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Bridget Bickner and her teammates on the Colby High School tennis team trained at Fike Park on Wednesday. Bickner and her doubles partner Hana Giebler went 1-2 at the Russell Invitational on Thursday.

## Colby tennis partners take second in Russell

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The Colby High School girls tennis team finished in seventh place out of eight teams Thursday with 6 points at the Russell Invitational. Lamed took first place with 24 points, Russell grabbed second with 14 and Osborne finished in third with 10. Phillipsburg followed in fourth place with 10 points, Norton took fifth with 5, Hoisington landed in sixth with 6 points and Victoria ended up in last place with 2.

In No. 1 singles, Paige Roopchan played against Russell's Rhett Brown. Roopchan won the match 8-4, and faced Jessi Johnson from Larned next. She lost 8-1, which sent her to the loser's bracket to place Phillipsburg's Audai Fedrigon. Roopchan lost in a close game, 8-7.

In No. 2 singles, Sara Lamm took on Norton's Sierra Black. Lamm won the match 8-6 and faced Meredith Rogers from Larned next. She lost the match

8-4 and went into the loser's bracket to play Victoria's Sarah Kuhn. Lamm lost this match as well with a score of 8-2.

In No. 1 doubles, Megan Schroeder and Keana Keck played Norton's Haley Wallingford and Katie Koch. Colby won the match 8-0 and went on to play Bailey Schartz and Danette Unrah from Larned. The Eagles lost 8-0, but took second place in the category.

In No. 2 doubles, Bridget Bickner and Hana Giebler played against Victoria's Ariel Bowman and Haley Robben. The Eagles won the match 8-4 and took on Taylor Hamel and Abby Dreher from Russell next. Bickner and Giebler lost the match 8-6 and were sent to the loser's bracket to play Osborne's MacKenzie Cameron and Jenna Dibble. The Eagles lost this match too with a score of 8-6.

The girls team will hold another Colby Invitational beginning at 3 p.m. Tuesday on the Colby Community College and Fike Park tennis courts.

## Wildcats fourth-down stop beats Miami, puts them at 3-0

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MIAMI – Kansas State stopped Miami quarterback Jacory Harris' fourth-down run at the goal line with 49 seconds left, capping a brilliant late stand that sealed the Wildcats' 28-24 win over the Hurricanes on Saturday.

John Hubert ran for 166 yards and the go-ahead touchdown for the Wildcats (3-0). Collin Klein passed for two scores and ran for another for Kansas State, which blew an 11-point halftime lead before rallying.

Harris threw for 272 yards and two touchdowns for Miami (1-2), which got 106 yards and a touchdown from Lamar Miller. Miami had first-and-goal at the Kansas State 2 with 1:52 left, but a first-down pass fell incomplete, two Mike James runs were stopped and then Harris' knee was deemed down by replay officials after the on-field call was that he scored.

"We have no one to blame but ourselves," Miami coach Al Golden said.

It was the 145th time in the last 150 games where Kansas State won when leading at halftime, and the Wildcats earned this one.

Miller's 59-yard touchdown run with 2:52 left in the third quarter got Miami within 21-17, and Harris found Travis Benjamin with a 34-yard scoring pass 43 seconds into the fourth quarter to give Miami a three-point lead.

A short-lived lead, at that.

Hubert on third-and-1 – Miami was in something akin to goal-line

defense, with just about everyone on the line of scrimmage 70 yards from its own end zone – Kansas State went 80 yards on eight plays. Hubert's burst from 2 yards out capped the drive, putting Miami in need of late heroics.

Harris almost delivered.

Buoyed along by 33-yard pass to Chase Ford, and a pass interference call against Kansas State's Nigel Malone in the end zone, the Hurricanes were 2 yards away from the win with four plays to get there. They wound up a few inches short.

"We have to execute," Golden said. "That's on us. We didn't get it done."

Klein finished with 93 yards rushing for Kansas State, which won despite being outgained 411-398. His arms bloodied from a few scrapes with the Florida Marlins' infield dirt, Klein completed 12 of 18 passes for 133 yards.

Harris completed 21 of 31 passes, and Benjamin caught six balls for 91 yards to lead Miami.

Klein set the tone on the first possession, leading K-State 63 yards on 11 plays and going in from 2 yards out to give the Wildcats a 7-3 lead with 5:57 left in the first quarter. He was a perfect 6-for-6 passing for 80 yards in the first quarter – against a Miami defense that in four quarters against Ohio State last week allowed four completed passes for 35 yards.

Klein connected with Tyler Lockett from 20 yards out with 13:28 left in the half, and the Wildcats were up 14-3.

Here's how good Klein was: When Kansas State seemed on

the brink of trouble, his feet were more than enough to keep the Wildcats afloat.

"Their quarterback played exceptional," Golden said. "Got to give Kansas State credit."

