

Colby reaches 9-4, has player recognized

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The Colby Community College volleyball team has been busy for the past two weeks, and it is off to a great start this season.

The Trojans traveled to North Platte, Neb., for the Subway Tournament on Aug. 26 and 27 where they played six games, and left with a record of 4-2.

Their first competitor was Southeast Community College on Aug. 26. Colby won the first set with a score of 15-25, but Southeast won the second set 25-17, forcing a third set. The Trojans shut them down in the final set, winning 15-8.

The next team they played was Williston State College, who handed them their first loss of the season. Williston won the first set with 20-25, but Colby was able to battle back in the second set with 25-21, giving it another chance to beat Williston. The final set was a close one, but Williston prevailed with 13-15.

Colby's last matchup of the day was against Northeastern Junior College. The match went to three sets once again, with the Trojans winning the first set 27-25 and Northeastern winning the second set 19-25. Colby wasn't able to rally back in the third set and Northeastern won the set 10-15.

The Trojans played three more teams on Aug. 27, starting with the home team, North Platte Community College. Colby won the first set 25-17, but North Platte slipped past the Trojans in the second set with 22-25. The final set was another close match, but Colby was victorious with a score of 16-14.

The next opponent was McCook Community College. Colby dominated this game, needing only two sets to put McCook away. The Trojans won the first set 25-9 and the second set 25-13.

Colby's last game of the tournament was against Eastern Wyoming College from Torrington, Wyo., and once again, the Trojans shut the team down in two sets. Colby won the first set 25-13 and

the second set 25-22.

On Aug. 31, the Trojans played their first conference game in Liberal against Seward County Community College. Regular conference play goes to five sets unless one team wins the first three sets. This game went to four with Seward winning the first set 16-25 and Colby winning the second 25-14. Seward came back to win the third set 18-25, and the final set 17-25. The Trojans now had a record of 4-3.

Colby's next matches were at the Colby Classic Volleyball Tournament held at the Community Building. The Trojans brought their record back up and were 7-4.

Their first match was against Trinidad State Junior College, and the Trojans conquered Trinidad State in three sets. Colby won the first set 25-9, the second 25-16 and the third 25-14.

The next team Colby faced was Western Texas College, who proved to be a tough opponent. The Trojans won the first and second sets with a score of 25-23 for both. Western Texas dominated in the third set to win 14-25. The fourth set was another close one, but Western Texas pulled ahead for a 23-25 win. The final set wasn't as close, and Western Texas won the game after a 9-15 win.

Otero Junior College was next on the menu and Colby was able to get back to its winning ways. They won in three sets with 25-10, 25-12 and 25-15, respectively.

The Trojans' final match was with Clarendon College, and both teams battled it out in five sets. Colby lost the first set 23-25, but it was able to climb back and win the second and third sets, 25-15 and 25-21. Clarendon was victorious in the fourth set with 19-25, but Colby came back to win game after winning the fifth set 15-8.

The Trojans came back to Colby and prepared for two home games, one on Monday and the other on

Wednesday.

The game on Monday was a rematch with McCook Community College. Colby was able to beat them in three sets once again, with scores of 25-12 in the first set, 25-15 in the second and 25-9 in the third.

The Trojans then faced Garden City Community College Wednesday, and they pulled out a win in three sets. They won the first set 25-12, the second 25-14 and the third 25-6. Colby now has a record of 9-4.

"It has been a good start to the season and the girls are really starting to figure things out," said Head Coach Carey Jones. "We have had great support from our community and the girls are very grateful to have been in front of our home crowd for the start of our season."

The team had more good news this week when outside hitter Elzbieta Klein was recognized as the outstanding National Junior College Athletic Association Division I volleyball player during the first week of competition.

