

# Colby golf girls second at tourneys

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The Colby High varsity girls golf team took second place at two tournaments this week, Thursday at Hugoton and Tuesday at Goodland.

In Hugoton, the girls played a nine-hole tourney with a total of eight teams. Colby had a team score of 194, but Goodland edged the Lady Eagles with a 193.

Coach Rick Williams said was one of the best the team scores for the Lady Eagles in the last decade.

“I’m pleased with a 194, but that wasn’t quite good enough on Thursday to win the team title,” he said. “Goodland is a really good team and will be a challenge to beat every time we go to a tourney where they’re entered.”

Five Colby varsity golfers brought home medals out of a total of 15 given, he noted.

Senior Karly Kriss took first with a score of 40. Junior Andrea Barton came in ninth with a 48, junior McKenna Ortner was 12th with 52, senior Haley Mengel 14th with 54 and freshman Miranda Kern 14th at 54.

“Karly played great by shooting just 2 over par,” Williams said. “Second-place shot a 44, so she kinda ran away with it. Karly continues to be one of the best players around and is certainly our leader.”

Williams said the other Colby medalists are already improving.

“Andrea snagged another top-10 finish and continues to get better each week,” he said. “I look for her to continue to go lower as she gets more experience.”

“McKenna and Haley turned in solid rounds again for just being second-year players, and Miranda, a freshman, medaled in her first-ever high school tournament. Miranda is a young player with a ton of potential.”

For the junior varsity, freshman Jenna Crampton brought home a



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Junior Andrea Barton (left) took a shot Tuesday for the Colby High girls golf team at the Goodland tournament, played at the

Sugar Hills Golf Club. Barton finished ninth with a score of 48.

medal, taking seventh place out of 10 medals given to junior varsity players.

“Jenna just began playing golf a couple of weeks ago and has improved a ton,” Williams said. “She was able to place in JV by beating girls who have been playing golf

for a few years. That is a great accomplishment.

“Elissa Zerr, who is also a freshman and new to golf, played well, but just narrowly missed out on a JV medal.”

The Lady Eagle golfers also finished in second Tuesday at the

Goodland tournament at Sugar Hills Golf Club.

The Lady Eagles had the same five golfers compete in this tourney.

Kriss led the team with a score of 95 to take seventh place overall. Mengel was right on her tail,

taking eighth with a 96.

Barton and Ortner came in 12th and 13th, with each scoring 102. Kern rounded out the varsity in 32nd with 118.

Colby had only one junior varsity player that day, Zerr, who finished eighth with a 74.

# Lady Bulldogs third at Healy tourney

By Hailee Spresser

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains High School Lady Bulldogs traveled to Healy for their first volleyball games of the season.

With only 10 days of practice behind them, they were determined as ever to bring home a plaque. The Healy tournament Aug. 25 was familiar to the girls, who took third last year. Other teams in the tourney were Wallace County, Heartland Christian, Moscow, Western Plains, Rolla and Cheylin.

The Lady Bulldogs started out playing the first match of the tournament against Western Plains. With some good defense by Golden Plains, the first set was quick, ending in the Lady Bulldogs’ favor, 25-20.

Western Plains started out with

a 5-1 run in the second set. The Lady Bobcats easily took control of the set, winning 14-25.

Both teams gave all they had for their first victory of the season in the third set, but the Lady Bulldogs came out on top, winning the third game and the match, 25-20.

“It felt great to get the first win of the season,” junior Kylie Jones said. “It set the pace for a good day. Our team unity was amazing. We need to keep that up for the rest of the season.”

After sitting out a game, the Lady Bulldogs were ready to take on the Rolla Pirates. Golden Plains was down the whole set until Hailee Spresser served an ace, making the score 18-17. Things only went up from there, with the last serve from Angela Ritter and a kill by Kylie Jones to win the set, 25-19.

In the second set, Golden Plains

started a little sloppy, but quickly redeemed themselves with good digs and passes by Jordan Christensen and Macayla Easton. The Lady Bulldogs did all they could to end the match in two sets, but couldn’t quite pull it off, losing 29-27.

Ready to make the Pirates walk the plank, the Lady Bulldogs came out determined and won the third set 25-16.

The last match in pool play was against the Heartland Christian Crusaders. Kami Miller put the ball down for a kill and then had an ace serve to tie the game 9-9. Then Heartland got on a roll and Golden Plains couldn’t stop them, going down 25-13.

Easton started out the second set with hot serves to get the Lady Bulldogs fired up. Golden Plains led most of the game until Heart-

land tied it up at 16. With kills by Leea Juenemann and Jones, the Lady Bulldogs came back in the lead, 24-23. But Heartland Christian took control to win the game, 26-24.

In the semifinals, the Lady Bulldogs took on the Wallace County Wildcats. Golden Plains came out with a will to win and destroyed Wallace County, 25-14. The Lady Wildcats quickly answered back, defeating Golden Plains 25-14 in the second game. In the third set, the Lady Bulldogs fought hard but couldn’t quite get by Wallace County, just missing the win 25-20.

After a long, hot day, the Lady Bulldogs were ready to end the consolation match to get a third-place plaque. Digging deep and pushing through, the whipped Moscow in two sets, 25-17 and

25-18. Once again, the Lady Bulldogs took home the third-place plaque.

“Getting third was a great way to end my last year of being at the Healy Tournament,” said senior Angela Ritter. “I can’t wait to see what the rest of the season brings.”

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