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Colby High senior Caitlyn Wark, pictured here practicing at Fike Park on Wednesday, and the rest of the varsity tennis team took fifth out of six teams at a home meet last Tuesday.

Colby varsity tennis squad finishes fifth in home tourney

The Colby High tennis varsity finished fifth out of six teams at a home tournament last Tuesday at Fike Park and the college tennis courts.

Coach Jennifer Rall said her team was coming off a busy week and the girls just had an off day. The weather was good.

Senior Caitlyn Wark won one match and lost one and took fifth in No. 1 singles. The No. 1 doubles team of seniors Megan Dougherty and Lauren Shoaff also placed fifth, finishing with a 1-2 record.

Junior Megan Schroeder placed fifth with a 1-2 record and juniors Paige Roopchan and Madison Gawith, filling in at No. 2 doubles, went 0-3 to place

sixth.

The coach said senior Laura Juenemann usually plays with Roopchan, but she was forced to sit out the meet so she could compete in a tournament at McPherson on Saturday. Rall said girls can only be in eight competitions, and the meet would have been Juenemann's eighth.

Other schools at the meet were Norton, Phillipsburg, Tribune, Scott City and WaKeeney.

The girls will play in the Class 4A Regionals at noon Friday at Smoky Valley High School in Lindsborg.

Wildcats will be ready for Nebraska

MANHATTAN (AP) – Maybe Kansas State's marching band should forgo its traditional "Wabash Cannonball" for something more fitting, such as "So long, it's been good to know you."

At Bill Snyder Family Stadium on Thursday night, the dying hours of a 99-year relationship will start running out.

Among other things for Kansas State (4-0), the nationally televised game is a chance to jump high into the rankings and give running back Daniel Thomas' Heisman hopes a boost. For seventh-ranked and Big Ten-bound Nebraska (4-0), it's the first leg in a not-so-fond farewell tour of Big 12 schools the Huskers are leaving behind.

Expecting a huge crowd, Kansas State warned fans to arrive early.

Maybe Nebraska needs a warning, too.

More than 50,000 resentful Kansans will occupy those seats, most of them fully aware that Ne-

braska's decision to defect to the Big Ten came close to dealing their school a horrible setback.

With Colorado also taking off for the Pac-10, it looked for a while like the Big 12 would break up. Most of the South Division schools were being courted by the Pac-10 and the Southeastern Conference. They would have been all right. But nobody was calling K-State. It would probably have been left without membership in a BCS automatic qualifying conference.

As the conference realignment drama played out, the president of Kansas State personally appealed to his counterpart at Nebraska to stay together.

But he was rebuffed. And K-Staters who've never been particularly fond of Nebraska anyhow know that.

So now, with a collision of unbeaten teams and a running back averaging 157 yards per game,

Kansas State would love to boot the haughty Huskers out the door of the Big 12 with a big loss to remember them by.

"Snyder admits he hates to see the Huskers go.

"I'm disappointed and saddened by Nebraska not being in the conference. There's just so much history there, so much tradition," he said.

When talking about the history and tradition of Nebraska-Kansas State, there's little for the Wildcats to say. Even if they do upset the favored Huskers on Thursday night, they'll end the long series trailing 77-16-2 instead of 78-15-2.

But finally by 1998, with 18-hour workdays and robotic attention to detail, Snyder had built the long-suffering Wildcats into contenders. And they proved it with a 40-30 victory in Manhattan, ending a 29-year Nebraska winning streak with a watershed moment in his coaching career.

Star freshman runner 11th despite a detour

Colby College freshman Edward Limo took 11th out of 234 runners and the Trojans' cross country team finished sixth out of 25 teams Saturday at the Emporia State-Planet Sub Invitational.

Limo finished the 8k race in 25 minutes, 44.67 seconds and the team finished with 168 points overall, but could have done much better. He was in the top three, dropped to 33rd when he got off course, then passed 22 runners.

Limo could have finished much higher, said Coach James Ortiz, had it not been for an error by a course officials. The freshman standout was in second place 2.5 miles into the race when he and the other two top runners unknowingly veered off the course. The coach said there is a fork in the trail at the 2.5-mile mark, and Limo and company went the wrong way. He said an official stationed at the location didn't say anything when the three runners headed took the wrong fork.

"The course officials did a terrible job and the meet was run poorly," Ortiz said.

After the mishap, officials made sure to have someone at the 2.5-mile mark telling runners which

way to go, Ortiz said. The coach said in most races, someone on a bicycle or some other vehicle leads the race to make sure no one gets lost.

Limo eventually realized his error, but by the time he got back to the course, he was in 33rd place. Ortiz said Limo was confused after he returned to the course, wondering if he was disqualified. The coach said he told Limo to keep running. The freshman runner was able pass 22 runners on his way to an 11th-place finish.

