report: Iowa Central Community College finished last season 21-10 under second year head coach Jim Deisler.

All players on their roster are from the state of Iowa.

## Central Community College

Location: Columbus, Neb.  
Mascot: Raiders

Conference: NCCAC  
Report: The Raiders, a NJCAA Division II school, finished last year 30-10 including a trip to the Division II Elite 8. They lost two All-Americans from last year's squad, but return a solid nucleus. Head coach Mary Young is in her 12th season and has a career record of 324-198.

## Miles Community College

Location: Miles City, Mont.  
Mascot: Pioneers

Conference: MonDak Conference

Report: Also a NJCAA Division II school, Miles CC is under the direction of 2nd year Head Coach Laurie Kelly. The volleyball program just returned to the athletic department last season at Miles CC.

## Eastern Wyoming

Location: Torrington, Wyo.  
Mascot: Lancers

Conference: WCCAC

Report: Finishing 15-31 last season. Eastern Wyoming lost to the Lady Trojans three times last season.



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Members of the Colby High School volleyball team practiced in preparation for the season opening match Tuesday in Colby. The volleyball team is holding a car wash from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot. For information, call 462-3400.

# Owens still on Cowboys sidelines

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Terrell Owens reaggravated his left hamstring injury when he returned to practice last week for the Dallas Cowboys and almost certainly will miss his third straight preseason game.

After missing 14 consecutive training camp practices and the pre-

season opener because of the hamstring problem that has bothered him all month, Owens returned for five practices last week.

He missed the final full workout last weekend and didn't play Monday night against New Orleans after the hamstring tightened up on him.

Owens was back on the field last Wednesday after Cowboys owner Jerry Jones suggested that the receiver needed to learn how to practice at less than 100 percent. His first practice back came only hours after coach Bill Parcells reiterated that Owens needed to be on the field.

# 13 runs not enough for Royals

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Paul Byrd couldn't believe it. The Kansas City Royals also were in shock.

The Cleveland Indians allowed 10 runs in the first then rallied to beat Kansas City 15-13 Wednesday

night when Ryan Garko and Hector Luna hit run-scoring singles in the 10th inning.

The Royals' first-inning total was a club record and they also blew their biggest lead in a loss. They finished with a season-high 19 hits,

setting the team record for most hits in a loss. The Royals led 10-1 after the first inning.

"The word is unbelievable," said Byrd, who was charged with nine of Kansas City's 10 first-inning runs.