

Eagles sweep pair at Norton

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The Holcomb Longhorns rumbled out of Norton High School's gymnasium just in time Tuesday night.

Because once the Colby Eagles got unleashed, no foe from Norton to Hays was safe during this season-opening volleyball quad.

Boom! Senior Karly Shull slammed the clinching kill down against Thomas More Prep-Marian.

Ace! Sophomore Lara Stephens sent a serve sinking perfectly past two tumbling Norton Bluejays!

Tricked! With her back to the net, sophomore Brielle McKee "flipped" a perfect hit over taller but clearly caught-off-guard defenders.

Awesome. Junior Haileigh Shull kept the Eagles soaring whether she was hitting, serving or passing.

"She's finally starting to come out of her shell, I guess could say," Colby head coach Jerry McKee observed.

All done and say good night! A super stuff block from two Eagles finished Colby's second two-set sweep.

The Eagles (2-1 record) shook off their opening loss to Holcomb by never losing another set. They downed both Thomas More Prep 25-20, 25-20; and host Norton 25-11, 25-17 in a match that finished just before 10 p.m.

"We had to flip some people in the lineup, just some minor adjustments. Once we did that, it balanced out our attack," coach McKee said. "And we just needed some court time. There were things you don't see when you're scrimmaging each other. Our floor coverage got better and by the end of the night, I felt we evolved into a much higher state of play."

Holcomb's 25-18, 25-10 opening win over Colby secured the quad championship, although Holcomb only played two matches due to scheduling conflicts.

The Longhorns also swept host Norton, which finished 0-2 in this opener.

Thomas More Prep also swept Norton before building a 7-3 lead

Yet a 5-0 surge made sure the Eagles almost never trailed again. Some strong serving from Brielle McKee helped force the 7-7 deadlock. The teams traded some miscues until senior Morgan Mengel's kill created some Colby breathing room at 15-12.

Sophomore Brenly Terrell's blast past the defense made it 22-17 before Thomas More Prep closed within 22-20.

However, a perfectly-placed Haileigh Shull any potential Monarch dramatic victory plans.

Haileigh promptly pounded across Colby's 24th point, and that next Monarch hitting attempt went into the net to finish a 25-20 decision.

Although set two featured that same five-point final margin, Colby led through after a Terrell tip made it 5-0.

Again, the Monarchs battled and nearly caught Colby once (12-11) — only to see two Brielle McKee unreturnable serves regain

a 16-11 Eagle advantage.

Strange won one more key battle at the net, tapping another point past Thomas More Prep's tallest defenders. A truly impressive Karly Shull kill finished Colby's sweep.

Norton didn't offer as much opposition during the nightcap.

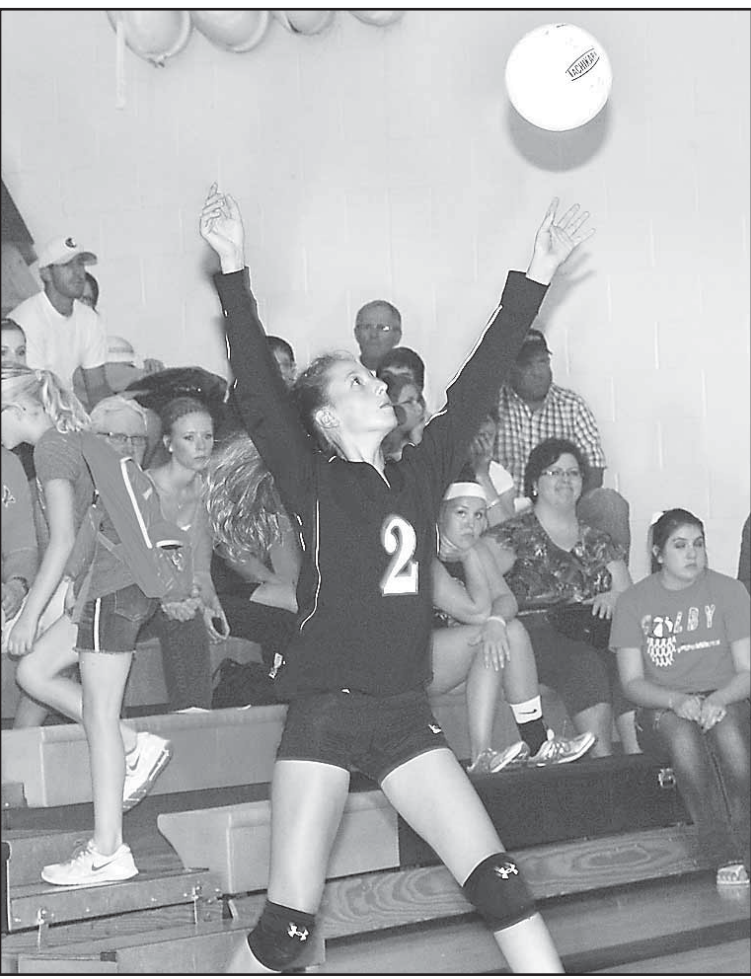
Terrell drilled two early kills, the second putting Colby ahead to stay 4-3 in that opening set. The margin grew to 16-7, 20-10 and 24-11 when senior Abby Friesen served another Eagle point.

