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Colby High junior Kelsey Shields got ready to take a swing during the girls golf team's practice on Wednesday. The junior varsity golf team placed second overall in a tournament at Ulysses on Tuesday.

Golfers set personal bests

Several players posted "personal best" low scores Tuesday as the Colby High junior varsity golf team played in a tournament at Ulysses, including juniors Abby Miller, Kate Ostmeier and Bailey Koerperich, Kelsey Shields and Kayla Ziegelmeier.

Miller shot a 57, Ostmeier and Koerperich, 60, Ziegelemeier, 67, and Shields, 71.

Miller finished fourth overall, freshman Karly Kriss placed eighth with a 58; both got medals. Ostmeier and Koerperich tied for 11th.

The team finished second in the tournament.

In Goodland on Sept. 8, the team finished sixth out of 10 schools in a varsity tournament.

Sophomore Kaylee Keck had the lowest score for the Lady Eagles at 97 and finished seventh overall.

"Kaylee is doing pretty well," said Coach Rick Williams. "Her round at Goodland was incredible because her putter completely left her and she was still able to post that score."

"She was never able to get a

good feel for the greens at Goodland, but her ball striking was so great that she was still able to post a really good score."

Kriss posted the team's second-lowest score with a 117, coming in 22nd.

"Karly is doing pretty well in her freshman year," Williams said. "She didn't get the chance to play much golf this summer, so she has been struggling a little to shake it out and shoot in the 120s at your first 18-hole tourney after you have only been playing golf for a couple of weeks is really impressive."

Other Eagles scores include Shields, 122, Koerperich, 125, Ostmeier, 137 and Griggs, 132.

"Kelsey Shields and Bailey Koerperich both played great at Goodland," said Williams. "This was only the second tourney of their life, and the first time they had ever played 18 holes. To go out and shoot in the 120s at your first 18-hole tourney after you have only been playing golf for a couple of weeks is really impressive."

Williams said senior Griggs

has been striking the ball really well and her scores have really improved from last year. He said Ostmeier is starting to find a consistent swing and will settle into some lower scores when she puts it all together."

In junior varsity play, Miller and Ziegelmeier had scores of 62 and 83 for nine holes.

Colby High football team goes for two straight wins

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The Colby High School football team (1-1) will be looking to build on its dramatic victory last week when the boys take on Hoxie (also 1-1) at 7 p.m. Friday at Dennen Field.

The Indians will be looking to redeem themselves after being crushed by Rawlins County last week in a 60-0 blowout.

The Eagles' defense will have to shut down Hoxie running backs Dylan Bainter and Cayle Taylor. Bainter is averaging about five yards per carry and Taylor is rushing for 48 yards per game. Colby will also have to shut down Colton Spresser, who leads his team in receptions with three catches for 38 yards and a touchdown.

Eagles running back Ethan Stichel will try to continue his solid play. He is averaging 5.4 yards per carry and a little over 121 yards per game. Stichel leads the team in scoring with 12 points.

Junior Andrew Flanagin played a big part in his team's running attack last week against Goodland,

averaging over seven yards per carry. It will be interesting to see if his role on the Eagles' offense will continue to expand. Flanagin has scored eight points for Colby this season.

Junior quarterback Kalen Arnberger has rushed for 76 yards on 20 carries and completed 8 of 20 passes for 44.5 yards. Arnberger has scored eight points so far.

Junior Corbin Stephens leads the team in receptions with three catches for 51 yards. Stephens played a big role in Colby's victory last week. He intercepted a pass in the second quarter and took it 17 yards for a touchdown to give the Eagles at 12-8 lead. These would be the last points scored all night.

The Eagles' defense this year is giving up 18 points per game, but the tough four-down defensive stand near their own end zone in the closing minutes last week may give the boys some confidence going into Friday night's game.

Flanagin leads the team in tackles with 13 per game. Senior Adam Weber has a little over nine tackles per game and Stichel has 9. Stephens and Arnberger have one interception each.

Golden Plains storms Bobcats

The Golden Plains football team finished off Homecoming Week with a 36-14 win over the Western Plains Bobcats on Friday.

The game got off to a late start due to stormy weather, but once play began, it was an exciting night for the Bulldogs.

Jonathan Broeckelman recovered a fumble early in the first quarter, which the offense was able to turn into a touchdown run by Corey Shaw. The Bulldog's two-point conversion attempt was successful when Rilee Spresser ran in for a touchdown to give the team an 8-0 lead.

The Bobcats turned the ball back over to the Bulldogs, and Golden Plains was able to take advantage of the turnover as Spresser rushed for a touchdown. Tate Preston caught a pass in the end zone to give the Bulldogs two more points and a 16-0 lead with 8 minutes left in the first quarter. Western Plains finally scored its first touchdown with just seconds left in the quar-

ter to make it 16-6. The Bulldogs' defense stopped the Bobcats from scoring on their two-point conversion attempt.

The second quarter saw continued success by both the offense and defense as Spresser broke free for a long run. This helped set up the team's third touchdown when Shaw rushed for his second touchdown of the game to extend the lead to 22-6. Golden Plains' extra point attempt was unsuccessful. Just a minute later, Spresser intercepted a pass and ran it in for another score. A successful two-point conversion bumped the lead to 30-6.

The Bobcats managed one more touchdown with 6:35 remaining in the half. They scored on their two

point conversion attempt to make it 30-14.

When the Bulldogs regained possession, Isaac Broeckelman got a first down and brought the ball down to the two yard line. Shaw ran it in for the Bulldogs' final touchdown to give the team a 36-14 lead.

The defense continued to play strong. The Bobcats had possession with just two seconds left on the clock and the Bulldogs' defense stopped them at the buzzer to end the half.

During half-time, the stormy weather intensified and the game had to be postponed for 30 minutes. Following the delay, the weather was still uncooperative, so the Bobcats forfeited.

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