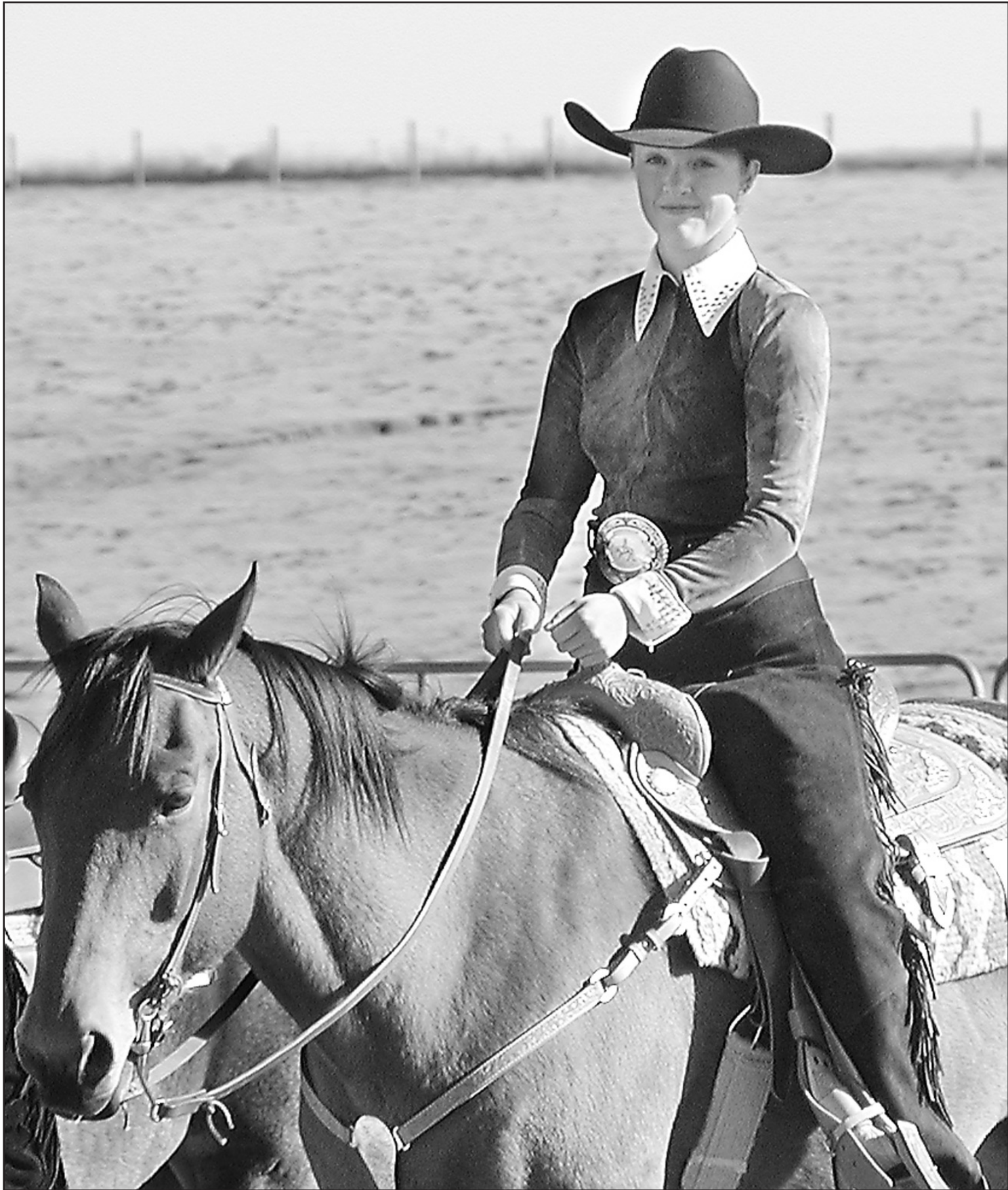


The joy of riding



Colby College sophomore Faye Miller, riding Fiddler, finished third in her class in Intermediate 2 Horsemanship at the college's fall classic Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Western Horse Show on Sunday at the college farm east of town. The team held shows Saturday and Sunday.

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Costly turnovers clip Eagles' wings

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The Colby High football team's 48-25 loss to Concordia on Friday can be summed up in three words: turnovers, turnovers, turnovers.

"You take away the turnovers, and we win that game," said senior running back Andrew Flanagin.

The Eagles turned the ball over seven times, six fumbles and one interception. Freshman Beau Brown fumbled three times, Flanagin twice and senior full-back Ryan Parker once, and senior quarterback Kale Arnerberger threw the interception.

Despite the lopsided score, the Eagles had no trouble moving the ball, gaining over 300 yards.

The vast majority of Colby's offense came on the ground. The boys rushed for 262 yards; over half by Arnerberger, who finished with 137, but much of Eagle's offensive output was wasted by the fumbles.

Concordia made Colby pay anytime the team had a defensive breakdown. Coach Chris Gardner said he thought his defense did well at sticking to their assignments, but he added that a well-coached team like Concordia will hurt you any time you miss one.

Two of these slip-ups led to Panther touchdowns. The first was a 70-yard run by Blaine Newton and the second on a 64-yard run by Drake Champlin. Newton finished with 144 rushing yards and the Panthers finished with 411 total.

The Panthers' two long touchdown runs came at inopportune times. Colby was only trailing Concordia 22-13 when the first occurred and the second run took place not long after Arnerberger hooked up with senior wide receiver Corbin Stephens for a 36-yard touchdown pass.