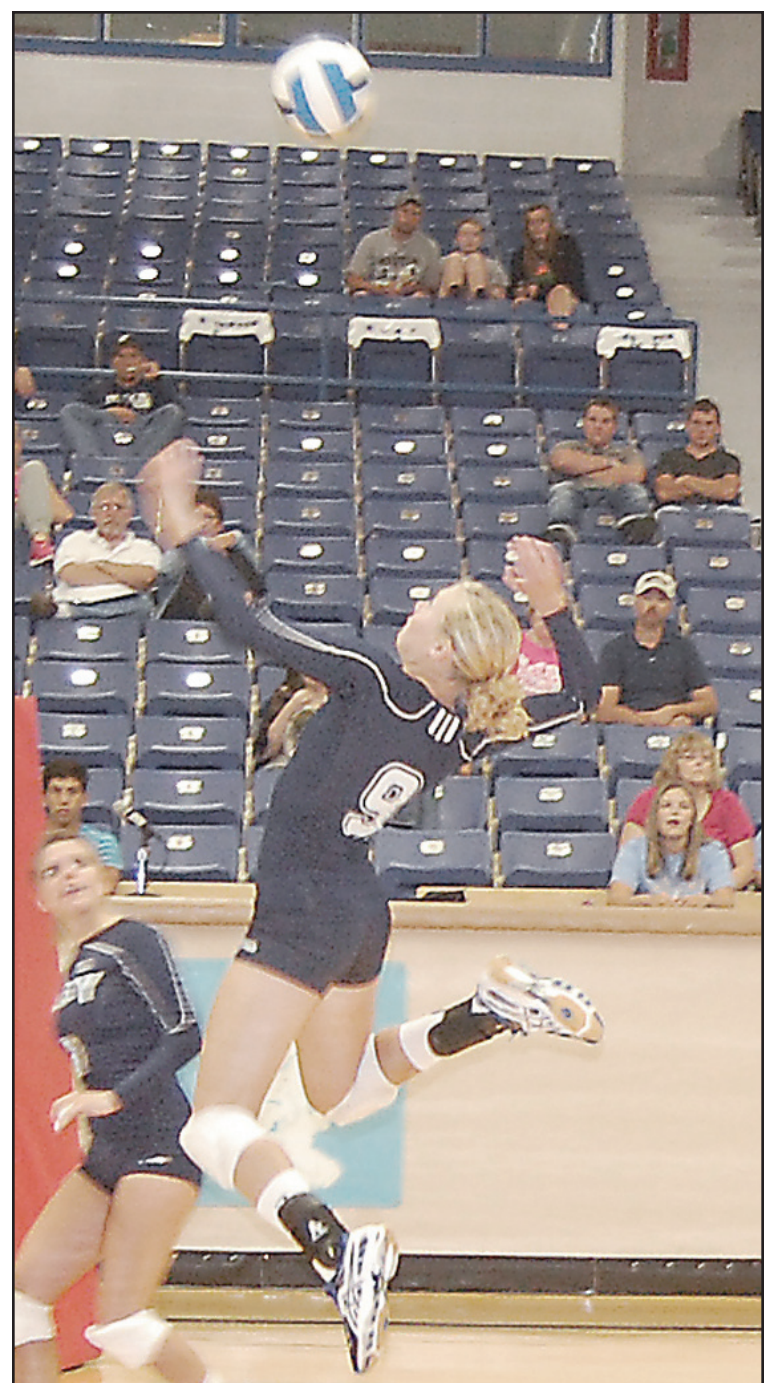
Klein, of Gdynia, Poland, was also named Division I Player of the Week by the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference for the second week of competition.

The 6'0" freshman recorded 78 kills in five matches during the first week as Colby Community College went 3-2. The outside hitter scored 3.9 kills per set and tallied 7 aces. She had two 21-kill performances against Seward County Community College and Clarendon College. Defensively, Klein totaled 28 digs and 6 blocks for the Trojans.

"Ela is a great kid on and off the court but most of all she is aware that without her team, she would not be able to do what she does," Jones said. "Her attitude about this is a reflection of the teams success and confidence in each other on and off the court."



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Freshman Elzbieta Klein (above) prepared to serve Wednesday for the Colby Community College volleyball team in a match against Garden City Community College at the Community Building. Freshman Bailey Pfortmiller (right) jumped up for a spike Monday in a match against McCook Community College at the Community Building.

Klein was one of three athletes selected by the National Junior College Athletic Association as the Volleyball Player of the Week. The other players were from North Carolina and Illinois. Klein was selected for games held Aug. 28

through Sunday.

Klein and sophomore outside hitter Ana Calito (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) were selected to the North Platte Subway Invitational's All-Tournament Team. Calito is the only sophomore on the Lady Tro-

jan team.

The Trojans will travel to Dodge City on Saturday to play the Conquistadors at 2 p.m. The next home match is Wednesday, Sept. 21, against Cloud County Community College.

Bulldogs raise money for football

By Katrina R Griggs

Golden Plains' football players involved themselves in a weight lifting fund raiser during their summer football camp, organized to raise money for new jerseys, helmet logos, and other supplies and equipment. The players recruited members of the community and asked for a pledge per pound they lifted. If they did make the weight criteria they would donate any amount of money.

The lift-a-thon consisted of bench press, squat, and power clean. Kalyn Weber lifted the most out of all football players at Golden Plains, with Andrew Luna following right behind with 615 pounds.

"We really appreciate everybody's support in this great achievement," said Travis Smith, head coach of the football team.

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Go to www.ThomasCountyCommunityFoundation.com for grant applications and guidelines.

Cub Scout Activities starting for fall in Colby for boys 1st to 5th grade.

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Cub Scout Family Information Meeting

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 13th
Colby Grade School Activity Room

Grade school boys and their families are invited to come learn about Cub Scout activities planned for September 2011 through April 2012 in Colby.

Regular weekly meetings for Colby Cub Scout Pack #140 will begin on Monday, September 19th with a Pack Meeting at the Colby United Methodist Church, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Starting times for regular den meetings may be adjusted on a group-by-group basis to accommodate seasonal youth sports and other community activities.

More information on the 2011-12 Colby Cub Scout Pack #140 schedule of activities can be found at the following website: www.scoutlander.com (follow directory) or by contacting Pack 140 Scoutmaster Dan O'Brien at colbydobrien@gmail.com.

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