

Colby tennis athletes qualify for tourney

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The Colby High School varsity girls' tennis team had three of its players advance to state at the 4A regional tournament in Pratt last weekend.

Junior sensation Caitlyn Wark and the doubles team of senior Barbara Bickner and junior Kayla Hockersmith all advanced to state.

"Despite the 30 degree temperature on Saturday morning, our girls played very well," said coach Jennifer Rall.

Regionals this year were different than

regionals in the past. Rall said in past years the top four singles players and doubles teams have advanced to substate competition and then the top four singles and doubles athletes from substate qualified for state competition. She said this year substate was cancelled and the top six singles players and doubles teams from regionals made it to state in order to give more people the opportunity to participate.

Wark continued her unbelievable season by destroying everyone she faced at regionals.

She shut out Yeager from Scott City in two straight sets in her first match on

Friday. She went on to easily defeat Nickerson's Combs (6-1, 6-1) in the second round.

In her first round match on Saturday she dominated Anderson of Wellington (6-0, 6-1) and she handily defeated Wellington's Adams (6-1, 6-1) in the championship.

Bickner and Hockersmith earned their spot at state by going 3-1. The duo destroyed Tankersly and Kacherick of Scott City (6-1, 6-0) and crushed Nickerson's Nisely and Stucky (6-1, 6-2).

They shut out Barbo and Cate of Ulysses in their first round match on Saturday, but they lost in the championship to Wel-

lington's Buck and Hibbs (6-1, 6-0).

The doubles team of juniors Megan Dougherty and Kimberly Gerstner swept Davis and Schrag of Kingman (6-1, 6-4) in their first match on Friday. They were handily defeated by Buck and Hibbs of Wellington (6-1, 6-1) in their second match that day. This loss put the girls at the bottom of the bracket and allowed them to get into the fifth place round, said Rall.

Unfortunately for the duo, they lost a hotly contested match against Cornejo and Jenkins of Wellington. Colby suffered a 6-1 defeat in the matches first set, but they managed keep the second set

close. After twelve games, the two teams were tied 6-6.

Unfortunately for the Lady Eagles' duo, they lost the tiebreaker 7-3, which ended their shot at going to state.

Junior Lauren Shoaff was defeated by Rohr of Russell. She lost the first set 6-4 and she was shut out in the second set. This eliminated Shoaff from the tourney.

Wark, Bickner and Hockersmith will compete in the state tournament at 11:30 a.m. on Friday in Topeka at the Koss-over Tennis Complex. The tournament will continue at 9 a.m. on Saturday at the complex.



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Freshman Karly Kriss prepared to drive the ball during a Colby High girls golf practice on the driving range at Meadow Lake Golf and Lounge on Sept. 30. Kriss and the rest of the Lady Eagles will hold regionals at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Meadow Lake.

Colby High School golfers to hold regionals on Thursday

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The Colby girls golf team will be holding regionals at the Meadow Lake Golf Course and Lounge on Thursday.

One of the Lady Eagles biggest accomplishments this season was finishing first at a quad in Oakley with 225 overall points. The girls also finished second in their home meet at Meadow Lake in late September with 221 points.

Sophomore Kaylee Keck has been the teams best player this year, but she has had to miss several tournaments due to health problems. She tied for third in the Sublette Invitational at Santana shooting a 46 on a nine hole course, she placed second at the Colby's home meet with a 52 on nine, and she finished seventh in Goodland after shooting a 99 on 18.

Junior Abby Miller has had a solid year, despite her lack of experience at the start of the season. Miller's best performance came at the Oakley quad where she shot a 50 on nine, which turned out to be the events lowest score. Another highlight for Miller was placing fourth at junior varsity tournament in Ulysses by shooting a 57

on nine.

Freshman Karly Kriss has had a good first year. She had the second lowest score overall at the Oakley quad with a 54 on nine holes and she shot a 53 on nine holes to finish third at the Colby Invitational. Junior Bailey Koerperich, a newcomer to the game of golf, has made a lot of progress this year. She finished seventh overall in the

Oakley quad by shooting a 59 on nine. Junior Kayla Ziegelmeier's greatest achievement this season was shooting a 69 on nine holes and finishing fourth in junior varsity competition at Colby.

The other members of team are senior Heather Griggs and junior Kate Ostmeyer and Kelsey Shields.

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DENVER (AP) — Aaron Cook wanted to rack up another win, not more frequent flier miles.

The Colorado Rockies ace flew out to Philadelphia on Monday hoping to get a good night's rest for a decisive Game 5 against the Phillies on Tuesday.

Instead, Cook flew home to clean out his locker.

The Rockies' resurgent season ended Monday, with Huston Street, who had saved 35 of 37, having back-to-back ninth-inning meltdowns and cleanup hitter Troy Tulowitzki making the last out with two men on in back-to-back losses at Coors Field, where they had gone 44-17 under Jim Tracy.

"We went toe-to-toe with the defending world champions," Street sighed.

And they ended up on their backs, down for the count.

"He is the guy we want to get

into the game," Tulowitzki said of Street.

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