

Lady Bulldogs succeed at home, on the road

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Golden Plains High School
The Golden Plains High School volleyball teams have been on a roll the past two weeks, with the varsity team winning three out of five matches and the junior varsity getting a win over Brewster.

Varsity at Winona
The varsity team played in a quadrangle meet against Triplains of Brewster, Heartland Christian of Colby and Greeley County in Winona on Sept. 4.

The Lady Bulldogs' first game of the day was against the Triplains-Brewster Titans. With many great aces, passes, sets and kills, Golden Plains came out and completely obliterated the Titans in the first match, 25-9. Then, repeated it over again in the second match, destroying Triplains-Brewster, 25-10.

"Wow, there are really no words to describe how great it felt to play that good," junior Macayla Easton said about the game. "It was a nice turnaround from the previous Hoxie game."

Golden Plains sat out two games and then took on the Heartland Christian Crusaders. Having previously been defeated by them at the Healy tournament, the Lady Bulldogs had their eyes set on the prize. Golden Plains came up short in the first set, 19-25, but quickly came back in the second set to win by a large margin, 25-12. The Lady Bulldogs couldn't quite grasp the win, losing the game, 18-25. Golden Plains will see the Lady Crusaders many times this season.

The last game of the night was against the Greeley County Lady Jackrabbits. In the first match, the Lady Bulldogs annihilated Greeley County, 25-9. Wanting to end the day on a good note, Golden Plains shut down the Lady Jackrabbits, 25-12.

"We played with a great amount of heart in Winona," junior Leea Juenemann said. "I had so much fun playing, and can't wait to play Heartland Christian again. We have seen and will be seeing Heartland Christian a lot, and we will defeat them to get that goal accomplished."

Junior Varsity at Winona
The junior varsity also played on Sept. 4 in Winona, beating the girls from Triplains-Brewster in two matches.

This was the junior varsity's third game of the season. Golden Plains came out in the first match, had many great volleys with the Lady Titans, and won the match 25-18. Ready to put it to them, the Lady Bulldogs blew away Triplains-Brewster in the second match, 25-15.

"We played really good together like a team should," freshman Brianna Stoll said. "Although



TAYLER PETERSEN/Golden Plains High School
Freshman Kami Miller got ready to serve at Winona on Sept. 4. Miller has proven to be a consistent server for the Lady Bulldogs volleyball team.

we played good together, we do still have many things to improve on."

This makes their record 2-1.

Varsity at home
The varsity team won one and lost one in their first home matches on Sept. 8 when Heartland Christian and Greeley County came to town.

This was the second round for all three schools as they had played each other earlier that week.

The Lady Bulldogs started playing the first match of the day against the Greeley County Lady Jackrabbits. In the first match, Golden Plains started off rusty, but ended going full force, winning the match, 25-12. The Lady Bulldogs shut down Greeley County in the second match, only allowing them to score four points to win the game, 25-4.

The last and final game of the

day for the Lady Bulldogs was against the Heartland Christian Lady Crusaders. Golden Plains fought hard, but the Lady Crusaders just barely slipped by in the first match, winning 24-26. Determined, the Lady Bulldogs came out and won the second match 25-21. In the third match, both teams did everything they could to get the win, but Heartland Christian just barely came out on top winning the game 23-25.

"The girls played with a lot of heart and fought through some real adversity on Saturday," Coach Orba Smith said. "We had a couple of girls sustain injuries that took them out of the rotation. The girls we called on to fill those positions did an amazing job. It was great to have so many parents, students and community members there to support the team."

Colby High wins five of six at Liberal

The Colby High Lady Eagles won five out of six matches at the Liberal Volleyball Tournament on Sept. 11 and had two players named to the all-tournament team.

Colby beat Dodge City in two sets, 25-22, 25-15, then went on to down Elkhart in a pair, 25-14, 25-2.

The Lady Eagles then demolished Southwestern Heights, 25-10, 25-11, and Hugoton, 25-14, 25-17.

Then Colby defeated Dodge City 25-19, 25-20.

In the final round, however, the Liberal Lady Redskins were able to take the Lady Eagles in two, 25-22, 25-14.

Colby's Shelby Gardner and Morgan Mengel were named all tournament players.

