

*Rising to the occasion*



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Colby Community College volleyball player Emily Torson spiked the ball in a game against Cloud County Community College on Tuesday in the Community Building. Colby won the playoff game in three sets with scores of 25-22, 25-20 and 25-9. The Lady Trojans will play in the Region VI Championships on Saturday at Newman University in Wichita. They will play Seward County Community College at 2 p.m., and if they win, they will play again at 6 p.m. The matches will be carried live on KWGB-FM, 97.9.

# Trojan men win home opener 80-57

The Colby Community College Trojan men's basketball team won its home opener 80-57 against Lamar Community College out of Colorado at the Community Building on Wednesday.

"We could tell there were some first game jitters out of the gate last night, but we felt like once we got through that first stage our team energy was very good," said Head Coach Dustin Pfeifer, who is in his third season with the team.

The Trojans started slow, getting down by as many as 11 points in the first half and being down 36-39 at halftime.

"We told the guys to stay confident, we felt like we were playing the right way, just stick to what we do," Pfeifer said.

The Trojans did just that, limiting the Running Lopers to only 5 field goals in the second half, and also scoring 44 points of their own. It was a team effort scoring the ball with only one Trojan player not scoring who played minutes in the game. Leading

the way was Carson Konrade with 23 points, Hurley Johnson had 13, and Kristan Rolle provided a double-double performance with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

"We felt very good about our play from our guards and our bigs last night," Pfeifer said. "There were a lot of guys who you could say sparked our run, but we felt like having Jamie Adams on the floor last night made a huge difference on both sides of the floor. When we play Trojan-style basketball, we have the potential to be a very good team."

Colby will be holding the Western Sprinklers Classic on Friday and Saturday at the Community Building. On Friday, Garden City Community College will play Sterling College (junior varsity) at 5 p.m. and Colby will play Kansas Wesleyan University (junior varsity) at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, the teams will switch opponents. Garden City will face Kansas Wesleyan at 5 p.m. and Colby will compete against Sterling at 7 p.m.

# Middle school team finishes season strong

By **Leea Juenemann**  
*Golden Plains Middle School*

On Oct. 25, the Golden Plains Middle School volleyball team traveled to Brewster for the Freedom League tournament where they would earn third place.

They started off the tournament with a win against Triplains-Brewster. Even though the first set was very close, they pulled through, winning 25-22. Now that their "warm-up" match was over, they were ready to go. The Lady Bulldogs easily won the second match, with the help of Tayler Petersen's spikes, by eight points with the ending score being 25-17.

Next they faced the Wallace County Wildcats. The first and second sets were very close, but they played the net well, which allowed them to win each set by two, scoring 26-24 on the first and 25-23 on the second.

"We lacked a little in talking, moving our feet, and serves, but we made up for it with a lot of kills," said Kami Miller.

The last game to play before they advanced out of pool play was Dighton. They went on the floor ready to play and before they knew it, they had an eight-point lead. However, serves got the best

of them. Having trouble returning the Dighton Bulldogs' tough serves allowed their opponents to catch up quickly.

When Golden Plains finally gained the ball back, they missed a serve, giving Dighton the advantage. Nevertheless, the Lady Bulldogs continued to hustle, with great digs from Kynndra Rush and Maddy Walz.

Even though they tried hard, Golden Plains fell short two points on both sets, losing to Dighton 23-25 on both sets.

Advancing, they faced the Grinnell-Wheatland Thunderhawks. The Lady Bulldogs came out confident and ready to play, with many kills by Kami Miller, Brianna Stoll, Gabrielle Schiltz and Maddy Walz.

That confidence grabbed them a win for the first set, 25-19. However, in the second set the confidence still remained but their passes weren't always the best.

"In practice there was a lot of stressing on staying down and passing," Tayler Petersen commented. "In some of the games we did that, in others we could have done better."

Even though the second set was close, they lost 18-25 and had to challenge the Thunderhawks once again. The third set was a nail-

biter, but towards the end there was more trouble communicating and passing. Therefore, they lost the last set by four with an ending score of 11-15.

Not giving up, they still had one more game to play for third or fourth place. They stepped on the floor ready to win that third-place medal.

It was a close set from the beginning, but serves from all players were more consistent. There were even a few serving streaks from Kynndra Rush and Tayler Petersen, which helped them win the first set 26-24. The second set they had from the start and with good serves, talking, and hustle, it made it an easy 25-13 win for the Bulldogs.

All in all, the hustle paid off, taking home a third-place medal and finishing the season with an 8-4 record.

"Whenever we did lose, it was never (by) more than six points," Maddy Walz, Kynndra Rush and Tayler Petersen all commented.

"We always fought hard and it was a great way to end the season," Kami Miller added.

"I'm proud of how hard everyone worked, and I'm excited to play in high school," Brianna Stoll concluded.

# Chiefs riding four-game streak

By **Dave Skretta**  
*AP Sports Writer*

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A couple of wins over division doormats. A shutout of a Raiders team playing without its starting quarterback. An inexplicable fumble that eventually led to an overtime victory.

The Kansas City Chiefs realize everything has been going their way during a four-game winning streak, one that has taken them from NFL laughingstock to a tie atop the AFC West. That's why coach Todd Haley warned everyone after a 23-20 overtime win over San Diego on Monday night to keep an even keel.

What they're going to accomplish is anyone's guess.

How could anyone have any clue after the dramatic turnaround they've already experienced?

Left for dead after losing their

first two games by a combined 89-10, the Chiefs (4-3) showed some resolve during a road loss to San Diego. They came back home and squeaked out a win over Minnesota, rallied from a big deficit to beat Indianapolis, and then beat the Jason Campbell-less Raiders last weekend to give them tons of momentum heading into a showdown with San Diego.

Under the bright lights on Monday night, with a frenzied Halloween crowd on hand at Arrowhead Stadium, the Chiefs led the whole way against the division-leading Chargers.

Still, San Diego had a chance to win the game in regulation with the ball at the 15-yard line and 48 seconds on the clock. Philip Rivers dropped under center, called for the snap — and never got the ball. It squirted under a pile, a fumble at the most inopportune

time, and the Chiefs' Andy Studebaker came away with it to keep San Diego from kicking a potential winning field goal.

That allowed the game to reach overtime, and Ryan Succop ended it with a 30-yard field goal.

The Chiefs are the first team in NFL history to lose their first three games and then move into at least a tie for a division lead after the next four. The overtime win forged a three-way tie with San Diego and Oakland.

The Chiefs should have a pretty good chance to keep it up, too. They host the Dolphins on Sunday, one of two winless teams left in the NFL. Then they welcome the struggling Broncos, whose quarterback situation is just as unsettled as the rest of the teams the Chiefs have played lately.

# Sporting KC headed to playoff finals

KANSAS CITY, Kansas (AP) — C.J. Sapong and Aurelien Collin gave Sporting Kansas City a 2-0 victory over the defending Major League Soccer Cup champion Colorado Rapids on Wednesday to advance to the Eastern Conference playoff finals.

Real Salt Lake also advanced to the Western Conference finals for the second time in three years with a 3-2 aggregate victory over the Seattle Sounders.

Collin deflected Graham Zusi's free kick into the

net to open the scoring for Kansas City in the 28th minute. Sapong directed a header past Colorado goalkeeper Matt Pickens to get Sporting's second goal in the 76th minute.

Sporting had defeated Colorado 2-0 on Sunday to take the first game in their series. The side will play either the Houston Dynamo or Philadelphia Union in the Eastern Conference finals starting on Sunday.

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