The Wildcats committed penalties on four consecutive plays midway through the second quarter – holding on a completed pass, then two false starts sandwiched around a delay of game while Miami linebacker Sean Spence waved his arms to incite more noise from the decidedly less-than-full stadium. After John Hubert was stuffed on an option pitch, Kansas State faced 2nd-and-29 from its own 3.

Just when it seemed like Miami was ready to grab some momentum, Klein took over.

A 26-yard scamper while taking off from his own end zone on second down, followed by a 13-yard run on the next play, got Kansas State near midfield and averted disaster. Miami eventually forced a punt, but did nothing with the ensuing possession and went into the locker room down by 11 points.

A pair of false starts doomed Miami in the first quarter. The Hurricanes settled for a field goal on the game's opening drive when Jon Feliciano jumped early on third-and-1 from the Kansas State 17. And later in the period, Joel Figueroa – who had just entered the game after Brandon Washington limped off shaken up – moved early on a fourth-and-4 play where Harris had two open receivers and wound up forcing the Hurricanes to punt.

Those mistakes wound up costing Miami dearly in the end.

## Colby teams take silver and bronze

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The Colby High School cross country team ran well at the Hill City meet Thursday, with the girls team finishing in second place with a score of 60 and the boys team finishing in third with a score of 66.

"We had seven individual medalists at the Hill City meet," said Head Coach Bob Mannebach. "And our boys and girls teams received team medals for finishing in the top three."

Oakley beat out the girls team for first place with 50, and Wheatland/Grinnell followed in third with 65. Oberlin took fourth place with a score of 65 and Hill City landed in last place with 87.

Oberlin took first place out of the boys teams with 47, and Victoria landed in second with a close score of 49. Phillipsburg grabbed fourth place with 80, Plainville finished in fifth with 128, Stockton took sixth with 140, and Osborne ended up in last place with 165.

For the girls varsity team, senior Colby runner Emilea Finley finished in first place with a time of 16 minutes, 25 seconds. Shelby Cassaw took 18th place with 19:14, Christina Ostmeyer took 20th with 19:26, and Taylor Lemman finished just

one second behind Ostmeyer to take 21st place. Julia Hutfles came in 35th with 21:54 and Gabby Browne finished in 36th place with 22:00.

Cameron McLaughlin was the only runner for Colby's girls junior varsity team, and she finished in seventh place with 25:44.

For the boys varsity team, John Faber led the Eagles, taking seventh place with 19:10. Reed Stephens came in 12th with 19:39, Aaron Faber took 21st with 20:38, and Wiatt Binder finished in 25th place with 21:04. Blake McNinch landed in 35th with 21:44, Matt Dickman took 49th with 22:28, and Brady Rose rounded out the team in 50th place with 22:50.

For the boys junior varsity team, Brad Schroeder took fifth place with 21:51, and Marc Bremenkamp finished right behind him in sixth with 21:52. Jordan Rasmussen came in eighth with 22:12, Dalaan Organ took 25th place with 24:04, Paul Schiferl landed in 27th with 24:16, and Josh Lemman ended up in 36th place with 26:54.

"Overall, I was pleased with our team performance," Mannebach said. "They continue to improve and we are always pleased to see the progress they are making. We have really seen some good results the past few weeks. They have the potential to do some good things during the month of October."

## Trojan equestrian team holds show at college farm

The Colby Community College Intercollegiate Horse Show Team will hold a home show Saturday and Sunday at the college farm.

Teams from Zone 8, Region Five, which includes Colby Community College, Cloud County Community College, Colorado College, Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, University of Colorado, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Laramie County Community College, Oklahoma Panhandle State University, University of Nebraska-Omaha and the University of Wyoming will be competing.

The Colby equestrian team is coached by Shanda Mattix. She is assisted by Elizabeth Kinnally.

"This will be the first competition for our Western Team," said

Mattix. "I'd like to invite everyone to attend the show which will begin at 9 a.m. both days."

The Intercollegiate Horse Show Association provides collegiate riders of all skills the opportunity to compete individually and as teams in equestrian competition. It

was founded on the principle that any college student should be able to participate in horse shows regardless of his or her riding ability or financial status. Emphasis is on learning, sportsmanship and fun. There are eight levels of Hunt Seat riding and six of Western Riding.

## Golfer finishes eighth

Colby Community College Lady Trojan golfer Jalyn McCauley (St. Francis) finished in eighth place at a two-day tournament Sunday and Monday in Coffeyville. She posted scores of 104 (18 holes) and 45 (9 holes). Trojan golfer Taylor Grobin (Hill City) was also very competitive with scores of 109 and 50 for a two-day

total of 159.

Coffeyville golfer Talor Smith was first with a two-day total of 135.

Dodge City Community College won first place in the team competition, followed by Barton County Community College and Coffeyville.

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