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Freshman Ulrike Beige tried to set up a teammate during the Colby Community College volleyball teams match against Pratt on Wednesday at the Community Building. The Lady Trojans were swept by Pratt (25-21, 25-15, 25-17).

College volleyball squad is swept by Pratt at home

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The Colby Community College Trojans volleyball team were swept by Pratt (25-21, 25-19, 25-17) on Wednesday night at the Community Building.

The Lady Trojans mounted a comeback towards the end of the first set, but the Beavers were able to hang on to its lead and win the set 25-21.

Pratt took an early 6-0 lead in the second set. Colby responded

by scoring the next two points. The Lady Trojans narrowed Pratt's lead to 12-10 later in the game. Pratt answered the rally by scoring three straight points to increase its lead to 15-10. The game stayed pretty even for the next couple minutes. Colby trailed Pratt 19-5, when the Beavers scored six unanswered points to win the second set 25-15.

The two teams battled back and forth in the early part of the third. Pratt eventually took a 15-11 lead.

They were able to maintain their lead throughout the next several

minutes and led 22-17. The Beavers scored the next three points to win the set 25-17.

Sophomore Cassie Smatana said she felt the team had encouraged each other well and worked hard, but she said they still had things they needed to get better at.

"We need to work on communication and making less errors," she said.

The Lady Trojans will play again at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Garden City.

Broncos quarterback silences his many critics

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — In Chicago, his many critics suggested the "O" in quarterback Kyle Orton's name really stood for "Ordinary."

So far in Denver, then, it must mean "Outstanding."

Orton's Broncos are 5-0 for the first time since 1998, when they won their last Super Bowl with Hall of Famer John Elway under

center.

Every week, Orton makes the much-maligned offseason trade of Pro Bowl passer Jay Cutler to Chicago for Orton and a king's ransom of draft picks look more and more like a wise move for rookie coach Josh McDaniels.

While Cutler has settled in with the Bears, nobody in Denver is decrying his departure anymore.

Golden Plains Bulldogs defeat ranked Wildcats

By Alyssa Babcock

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Bulldogs whipped the Wallace County Wildcats on their home field in Rexford last Friday night. The Wildcats were ranked third in the state in Eight Man prior to the game.

Both teams were dealing with injured players. Shortly after the game began, the Wildcats put a touchdown on the board. The Bulldogs got the ball back and had decent field position. Senior Issac Broeckelman had a big touchdown run to tie the game at 6. Their two-point conversion point was good bringing the score to 8-6. Senior Corey Shaw punted to Wallace County and Golden Plains brought out their defense. Moments later one of the Wildcats running backs broke free for a long run until he was brought down by a sprinting Jordan Spresser before he reached the end zone. Senior Jordan Spresser sprinted to bring him down before he reached the end zone.

Shortly after the play, Wallace County got its second touchdown and had a successful two-point conversion to give the Wildcats a 14-8 lead at the end of the first quarter.

After a short timeout, both teams returned to the field. The Wildcats put in another touchdown to begin the second quarter. After a good punt return and some good plays the Bulldogs also scored another touchdown to cut Wallace County's lead to 22-14. After a couple downs the Wildcats turned over the ball giving the Bulldogs good field position. This led to the Bulldogs getting another touchdown to make it 22-20. This would remain the score for the duration of the quarter.

When the Bulldogs returned from half time and their defense worked hard and caused the Wildcats to punt. Their hard work paid dividends when Issac Broeckelman scored a touchdown for Golden Plains. The Bulldogs two-point conversion try was good and they took a 28-22 lead. With good passes by junior quarterback Tate Preston and the team working hard, they managed to make good plays and keep Wallace County out of the end zone. With another touchdown by Issac Broeckelman, the Bulldogs held their lead and the third quarter ended with the boys leading 36-22. Much of the fourth quarter went by without either team scoring. Shaw made it to the end zone toward the end of the game bringing the score to 44-22. With little time left the Wildcats made their last attempt to gain some points. They were able to score one last touchdown but it was too little, too late.

"The line stepped up 150 percent and they blocked so all the backs had to do was run to where they were supposed to be," Shaw said. "The defense also stepped up and only allowed one touchdown in the second half."

Leading the Bulldogs in tackles was Spresser with 12 followed by Senior Jeremy Hunter and Shaw who each with 10. Preston had seven, Broeckelman and Drake Moss had 5 each. Other tackles were made by Jonathan Broeckelman, Dylan Moss, Tyler Stevenson, and Jarrett Marker. Preston had 30 passing yards followed by Shaw with three. Jonathan Broeckelman had 30 receiving yards. Isaac Broeckelman made three touchdowns, Shaw had two, and Preston followed with one.

The Bulldogs take on Northern Valley at 7 p.m. on Friday at Alma.

Titans lose to Thunder Ridge

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The Triplains-Brewster Titans made the long trip to Kensington on Friday for their second district game. The trip home was made even longer, as they lost to the Thunder Ridge, 58-13 in a game that was called at halftime due to the 45 point rule.

It looked like the Titans passing offense was working, as senior Brett Gfeller threw successful completions to senior Tad Sheets for 24 yards and freshman Ethan Plummer for 17 yards. However, the Longhorns' defense soon shut down the Titans' passing game, and the Titans remained scoreless in the first quarter, while the Longhorns racked up 44 points.

The second quarter saw the Titans trying to fight their way back into the game. They tried the passing game again and Gfeller found senior receiver Devan Selby on a 25-yard pass for a first down. They continued to move the ball down the field, and got within scoring range. Gfeller scored on a 14-yard run with 6:16 left in the second. He successfully kicked the extra point, but the Titans were still behind 51-7.

The Longhorns soon answered with another touchdown, making the score 58-7. On the ensuing kick off, senior Spencer Holm fielded the ball on the Titans' 12-

yard line, returning it 24 yards to give the Titans good field position.

Late in the second, Gfeller broke away from defenders for a 62-yard scramble to once again set up the Titans to score.

Sophomore Dalton Wright went in as quarterback, and on a keeper, scored the Titans last touchdown. The extra point attempt was no good, and the score remained 58-13.

Thunder Ridge dominated defensively, holding the Titans to just 95 yards rushing and 74 yards receiving, while their offense racked up 524 total yards.

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