

# Tennis team starts season with three wins

The Colby High School varsity tennis team has won all three of its meets this season. If that wasn't enough, the team's No. 1 singles player and No. 1 doubles team both have won all 12 of their games.

The Lady Eagles took first out of six teams Saturday at their home meet at the city courts in

Fike Park and at the college.

Junior Caitlyn Wark took first in No. 1 singles and junior Kayla Hockersmith and senior Barbara Bickner took first in No. 1 doubles. Both went 4-0.

Junior Lauren Shoaff placed fourth in No. 2 singles with a 2-2 record. Juniors Megan Dougherty and Kim Gerstner finished second

in No. 2 doubles with a record of 3-1.

Other teams at the meet included the Colby junior varsity, Norton, Plainville, Osborne and Liberal.

The girls took first out of eight teams at a meet in Hays last Tuesday.

Wark and the team of Hocker-

smith and Bickner both went 4-0 and took the gold in No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles.

Shoaff was fifth with a 2-1 record in No. 2 singles. Dougherty and Gerstner finished second in No. 2 doubles again with a record of 3-1.

The other teams were Hays Gold, Hays Maroon, Norton, Pla-

inville, Osborne, Victoria and Liberal.

The Lady Eagles finished first out of eight teams in Salina in their season opener on Aug. 29.

Wark finished first in No. 1 singles, going 4-0. Hockersmith and Bickner went 4-0 to take first in No. 1 doubles.

Shoaff finished third in No.

2 singles with a 3-1 record and Dougherty and Gerstner placed fourth in No. 2 doubles with a 2-2 record.

The other teams that competed in Salina were Concordia, Beloit, Ellsworth, Sterling, Salina Sacred Heart, Abilene and Smoky Valley.

The team will play next at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, in Lindsborg.



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Colby High School sophomore Paige Roopchan got ready to slam a tennis ball at a practice Wednesday in Fike Park.

## Junior varsity tennis squad takes first in Scott City meet

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The Colby High School junior varsity tennis team finished first out of seven teams in a meet last Thursday at Scott City, with three of the team's four entries taking first-place medals.

Junior Laura Juenemann and sophomore Paige Roopchan placed first in No. 1 doubles and freshman Keana Keck took third in No. 1 singles. Juenemann and Roopchan went 4-0. Keck managed to win

three out of four contests despite injuring her ankle. She will be out of action until roughly Sept. 22, said Coach Gene Rothfuss.

The other teams that participated in the junior varsity tournament were Cimarron, two from Scott City, WaKeeney, Liberal and Garden City.

Freshman Janessa Williams took first in No. 2 singles and sophomores Madison Gawith and Hannah Matchell finished first in No. 2 doubles. Williams went 4-0 and Gawith and Matchell went 3-1.

"We have an excellent girl's squad this year," said Rothfuss.

The junior varsity went to a varsity meet in WaKeeney on Aug. 29, filling in for the varsity girls, who had been invited to a tournament in Salina on the same day. Despite their youth, the girl's finished sixth out of the eight teams.

The other teams that participated included Russell, Plainville, two from WaKeeney, Osborne, Liberal and Norton.

The team will play next at 10 a.m. Saturday in Norton.

## Golden Plains volleyball team sweeps three in home quad

By Avery Spesser  
Golden Plains High School

Last Tuesday was an exciting day for the Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs volleyball team, as the girls went undefeated their home quad.

The other teams participating in the quad were Tribune, Triplains and Heartland Christian.

First up for the Lady Bulldogs was Tribune. The girls worked hard on talking and moving their

feet, which led to a 25-18 victory in the first set. The Lady Bulldogs went on to win the next set 25-11 victory, thanks to some strong serves from the ladies.

After taking a short break, the girls were back on the court to play Triplains. They won the first set 25-19. Out of breath and tired, the girls let their guard down in the second set. This allowed Triplains to take an early lead 21-13. Senior Jessica Luna took over at serve and led her team on an un-

answered 8 point run. Determined to take the game, the girls worked hard and snatched a 25-23 win.

The Lady Bulldogs last match of the night was versus Heartland. The first set was a tough back-and-forth game. It ended in the Bulldogs' favor, 25-21. Eager to end the night on a good note, the girls stepped up and moved their feet. With awesome serves and communication, the Lady Bulldogs won the final set 25-13.

## Colby football teams begin seasons

The Colby High junior varsity football team lost a close one at St. Francis, 16-14, in overtime Monday.

Freshman Bo Brown rumbled over 60 yards for the team's first touchdown. A successful run by sophomore Justin Slavens netted two more points for the young Eagles.

However, St. Francis scored its own touchdown, and the game was tied at 8 when the second half ended.

St. Francis won the coin toss in overtime and elected to give Colby the first possession. The boys managed to move the ball down field near the Indian's end zone. Brown rushed for a four-yard touchdown to give the Eagles a 14-8 lead.

Unfortunately, St. Francis answered with a touchdown of its own. They Indians were able to convert on a two-point play and escape with the victory.

"It was a hard fought game," said Coach Brad Wildeman. "Both teams kept battling back and forth."

The team will play Goodland at 5:30 p.m. on Monday at Dennen Field.

The Eagles' C team lost 20-14 in their opening game at McCook High School in Nebraska last

Thursday.

Brown scored both touchdowns for Colby. The boys will play Goodland at 6 p.m. today at Dennen Field.

The Colby Middle School eighth-grade football team had a rough start to the season, losing 26-0 to Grant Junior High School in Goodland last Thursday.

Coach Todd Murdock said his team had trouble controlling the line of scrimmage on both offense and defense. He said everyone needs to know their assignments better.

Murdock said his defense went into the contest with a game plan focused on shutting down the middle.

"We were able to do that, but then they were able to get around the ends," he said.

The seventh-grade team defeated Grant 10-6.

The Middle School was set to play one game at 5:30 p.m. today at Rawlins County Middle School in Atwood.

The teams will play next against Hoxie next Thursday at Dennen Field.

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