The Eagles were the first to get on the scoreboard. Newton recovered a fumble by Parker at the Eagles' 38-yard line on the boys' first possession. Minutes later, though, senior cornerback Christian Wilson ripped the ball away from the Panthers' ball carrier and sped 59 yards down the left sideline for a touchdown. Sophomore Trek Keck booted the extra point, giving the Eagles a 7-0 lead with a little over eight minutes left in the first quarter.

Concordia went on a drive on its next possession. The Panthers' Blake Woelhoff faked a handoff, drawing Colby's defense, and Woelhoff ran around the left end for a three-yard touchdown. Newton ran in the two-point conversion, giving Concordia a 8-7 lead.

The Panthers only had one more drive in the game. The rest of their touchdowns stemmed from good field position from turnovers or long runs.

Concordia extended its lead after a Brown fumble was recovered by Panthers' on the Eagles' 10. That led to a six-yard touchdown run by Newton.

Later in the half, the two teams exchanged turnovers. Newton picked off Arnerberger and returned to the Panthers' own 18, but Stephens recovered a Concordia fumble on the Eagles' 32 a few plays later. Brown ran around the left end and took the ball to the Panthers' 1. Then the boys were whistled for a penalty for trying to push the Eagles' back into the end zone on a run. Moments later, a mishandled handoff by Flanagin was recovered by Zach Beims of Concordia at the 5.

Later in the half, Flanagin took the handoff and ran around the left end for a six-yard touchdown, narrowing the gap to 14-13. The Eagles extra point try failed. Newton caught a touchdown pass and the Panthers converted on their two-point conversion before the half came to an end.

Woelhoff faked a handoff to one back and instead handed the ball to Newton, who ran through a hole in the line and kept going for a 70-yard touchdown on the Panthers' first possession of the third. Concordia's two-point conversion again was good, extending the Panthers' lead to 30-13. The Eagles were never able to mount a serious comeback after that, but they did score two more touchdowns.

Arnerberger's 36-yard pass to Stephen and his 62-yard touchdown run both came in the third. Concordia ended up winning 48-25.

Flanagin finished with 69 rushing yards and Parker had 43. Flanagin and Arnerberger led the team with 12 tackles each.

Colby plays its second district game against Clay Center at 7 p.m. Friday at Dennen Field. It will be Senior-Parent Recognition Night.

Lady Trojans' win final road match

Several Lady Trojans' volleyball players stepped up in their last road game of the season to help the team beat Hutchinson in four sets Wednesday, 25-19, 25-23, 22-25, 25-16.

The women improved their record to 25-12 overall, and 7-4 in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Western Division.

"We had a great night and really played to our full potential for the first time in a few weeks," coach Carey Jones said. "We really pushed the girls in pregame to give everything they had for the entire match. One of the most important things last night was our ability to fight to finish each set."

Sophomore Gabrielly Cardoso led the Lady Trojans with 17 kills, 12 digs and a .361 hitting percentage. Jones said Cardoso made a huge difference at key points, when the team was struggling to get its middle hitters the ball.

Other key performances came from sophomore setter Emily Lubbers, who had 43 assists and eight digs; sophomore libero Jordyn White, 24 digs; freshman defensive setter and libero Jennie Watkins, four aces; and freshman outside hitter Ana Calito, 12 kills, 30 digs. Jones pointed to the play

of freshman setter Rachel Montgomery, who came off the bench and got "the outsides and middles a good ball when needed."

"The girls understood the importance of this match," the coach said. "One of the best parts about our team is they understand what we are trying to achieve and why we are competing. Being on the same page will benefit us over these next few weeks."

The win was important because it keeps the Lady Trojans in third place in the division behind Dodge City and Pratt community colleges. Barton County from Great Bend and Seward County from Liberal are just a half a game back at 6-4.

The Lady Trojans will have a "Dig Pink Night" when they play Barton County at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Community Building, promoting the fight against breast

cancer, supporting those who have cancer and raising money for breast-cancer research.

The team plans a bake sale, silent auction and prize giveaways that night, Jones said. She said there will be a drawing for a \$600 grill donated by Rocking M Radio and a drawing for coupons at area restaurants.

Some of the items in the auction include a grill guard for a pickup from MC Auto Outlet, a family fun night at Colby Bowl and Fun Center, and K-State men's basketball tickets and Kansas City Royals tickets donated by Rocking M.

Proceeds from the event will go towards the Side-Out Foundation and the Northwest Kansas Foundation for Hope. Dig Pink was founded by the Side-out Foundation; October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, and high schools and colleges across the

country are helping with in Dig Pink this month.

The foundation was formed last year by nine Thomas County women whose lives have been touched by cancer, either personally or through a loved one. Jones said Hope stands for helping offset patient costs. The foundation provides \$500 grants to help cancer patients pay for gas, lodging, treatment, medical equipment or dietary supplements.

The Lady Trojans will play their final home match against Seward County at 6:30 p.m. Thursday on Sophomore Night.

"The win against Hutch keeps us in the fight for a home playoff match on Nov. 3," Jones said. "We have to prepare to fight to keep our third spot against two very good teams, and I think the girls are willing and ready to do whatever it takes."

Jets beat Broncos

DENVER (AP) — LaDainian Tomlinson scored his second touchdown from 2 yards out with 73 seconds left after a pass interference flag and New York rallied past Denver 24-20.

On fourth-and-6 from the Denver 48, Denver safety Renaldo Hill and Jets receiver Santonio Holmes jostled near the goal line and the ball fell incomplete as the crowd went crazy. But field judge Gary Cavaletto threw his yellow flag and called Hill for pass interference.

The Broncos (2-4), who led most of the game, appeared to let

Tomlinson score on the next play so they could get one last shot at the win but both teams denied that was the case.

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