

# Colby JV tennis take 2nd

Two first place finishes in categories helped Colby High's junior varsity girls tennis team place second at a junior varsity tournament played Saturday in Colby.

Freshman Barbara Bickner played number one singles for Colby and won all five of her matches to take first place.

Laura Dougherty in number two singles also won five matches for a first place finish.

The number one doubles team of Mysti Rothfuss and Karen Unruh lost to Garden City in their first match, but fought their way back by defeating Scott City and Liberal, to face Garden City again in their final match.

Rothfuss and Unruh then defeated Garden City to win third place. Norton and Phillipsburg took first and second in number one doubles, respectively. The number two doubles team of Sami Tolle and Meshelle Schroeder finished seventh by defeating Ulysses.

"I am extremely proud of our JV tennis team. Only one of our JV team that competed on Saturday had ever played tennis prior to this past summer, and they have really worked hard and shown remarkable improvement from the beginning to the end of the season," said Colby junior varsity coach Gene Rothfuss.

"The hard-working, competitive spirit of the girls on this JV team is to be commended. It bodes well for next year's varsity and junior varsity squads that our JV has done so well, because our JV squad has four freshmen, one sophomore, and one junior."

Finishing behind Phillipsburg and Colby were Garden City, third; Norton, fourth, and Scott City, fifth. Also participating were Ulysses, Liberal, and Goodland.

# Wildcats shake up starters

MANHATTAN (AP) — Kansas State coach Ron Prince said again Tuesday that Josh Freeman is the new starting quarterback. But the freshman won't have to look far to find a sympathetic ear.

How about a few yards behind him and a few feet to the right?

Prince said freshman Leon Patton will start at running back when Kansas State (3-2, 0-1 Big 12) plays Oklahoma State (3-1, 0-0) in the Cowboys' Big 12 home-opener on Saturday, part of a contingent of five freshman who will start on offense.

Jeron Mastrud is listed as a starter at tight end, joining redshirt freshmen Brock Unruh at right guard and Nick Stringer at right tackle.

"Every practice, every game, we're judged," said Prince, whose team is coming off an embarrassing 17-3 loss to Baylor, in which Kansas State scored the fewest points of any Big 12 team in 81 games against the Bears. "That's really how I care to look at it."


Freeman, 18, who came into the game against No. 8 Louisville in the third quarter the week before, did the same Saturday against Baylor. He threw three interceptions.

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Colby High School Lady Eagle volleyball players Tasha Wagoner, left, Lissa Mazanec and Leah Cox waited for the ball to come down during their match against the Liberal Redskins Monday in Colby.

# Eagles leave Hays, Liberal behind

Colby High's volleyball team only had one close game in its two match win Monday over Liberal and Hays.

Colby and Liberal went into extra-points in its first game with Colby eventually winning 29-27. The second game was not as close as the Eagles distanced themselves with a 25-14 win.

The Eagles took that momentum into its second match against Hays. Colby won 25-11, 2-8.

Eagle coach Lesley Wagoner said her team's defense is contributing to the wins.

"The girls are really coming on and becoming a more defensive team," she said.

Monday was senior night as seven Eagle seniors were recognized for their contribution to the program.

The seven were Ashley Barnes,

Kristin Cox, Lauren Cox, Jenna Johnson, Britt Kersenbrock, Rishonna Martin and April Weaver.

"This is a extremely talented group and has worked hard to be successful," Wagoner said.

Colby won its three matches Saturday at Oakley.

Against Wheatland, Colby won


25-12, 22-25, 25-15.

Colby defeated Oakley 25-16, 25. The Eagles then beat Goodland 25-17, 25-21.

Colby faced Wheatland again in the championship match and won 17-25, 25-15, 25-9.

Colby, 17-1, plays 9 a.m. Saturday at Scott City.

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# Trojans crack top 10 at Oklahoma State

Colby Community College men's and women's cross country teams competed Saturday in one of the biggest meets of the year at the Oklahoma State Jamboree in Stillwater, Okla.

The men finished ninth, the women finished 20th and Betty Rotich finished third in the university division race. Colby coach Jeff Becker said it was a very hilly course.

"This was an eye-opening meet for our young team. .... especially for the ladies," Becker said. "A lot of them had never run on a cross country course like this and against this type of competition."

Betty Rotich (Kenya, freshman) continued to impress for the Lady Trojans, finishing third in the university division. Rotich competed against the top NCAA Division I runners in America.

"Betty continued to impress as she lost only to a NCAA D1 runner and a professional runner," Becker said. "It was great to get her in a race like that and see her run that well."

Besides Rotich, the rest of the Colby squad competed in the junior college division race and the men had three runners finish in the top 25 and three personal bests.

Individual results for Colby runners and their times are as follows:

## Men

Seventh, Onesmus Too, 26:04, fifth all-time at Colby.

20th, David Kurgat, 26:55

25th, Sandino Nero, 27:10

85th, Juve Chavez, 29:09

124th, Anton Sandoval, 30:18

133rd, Mark Porter, 30:36

158th, Carlo Figlio, 32:05

160th, Lance Clark, 32:23

192nd, Kerry Barnett, 40:04

## Women

103rd, Mary Nyambura, 21:45

125th, Amy Hoff, 22:32

160th, Kalie Smith, 23:51

164th, Klare Zillinger, 24:19

165th, Nichole Eckels, 24:19

177th, Tiffany Thomas, 25:55

183rd, Jenna Faimon, 26:54

**Women - (University Division)**  
3rd, Betty Rotich, 17:16

# Trojan softball team struggles at Lamar

The Colby Community College softball team struggled last weekend at the Lamar Tournament, going 1-7-1 (win-loss-tie), in exhibition games.

"We struggled in all areas this weekend, and our team made too many mistakes on defense," Colby coach Carl Adams said. "We will work on these things over the next week and hope to improve before we go back to Lamar October 14 to play."

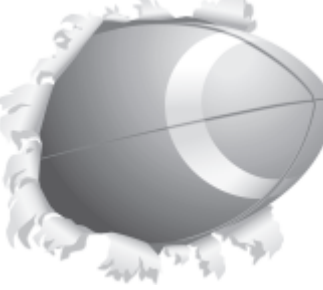
In the first game, a 4-0 loss to

North Platte, the Lady Trojans struggled offensively, collecting only four hits.

The Lady Trojans' only victory was 1-0 over Lamar Community College. Kari Panno was the winning pitcher, tossing seven innings and allowed only three hits. She also struck out five.

Courtney Duell led Colby at the plate going 2-3. The Trojans had six hits.

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