C-team plays in tournament

The Colby High volleyball C-team came away with a 1-1 record at a tournament on Sept. 13.

Colby beat Hays in three sets, winning the first 25-19, dropping the second 23-25 and coming back to win the third 15-11. Hays in turn beat Wheatland

in three, 25-15, 21-25, 17-15.

Then it was Wheatland's turn to down Colby in three. The Lady Thunderhawks lost the first set 23-25 but came back to beat the young Lady Eagles 25-9, 15-13 in the second and third sets.

The Lady Eagles had a 14-3 record at the end of the tournament.

On Sept. 13, the girls downed Hoxie and Oakley in two set each, but fell in three to Scott City in a quadrangular meet at Oakley.

Colby took the first set 25-19 from the Scott City girls, but fell 25-23, 25-22 in the next two to

lose the match.

The Lady Eagles downed the Hoxie Indians 25-21, 25-23 and then went on to take the Oakley Lady Plainsmen 25-15, 25-15 to win two out of three in the quad.

The Colby junior varsity won all three of its matches.

Lady Trojans sweep Dodge

The Colby Community College Lady Trojans volleyball team defeated Dodge City Community College in three straight games on Sept. 12 in Dodge City.

Colby defeated the Lady Conquistadors 26-24, 25-11 and 25-20.

The Lady Trojans will be on the road against Pratt Community College on Thursday. Their next home match will be at 2 p.m. Saturday against Cloud Community College in the Colby Community Building.

The Lady Trojans are coached by Carey Jones, assisted by Kelsey Monahan.

Softball team plans golf tourney

The Colby Community College softball team will hold a fund-raising golf tournament on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Meadow Lake Golf Course in Colby.

Registration for the four-person scramble will begin at 9 a.m., with tee off set for 10 a.m.

The cost of \$240 per team includes dinner, green fees and door prizes. A short auction will follow the dinner. Proceeds from the event will help support the Lady Trojans softball program.

To register or for information, call Coach Ryan Sturdy at 460-5548 or Assistant Coach Steve Kinnett at 460-5507.

Colby High graduate golfing for KU

A Colby High graduate, Ryley Haas, son of Scott and Linda Haas, has made the University of Kansas golf team this year, capping achievements in high school and community college sports.

Haas graduated from Colby High in 2010. During that time, he said, he won 16 tournaments (12 in his last two years) and was a three-time Northwest Kansas League champion.

Haas said he was a member of Team Kansas for the Kansas Northeast cup in the summer of 2010. He then went to Hutchinson Community College for two years and played golf there.

"I've won one tournament so far in collegiate play and have several top tens," Haas said.

He has made the All Jayhawk Conference team twice and was an All Region VI player. He said he held the 36-hole lead his freshman year at the National Junior

College Athletic Association Golf Championship.

Haas is in his junior year at KU, majoring in sociology.

Haas' father, Dr. Scott Haas, lives in Colby, where he has been

practicing dentistry for more than 22 years. Linda Haas, Ryley's

mom, lives in Lincoln, Neb., with his younger sister, Alexa, and brother, Jaxon.

Touchdown run



TAYLER PETERSEN/Golden Plains High School
Andrew Luna broke through for another touchdown in the Golden Plains home opener against Western Plains on Sept. 7. Luna rushed for more than 300 yards and scored five touchdowns for the Bulldogs in a 44-22 win over the Bobcats.

Tournaments coming up at Meadow Lake

The Meadow Lake Golf Course will be closed to the public on Saturday for a wedding reception.

Wednesday was men's night at the course, with play starting at 5:30 p.m. At 5:30 tonight, the club will have couples' night with a one-couple scramble start. It will cost \$5 per person and there is a \$10 green fee for nonmembers.

Other upcoming events will be the Colby High School Cross Country meet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13. The next day, Sunday, Oct. 14, the course will hold an 18-hole four-person scramble

tournament. The cost is \$50 per person, \$200 per team, including a meal. Tee-off time is 10 a.m.

On Thursday, Oct. 18, the club will be the site for the Colby Chamber of Commerce Business After 5. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy appetizers and visiting.

Starting at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start, the club will have a four-person, 18 hole fund raiser for the Colby Community College softball team. The cost will be \$240 per team, including a meal and auction at the end of the tournament.

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