Although Limo's wrong turn cost him a higher placing, the coach said, the freshman did derive some satisfaction from the race. Despite all his troubles, Limo outran fellow Kenyan Benson Lagat of No. 9 ranked Butler County Community College in El Dorado for the first time. Lagat took 18th in 26:55:38. Ortiz said Limo never could beat Lagat in Kenya.

Every other Trojans runner ran a personal best time, the coach said. Sophomore Alfredo Arellano finished with 26:35.88; sophomore Anthony Luna, 26:39; freshman Abrahm Leija, 26:44; freshman Tim Cude, 26:55; sophomore Trey

Dunsirn, 27:02; freshman Raymond Velazquez; 27:11; sophomore Robert Robledo, 27:54; and sophomore Wes Toews, 28:34.

Freshman Ross Freeman, the team's No. 2 runner, didn't race due to an injury. Coach Ortiz was happy with the way his team performed.

"Our guys work well together," he said. "We're a quality team."

Missouri S&T, a division II school, took first with 75 points. Colby had the second-lowest time of the seven teams from the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference at the tournament. The Trojans finished ahead of Butler County, Cloud County from Concordia, Hutchinson, Neosho County from Chanute and Highland Community College. Butler and Cloud County also finished in the top 10.

The only Jayhawk Conference team that finished ahead of Colby was Johnson County from Overland Park, which finished fourth with 130 points.

The Trojans will run again at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Fort Hays Invitational.

Colby varsity volleyball team wins one, loses two at home

The Colby High volleyball varsity won against Hays High but lost to Liberal and Phillipsburg in a quad meet Monday at the high school.

The Lady Eagles' swept the Hays Lady Indians 25-21, 25-23, but were swept by Liberal 25-19, 25-18 and Phillipsburg 25-13, 25-18.

The junior varsity fared better, winning all three of its games. After dropping the opening set to Hays 25-12, the girls came back and won 25-17 and 15-11.

Colby made quick work of

Liberal in two sets, 25-20, 25-7. Against Phillipsburg, the girls took the first set 25-11, but the Lady Panthers won the second 25-15. The Colby girls responded by crushing Phillipsburg 15-3 in the final set.

The junior varsity took second in a round-robin tournament Saturday at the high school with a 3-1 record.

Colby's three victories were all sweeps. They girls pounded Quinter 25-6, 25-8, Dighton 25-11, 25-15 and rival Goodland 25-10, 25-11.

The junior varsity's only loss came against Oakley. The girls won the first set 25-20, but lost the next two 25-16, 25-23. Oakley went on to take first in the tourney with three wins.

The junior varsity will play in a tournament at Hays High at 9 a.m. Saturday. The varsity will face Oberlin and Quinter in a triangular at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at the high school. The junior varsity will also play both teams and the C team will play Oberlin at the high school.

Colby C team beats McCook

The Colby volleyball C team beat McCook High in Nebraska in a best-of-five match on the road Monday.

The girls won the first set 25-21, but lost to McCook 25-18 in the second. The Lady Eagles bounced back with a 25-21 win in the third and beat the Lady Bison 25-22 in the fourth and final set.

The C team won one match and lost two in a quad at Wheatland Grinnell on Thursday, Sept. 30.

The girls' victory came against Garden City. Colby

crushed the Lady Buffaloes 25-9 in the first, but the Lady Buffaloes prevailed 27-25 in the second. The Lady Eagles dominated the final set 15-5.

The girls bested Hays 27-25 in the first set, but they lost the second 25-22. The Lady Indians bested Colby 16-14 in the final set. The team was swept by Wheatland-Grinnell 25-11, 25-12 in its final match.

The C team plays next at 9 a.m. Saturday in a tournament at Hays High School.

Golden Plains Middle school teams defend home turf against Tribune

By Tiffani Hapke
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Middle School volleyball girls came out on top in a match against the Tribune Panthers on Thursday at Rexford.

The A team started off with a 11-3 lead before taking time out to visit with the coach. They extended that to 22-10 before the Lady Panthers came back to bring the game to within five at 24-19. Tribune served the ball out of bounds to give the Lady Bulldogs a 25-19 win.

The second set went back and forth in the early going, leaving the teams were tied at 6.

Rachael Ritter served two consecutive points, giv-

ing her team a 8-6 lead. Then the girls started to win this war with long serve streaks.

Brianna Stoll had the longest streak at five points, extending the Lady Bulldogs' lead to 17-11 before Ana Bermudez subbed in for her.

The girls won the second set when Bermudez scored on three straight serves to make it 25-12.

The B-team won its first set against Tribune 25-15. Then in the second, they built an impressive an 14-4 lead before winning 25-7.

The C team squad also had a chance to play and won both its sets 25-18, 25-13.

The girls will play against Grinnell/Wheatland this week in Grinnell.

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