

Middle school starts season



The Golden Plains Middle School offense got ready to snap the ball Sept. 8 during their first game of the season against Sharon Springs/Weskan.

By Angela Ritter

The Golden Plains Middle School boys traveled to Sharon Springs on Sept. 8 to compete in their first football game. The Bulldogs played a tough game against Sharon Springs losing 0-48.

"We need to improve on every facet of the game: blocking, tackling, and running," Head Coach Travis Betz said. "We have a lot of work to do for the upcoming season."

"We're looking forward to improving and getting better as the season goes on," added eighth grader Kade Wessel.

The boys will be looking forward to playing Grinnell/Wheatland on their home field Thursday, Sept. 15.

Colby volleyball gears up for home game, Dig Pink night

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The Colby High School volleyball team is having a successful season so far, with the varsity at a record of 9-1, the junior varsity at 10-4, and the C-team at 11-6.

The squad will hold its only home meet of the season at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27. This night will be called Dig Pink night to raise breast cancer awareness, and it will begin at 4 p.m. The team will also have its Senior Night Presentations followed by a little ceremony to introduce its plan for the "Pink" night.

"We have invited the other teams to wear pink also," Head Coach Lesley Wagoner said. "We as a team are dedicating these matches to Nancy Barlow. Nancy lives here in Colby and has breast cancer; the money we make will go to her to help with some of her costs."

Wagoner said that it will also be spirit week at the high school and the Student Council has designated that day as Pink day.

"They hope that all students, faculty and staff will support this cause and wear pink that day," Wagoner said.

The volleyball girls will be in

pink shirts in honor of this cause and will have a few to sell on that day. If anyone is interested in making a donation, they may make a check payable to Lady Eagle Volleyball (breast cancer donation in the memo area) and the team will cut one check from all the donations.

"We will also have items for sale and any cash donations are greatly appreciated," Wagoner said. "We encourage all businesses in town to dress in pink that day and to take pictures of their staff in pink and to send those pics to me."

Contact Coach Wagoner at lwagoner@colbyeagles.org.

The varsity and junior varsity's most recent games took place in Hoxie on Thursday where they played a quad against Scott City, Oakley and Hoxie.

The varsity played Scott City in the first game. Scott City won the first set 23-25, but Colby bounced back and won the second set 25-18, forcing a third set. Colby squeezed by in the third with a score of 26-4 to win the game.

The Eagles' next opponent was Oakley, and Colby won the game in two sets; the first set 25-18 and the second 25-16.

Colby faced the home team, Hoxie, last and dominated in two sets for another win. The Eagles

won the first set 25-22 and the second 25-17. The varsity squad went 3-0 on the day.

The junior varsity played the teams in the same order as the varsity, starting with Scott City. The girls lost the first set 20-25, but slid by in the second set with a score of 25-23 to force a third set. Colby finished Scott City off with a score of 15-7 to win the match.

The Eagles played Oakley next, which proved to be a tough game. Colby lost the first set 21-25, but after a long battle in the second, it won 31-29, forcing a third set. The Eagles couldn't top Oakley in the final set with a score of 12-15, and lost the game.

The junior varsity was able to pick up another win against Hoxie in its last game of the quad. Colby won the first set 25-21, but Hoxie pulled off the win in the second with a score of 18-25. The Eagles took over in the third and won the set 15-10. The squad finished the quad at 2-1.

Also, the varsity and junior varsity teams played in three games each at the Liberal High School quad Tuesday against Liberal, Guymon and Ulysses.

In the first game, the varsity squad played against Ulysses. Ulysses won the first set 23-25, but the Eagles came back in the sec-

ond set to win 25-21, forcing a third set. Colby dominated in the final set 25-17 to win the match.

Colby's next opponent was Guymon. The Eagles won both sets with a score of 25-17 to give them another win.

The final match was against the home team, Liberal. Liberal barely beat the Eagles in both sets; the first set was 23-25 and the second was 22-25. The varsity squad finished 2-1 at the quad.

The junior varsity's first game was against Liberal, and Colby won both sets. The first set was 26-24 and the second was 25-18.

While the varsity played Ulysses on a different court, the junior varsity took on Guymon next. Guymon won the first set 23-25, but Colby was able to win the second set 25-17 to force a third set. Colby took over in the final set with a score of 15-10 to win the game.