Junior libero Brooklyn Bange followed with an excellent dig from her knees, and Haileigh Shull's hit closed the 25-11 win.

Colby controlled the entire second set, building momentum for a season just beginning.

Colby's varsity team will get another week to prepare for a St. Francis Triangular next Tuesday starting at 4 p.m.

Oberlin and St. Francis will challenge the Eagles.



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Sophomore Brielle McKee delivered a good serve during Thursday's Gatorade scrimmage, and the Colby Eagles continued that success with two wins at Norton Tuesday evening.

Top league foe visits Trojans tonight

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It's never too early for a Jayhawk League showdown as Hutchinson Community College invades Colby tonight to take on the Colby Community College volleyball team.

Colby coach Carey Jones was already anticipating this 6:30 p.m. match last week, and it's understandable after checking the Jayhawk standings.

Hutchinson (4-1 overall) owns a four-game winning streak which includes one Jayhawk victory.

Meanwhile, the Trojans are also 1-0 against league foes and 5-3 overall. They won two of their first three home matches at last weekend's Colby Classic.

Here are Colby stat leaders from each tourney match:

The Trojans swept Highland Community College 25-20, 25-11, 25-12.

Kills: Lorena Rosario 13, Adriana Sosnowska 10, Kamryn Forrest 5.

Assists: Maysi Munson 33.

Digs: Danielle Rodriguez 11, Taylor Alderson 9, Sosnowska 8.

Ace serves: Rosario 2, Rodriguez 2.

Stuff blocks: Rosario 3.

Block assists: Rosario 2.

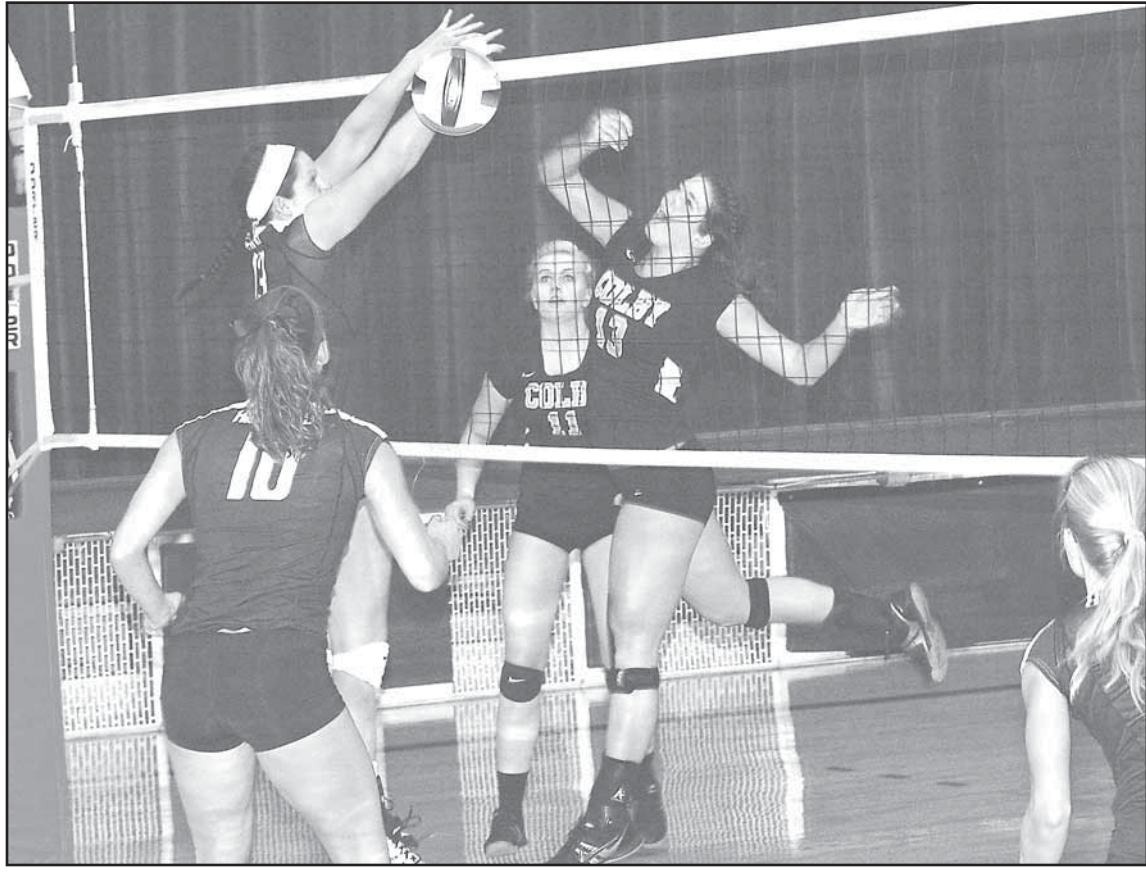
The Trojans swept Trinidad State College 25-20, 25-18, 25-21.

