

# Eagles impressive in victory over Goodland

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The Colby High School football team, now 1-1, hopes to have a winning record after the final whistle has blown Friday night.

To accomplish this they will have to get past the winless Hoxie Indians (0-2) at 7 p.m. on the Indians' home turf.

If they are going to pick up a win, Colby's cornerbacks will have to clamp down on Hoxie wide receiver Murle Gregory, who is second in the Northwest Kansas League in receiving yards.

Coach Chris Gardner said he felt the defensive line will need to come up big in Friday's game if the Eagles want to win.

"They are a good running team," Gardner said. "We need to be physical — especially up front."

One thing the Eagles will be looking to improve on in the game is how they play coming out of

the chute. The Eagles have yet to score in the first quarter this year. They were able to overcome a scoreless first quarter in last Friday's game against Goodland, but they're likely to have games in the future where they can't afford to have a lethargic start.

The Eagles should be in high spirits going into Friday's game after picking up a big 20-6 win over bitter rival Goodland last week. The victory helps put the team back on the right track after losing to St. Francis 20-0 in the season opener.

"We continue to improve, but there are still things we need to work on," Gardner said.

The Eagles showed a lot of resiliency in the game by going on a 90-yard drive right after Goodland had scored the first touchdown of the game.

"I'm really happy with the athletes and how they came out and played with the adversity of the weather and after Goodland scored

the first touchdown," Gardner said. "They decided enough was enough, and they were going to play four quarters of football."

The Eagles played solid in nearly all aspects of the game. The offensive line opened up creases and Eagles running backs really ran tough, Gardner said. The defensive line also played a key role in

the game by holding Goodland's talented quarterback Travis Angelos in check throughout the game.

"We wanted to contain him and keep him from getting loose," Gardner said. "He's a dangerous runner, and the defensive line did a good job containing him."

Colby Quarterback Heath Stephens completed 7 of 17 passes

for 50 yards and ran for two touchdowns. Tanner Kriss also scored on a tough run.

"Tanner's touchdown was a tremendous effort to get in the end zone," Gardner said.

Ethan Stickel led all Colby running backs with 38 yards on 13 carries.

Gardner went out of his way to

heap praise on the senior class for the leadership they showed in the game.

"The seniors have made up their minds that they are going to get everything they can out of the game of football this year," he said, "and that feeling is trickling down to the rest of the kids."

## Volleyball goes 1-3 in tournament play

The Colby Community College volleyball team went 1-3 over the weekend at the Northeastern Junior College Tournament in Sterling, Colo., bringing the girls' record to 8-12 overall.

Coach Valerie Armstrong said the team spent part of the weekend trying to overcome injuries.

"In the first game with Lamar, Priscilla rolled her ankle," she said.

Sophomore transfer setter Priscilla Sena was the only setter listed on the squad. Her injury forced Armstrong to move freshman outside hitter Julianna Motta Da Silva to setter for the rest of the tournament. Armstrong said that during the matches, Da Silva suffered a slight knee injury, but she will still be able to handle the setting duties for the time being.

The Lady Trojans were able to

overcome the adversity caused by Sena's injury, as they handed McCook a 25-22, 25-19, 25-21 defeat. They were unable to carry this momentum into their second match, though, falling to Western Nebraska 25-20, 25-14, 25-10. Western Nebraska was the second-ranked team in the National Junior College Athletic Association going into the game.

The Lady Trojans lost their remaining matches to Lamar (25-22, 16-25, 19-25, 25-16, 8-15) and Air Force Prep (25-12, 21-25, 23-25, 23-25).

Armstrong said Sena's availability was questionable for tonight's game with Seward County Community College, and realistically she hoped Sena would be available for the Wyo-Braska Tournament Sept. 18 to 20.

## Swim club gets help

The Modern Woodmen of America has matched money raised by the Colby Swim team from concession sales and other fund raising to the tune of \$1,750, giving the group \$3,500 to spend on equipment.

Shawn Carney, financial representative for the Modern Woodmen, was a star swimmer on the team from 1985 to 1993 and now is an assistance coach. Carney said he wanted to donate the money because he knows the positive affects swimming can have on kids.

He approached team leaders in April and told them if they had a specific need, the Modern Woodmen would match funds to help their program.

"The swim team told me they could use the funds to pay for swimming equipment," Carney said.

Ronda Faber, co-president for the swim club, said she the grant really would help the club.

"It was incredible," Faber said. "We were able to purchase equipment that would help kids with their strokes."

She said the club wouldn't have been able to purchase this equipment without the Modern Woodmen's help.

Modern Woodmen is a membership insurance company that uses part of its profits to help community groups nationwide, matching money raised up to \$2,500. The group came to Colby in January.

## Coach likes spotlight

MANHATTAN (AP) — Kansas State coach Ron Prince believes in the power of national television.

In 2007, the Wildcats played on television eight times, and Prince is certain all that exposure helped make an All-American of wide receiver Jordy Nelson.

Now the Wildcats (2-0) have another emerging star they're eager to showcase against Louisville (1-1) Wednesday night on ESPN2. Junior quarterback Josh Freeman, who ranks fifth nationally with a 209.3 passing efficiency rating, will be on center stage.

However, Freeman has not forgotten the only thing that really matters.

"It's not really so much the aspect of being on national television," he said. "I mean, regardless, I'm going to be on TV so the only variable is how well I play. I got to go out and play as well as I can because nobody remembers the guy that loses."

He also knows the same could be said about the team that loses.

"If you play well, and you have some very positive moments, then all the human-interest stories make your program come alive," Prince said. One of those human-interest stories could be Kansas State safety Courtney Herndon. After seeing limited playing time in 2007, Herndon was named the Walter Camp national defensive player

of the week for his performance during a 69-10 win over Montana State. He returned a fumble 43 yards for a touchdown, returned an interception 26 yards and blocked a punt that a teammate ran in for another touchdown.

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