For the final game, Colby played against Ulysses, who outscored the Eagles 25-14 in both sets. The junior varsity also finished at 2-1 at the quad.

The varsity squad will play its next two games at Liberal High School, which is at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, and at Topeka Seaman High School, which is at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24.



JUDY ROGERS/Golden Plains High School
Sophomore Kylie Jones blocked a tip against Triplains-Brewster on Sept. 6 at the Colby quad at the Community Building. Golden Plains won all three games against Healy, Triplains/Brewster, and Heartland Christian.

Lady Bulldogs sweep Colby quad

By Hailee Spresser

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs volleyball team traveled to Colby on Sept. 6 to play against Healy, Triplains-Brewster, and Heartland Christian in a quad. The Lady Bulldogs came home with three more wins, setting their record at 6-4.

The Lady Bulldogs started the day by playing the Healy Eagles. Pumped and ready to play, Golden Plains worked together well to win the first match 25-15. In the second match, the Lady Bulldogs stayed with Healy, but lost with a close score of 20-25. Putting the last match behind them, Golden Plains came out and devoured the Eagles 25-8.

The next match up was against the Triplains-Brewster Titans. Keeping up the teamwork and communication, Golden Plains

defeated the Titans 25-15. The Lady Bulldogs started out the second match anxious to topple the Titans. That is what they did, shutting down the Titans 25-9.

To end the day, Golden Plains took on the Heartland Christian Crusaders. In the first match, the Lady Bulldogs slipped by the Crusaders with a win 25-20. Motivated to end the day on a good note, Golden Plains annihilated Heartland Christian in the second match 25-15.

"I was extremely proud of the way the team responded Tuesday when Kylie went down with a knee injury," Head Coach Orba Smith said. "The team unity was amazing. Communication on the floor, intensity, the desire to win, as well as the support from the bench and crowd were key elements in the victories against Triplains/Brewster and Heartland."

Area boxer faces big star

LAWRENCE (AP)—Victor Ortiz has a vision in his mind of people all over Garden City tuned in to their television sets to watch him battle undefeated Floyd Mayweather Jr. on Saturday night.

The 24-year-old Garden City native remained humble as he rose through the boxing ranks, unlike the flashy Mayweather, a 34-year-old who at 41-0 is a big favorite to win the fight.

Ortiz holds the World Boxing Council Welterweight championship and is given a puncher's chance of beating Mayweather.

The two square off in Las Vegas in a fight billed as "Star Power" by promoters.

Colby cross county runner takes first at Wamego meet

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Colby High School cross country runner Emilea Finley finished in first place Saturday at the Wamego Invitational. The girls team finished in 12th place with 305 points while Baldwin took first with 67 points. The boys team finished 14th with 368 points, and Wamego was the winning team with 64 points.

Finley, who is a senior on the girl's varsity squad, finished with a time of 15 minutes, 58 seconds, and received a gold medal. She also took first place at the Goodland meet on Sept. 1, which was the team's first meet of the season. The other runners from the

girls team are Taylor Lemman, who took 66th place with 18:42; Shelby Cassaw, who finished in 79th place with 19:54; Julia Hutfles, who landed in 88th place with 21:38; and Gabby Browne, who ended up in 93rd place with 23:27.

The lone runner from the girl's junior varsity squad was Cameron McLaughlin, and she finished in 108th place with 26:09.

"We made good improvement between the Goodland meet and Wamego," Head Coach Bob Mannebach said. "Emilea Finley easily won her race with a good performance. This is the first year of cross country for our other five girls. They had a nice run on a very challenging course and against the best 4A girls in the state."

On the boy's varsity, John Faber finished in 30th place with 18:40, which earned him a medal; Reed Stephens took 52nd place with 19:52; Aaron Faver landed in 91st place with 20:32; Wiatt Binder finished in 107th place with 21:16; Blake McNinch took 109th place with 21:28; and Jordan Rasmussen ended up in 114th place with 21:43.

The boy's junior varsity runners consisted of Brady Rose, who took 62nd place with 22:11, and Matt Dickman, who finished in 73rd place with 22:47.

"There were 20 4A schools at this meet with over 100 runners in each race," Mannebach said. "Each runner on the boys team improved their times from the first meet."

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