

Eagles football team wins game 20-15

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The Colby Eagles football team started its season strong Friday, winning 20-15 in Oakley.

The Eagles were led by senior quarterback Zane Winger and senior running back Beau Brown.

Winger was 0 for 5 in the passing, but he rushed 11 times for 197

yards and ran in two of Colby's touchdowns.

Brown had 121 yards on the ground from 19 carries and scored a touchdown as well. He also ran in a two-point conversion for the Eagles.

Junior Andrew Taylor contributed to the ground game, too, carrying the ball 11 times for 45 yards.

Leading tacklers for the Eagles

were Taylor with 13 tackles, senior Quade Woofert with 10, senior Zell Bieberle with 8 and seniors Trek Keck and Macen Shull with 7 each.

The game was a nonconference contest. The Eagles will start play in the Great West Activities Conference Friday when the Scott City Beavers come to town.

The game begins at 7:30 p.m. at Dennen Field.

Colby tennis squad takes first in Scott City

The Colby High junior varsity girls tennis team played in its first match of the year Thursday in Scott City, taking first place over five other teams.

Garden City, Cimmaron, Liberal, Scott City and Tribune competed against the Lady Eagles.

In No. 1 singles, Olivia Wetter took third place, and in No. 1 doubles, Victoria Rall and Samantha Lindberg also finished third.

Morgan Sanguinetti came in third for No. 2 singles and Tresta Urban and Natasha Besser grabbed sec-

ond in No. 2 doubles.

"I was very proud of our girls as they competed against these teams," Coach Gene Rothfuss said. "Of the eight Colby girls competing, only three had ever competed in a interscholastic tennis match. Most were brand new to the game at the beginning of the season."

Rothfuss said Julie Schroeder and Jenni Lee Gray, playing as an independent team in No. 2 doubles, took first place.

Roddick's career ends at Open

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NEW YORK — More than an hour after hitting one last shot as a professional tennis player, then delivering one last, voice-wavering speech to an adoring U.S. Open audience, Andy Roddick exited the locker room one last time.

Accompanied by his wife and other family members, a black baseball cap tugged low over his eyes, Roddick slung a racket bag off his aching right shoulder — the one responsible for so many high-speed aces, violent forehands and the most recent Grand Slam title by an American man — and tossed the equipment in the back of a waiting van.

Won't need that any longer.

Serenaded by choruses of "Let's go, Andy!" that rang through Arthur Ashe Stadium in the closing moments of his career, the 2003 U.S. Open champion headed into retirement with a 6-7 (1), 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-4 loss to 2009 champion Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina in the fourth round at Flushing Meadows on Wednesday.

"If we do badly, then it costs us something; if we do well, we get great things. This was about something bigger. It wasn't about ranking points or paychecks or anything else," Roddick said.

"This week I felt like I was 12 years old, playing in a park. It was extremely innocent. That was fun. I enjoyed it."

His defeat was significant, if not as unexpected as top-seeded Roger Federer's 7-6 (1), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 quarterfinal loss was several hours later against No. 6 Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic. Federer won five of his record

17 Grand Slam championships at the U.S. Open and was bidding to reach the semifinals in New York for the ninth consecutive year.

But Federer's famous forehand was way off most of the evening, while the 6-foot-5 Berdych kept pounding fast serves and dangerous groundstrokes right where he wanted them. It was Berdych's fourth victory in his last seven meetings against Federer, including in the 2010 Wimbledon quarterfinals en route to a runner-up finish there.

Now he will play Olympic champion Andy Murray for a berth in the U.S. Open final.

"I wish I could have played better," said Federer, whose 40 unforced errors were nearly twice as many as Berdych's 21. "So many moments I thought, 'Man, it's just not happening for me.'"

Roddick's earlier goodbye was bittersweet. For the fans who gave him a standing ovation at the end — del Potro joined in, rising from his changeover chair to applaud — and for Roddick himself.

He covered his face with a white towel while seated on the sideline after sailing a running forehand long with the final swing of his racket. Earlier, he appeared to be trying to avoid crying while serv-

ing in the next-to-last game; in the stands, his wife, model-actress Brooklyn Decker, stuck a finger underneath her sunglasses to wipe away tears.

During an on-court address to the crowd, Roddick got choked up, particularly when making a reference to his longtime agent, Ken Meyerson, who died last year.

When handed a microphone, Roddick began by saying: "Oh, wow. For the first time in my career, I'm not sure what to say."

"Since I was a kid, I've been coming to this tournament. I felt lucky just to sit where all of you are sitting today, to watch this game, to see the champions that have come and gone," Roddick told the fans in a moment reminiscent of Andre Agassi's farewell speech at the 2006 U.S. Open after his final match. "I've loved every minute of it."

It was appropriate that Roddick would leave tennis at Flushing Meadows, which is why he surprisingly announced last Thursday, his 30th birthday, that the U.S. Open would be his final tournament. A perfect bookend: He visited the hard-court Grand Slam tournament at age 9, a trip his parents gave him as a birthday present.



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Sophomore Hannah Strange pounded the ball over the net Tuesday during a Colby High varsity volleyball match at the high school gym. The Lady Eagles played St. Francis in their first match followed by Oberlin, and the girls beat both teams in the triangular.

Volleyball varsity sweeps meet

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The Colby High volleyball varsity swept a home triangular meet Tuesday, downing both St. Francis and Oberlin.

The varsity girls started off playing St. Francis and shut the Lady Indians down in two sets, 25-12 and 25-8.

Their next match was with Oberlin, a team that gave them a run for their money. The Lady Eagles won the first set 25-22, but the Lady Red Devils battled back in the second and won 28-26.

In the final set, Colby got its edge back and slid by with a 32-30 win.

The Oberlin varsity finished the meet 1-1 and St. Francis was

0-2. The Colby junior varsity girls had their work cut out for them, playing three sets in both of their matches.

The Lady Eagles faced the St. Francis junior varsity first. Colby won the first set 25-19, but St. Francis edged out the Lady Eagles in the second, 25-20. Colby came out victorious in the third set, 15-10 to take the match.

In their next match, the Lady Eagles went up against Oberlin and again won the first set 25-19, but they let the second set slide through their fingers, 25-16. In the final set, Oberlin worked hard and defeated Colby 15-12.

The Colby junior varsity went 1-1 in the meet, Oberlin was 2-0 and St. Francis was 0-2.

The junior varsity will play in the Scott City tournament begin-

ning at 9 a.m. Saturday while the C-team will play in the Dodge City tourney beginning at 9 a.m. that day. The varsity's next games will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Liberal.

The Colby C-team won all three of its matches at a quad meet Thursday at the high school gym.

The Lady Eagles played Thomas More Prep-Marian, Norton and Oakley. The girls' first match was with Thomas More, which they won in two sets, 25-23 and 25-21.

The girls dominated the second match against Norton: 25-15 and 25-19.

For the final match, Colby faced Oakley, winning 25-19 and 25-12.

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