

Tennis girls take first at Ulysses

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The Colby High varsity tennis team took first place Sept. 6 against three other schools at the Ulysses tournament.

The Lady Eagles competed against players from Liberal, Ulysses and Scott City. Coach Jennifer Rall said the No. 1 singles, No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles teams played in a four-team round robin. The No. 2 doubles teams, she said, were in a five-team round robin.

For No. 1 singles, Sarah Lamm came in third place after a three-way tie for first.

Madison Rogers played in No. 2 singles, where she took second.

"Madison, a first-year player, played singles for the first time and had a successful day," Rall said.

The No. 1 doubles team of Ha-

ley Wallingford and Keana Keck took first place.

"Veteran players Keana Keck and Haley Wallingford proved to be a good doubles pair," Rall said.

In No. 2 doubles, Colby had two teams. Alex Schindler and Jenessa Williams came in second.

"Alexa and Jenessa were also a new pair," the coach said, "and proved to be successful with a record of 2-1 for the day."

The other doubles team was Victoria Rall and Samantha Lindberg, who took third.

"First year-player Victoria Rall and veteran Samantha Lindberg were also a good duo, as they placed third overall," Rall said.

"Overall I was very pleased with their performance today. We mixed things up a bit this time, and I think we have found what works for us."

Lady Trojans third at meet

The Colby Community College women's cross country team traveled to Colorado Springs on Saturday to run in a tough 6K meet held at Monument Valley Park North, taking third place overall.

Oslyn Melissa Collins of Guyana again was the top runner for Colby, finishing 18th in the race with a time of 25:30. Denet Sang, Kenya, finished 41st. She was followed by Sierra Besmer, Loomis, Neb., who placed 47th.

"Melissa is looking strong every week," said Coach Crystal Berndt. "This was a tough race, but she stuck in there to get in the top 20. Denet is still not feeling 100 percent, so we are hoping to get her healthy and back running for our meet in two weeks. Sierra was my most improved this week. She ran exceptionally well."

Heather Schneider, Herndon, and Stephanie Hornbaker, Holcomb, finished 60th and 75th for the Lady Trojans.

"Heather and Stephanie ran over

half the race together," Berndt said. "They both let the extra mileage in this race get to them. Amanda Duval from Spurger, Texas, finished 90th. Amanda is looking stronger and we'll hopefully get her up with Heather and Stephanie soon. Emily Chestnut from Clay Center did not compete this week."

Runners came from Oklahoma Panhandle State, the College of St. Benedict, Colorado College, Garden City Community College, Ottawa University, Colorado State University-Pueblo and Johnson and Wales, as well as Colby.

"We finished third overall as a team," said Berndt. "This is a long race, and running at a high altitude is tough, but they pulled it together and had another great team finish."

The Lady Trojans' next race will be Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Cowboy Jamboree at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, starting at 8 a.m.



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The Triplains-Brewster high school cross country team took off in a meet at Leoti. Ben Baird (left) was fourth with a time of 19:28.18 and Layton Werth (center) 10th with 21:16.43.

Brewster runner in top five in three meets

Brewster High's Ben Baird has come in third twice and fourth once in the last three cross country meets he has run for the Bulldogs.

In Leoti on Sept 1, Baird ran the course in 19 minutes, 28.18 seconds for fourth place.

Layton Werth took ninth, running in

21:16.43. Takoda Turner came in first in the junior varsity division in 21:36.99.

On Sept. 6, in Quinter, Baird took third with a time of 19:24.

Werth came in 10th in 20:31 and Turner was fifth in junior varsity in 21:39.

At the Big Creek Golf Course in WaKeeney

on Sept. 13, Baird again took third. This time he ran the course in 19:13.

Werth took seventh in 19:51 and Turner fifth in junior varsity in 21:24.

At 5 p.m. Thursday, the Bulldogs will be at the Hill City Golf Course, and at 5 p.m. Tuesday they will be at the Oberlin Golf Course.

Broncos lose three-interception game

By Eddie Pells
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ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Even while he was trying to tamp down expectations, Peyton Manning couldn't have envisioned this scene playing out.

Three times, the Broncos quarterback dropped back to pass. Three times, he threw into a seam near the numbers down the right side of the field.

Three times, a defensive back followed Manning's eyes, cut over and turned whatever small opening the quarterback had seen into an interception.

All that in the first quarter alone. Those early interceptions against

Atlanta on Monday night matched the most turnover-riddled quarter of football Manning has played in his 15-year career. They put Denver into too big of a hole to dig out of in what turned into a 27-21 loss.

Asked after the game if the interceptions had more to do with his surgically repaired neck or his decision making, Manning wasted no time.

"Decision making," he said.

But there was some zip missing on some of those intermediate-distance passes and there were a few wobblers mixed in there, as well, including on his lone touchdown pass, to Demaryius Thomas near the end of the first half.

Coach John Fox said Manning was not on the injury report when the team returned home Tuesday. Certainly, though, the Broncos would love to avoid putting him in these situations on a regular basis.

Faced with the early deficit and forced to drop back to pass 40 times, Manning was sacked three of those times and hit six more, including once when Falcons linebacker John Abraham grabbed the inside of the back of his jersey and yanked him down from behind.

Manning finished 24 for 37 for 241 yards with a touchdown and three interceptions. His quarterback rating: 58.5. Clearly not what the Broncos were thinking when they landed the most coveted free

agent in the history of the league.

He did, of course, settle down and rally the Broncos to within a score at the end.

Not surprising, then, that unlike last season, when Kyle Orton and Tim Tebow were the Broncos starters, this bad performance isn't triggering a full-scale analysis of what's right and wrong with the quarterback position in Denver — at least not from the coach.

Indeed, the Broncos had other problems.

Willis McGahee's lost fumble with 2 seconds left in the first quarter made the Broncos the first team since Oct. 13, 2002, to lose four turnovers in the opening 15 minutes.

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