Kills: Rosario 9, Ariana Jacquez 8, Sosnowska 7, Taryn Lee 5, Forrest 5, Munson 5.

Assists: Munson 30.

Digs: Rodriguez 12, Alderson 7, Munson 6, Genevieve Knoppi 5.

Ace serves: Munson 2, Rodriguez 2, Forrest 2.



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Colby Community College freshman Kamryn Forrest went all-out for another point against visiting Highland Community College during Colby Classic tournament action Friday afternoon. The Trojans swept Highland and won of two three tourney matches, raising their season record to 5-3.

guez 2, Forrest 2.

Stuff blocks: Rosario 2.

Block assists: Lee 2.

North Platte (Neb.) Community College defeated the Trojans 15-25, 26-24, 25-23, 25-19.

Kills: Lee 9, Rosario 5, Andjela Relic 5.

Assists: Munson 36.

Digs: Rodriguez 35, Munson 11, Alderson 8, Knoppi 6.

Stuff blocks: Rosario 2, Lee 2.

Block assists: Lee 4, Forrest 4. The Trojans were trying to avenge an earlier close loss at

North Platte, but those Nebraskans rallied again after Saturday's opening 25-15 Colby win.

Colby JV wins twice

The Colby High junior varsity team won two of three matches during Tuesday's Norton Quadrangular.

Just like the varsity, Colby took matches from host Norton and Thomas More Prep after losing an opener to Holcomb.

Varsity coach Jerry McKee provided this information.

No other details were available before today's deadline.

The Colby C volleyball team makes its home debut on Thursday with a 4 p.m. triangular at Colby High School.

Crusaders capture big comeback win

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Intensity, focus and quick thinking were all Heartland Christian highlights during Saturday's season-opening Healy Invitational.

"Our younger girls showed some real understanding of the game," coach Melissa Regier said. "And our seniors did a very good job of leading. All of our seniors are exceptional leaders."

No better example was leaders Kirsten Bandy and Amy Myers took charge.

Bandy was incredibly consistent all day, missing only one serve during three matches against Rolla, Syracuse and Cheylin.

Her efforts helped the Crusaders play competitively in every set. Only once did they finish with less than 16 points.

Yet it was Heartland's tenacity during two wins that fans will likely remember most.

The Crusaders trailed 20-10 and were facing a decisive third set with Syracuse.

"We took a timeout and talked about how if we really believed we could come back, it would make a difference in our season," Regier explained. "We made a great comeback at Healy last year, and it did make a difference."

Myers stepped up to be a true leader and difference maker.

After helping her team close within 24-19, she served those final seven decisive points as Heartland closed out a 25-21, 26-24 victory.

The Crusaders (1-2 record) recovered from an earlier 25-17, 25-13 loss to Rolla. Their final match was a tough 25-16, 25-17 decision against Cheylin.

Heartland will play five more matches this weekend at Flint Hill.



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Friday September 6, 2013

All events take place at the Oasis-Petro Travel Center 700 W. Horton, Colby.

Trucks can arrive any time after 4:00 p.m. Please park on the east end of the paved Oasis-Petro lot.

Schedule

5:00 p.m. Registration Opens
Registration for all entries into the Truck and Light Show, World's Largest Truck Convoy and the Car/Motorcycle "Cruise Night".

5:00 p.m. TAILGATE PARTY (Colby vs. Oakley Game)
Open to the public, please join us for food and beverages! Dinner will be under the tent. DJ Paul Heskett will entertain you, so dance the night away! (Free will donation)

7:30 p.m. Basketball Scrimmage
Local Special Olympics athletes ask you to join them in a game of basketball. Experience firsthand how Special Olympics moves our athletes from the sidelines to the playing fields!

8:00 p.m. "Cruise Night"
Fire up your engines and cruise through the streets of Colby for this throwback event of yesteryear! Open to all makes and models of cars and motorcycles. \$25 per entry to participate; includes entry into the Truck Convoy on Saturday. Sign up at the registration tables.

Dusk Fireworks & Truck and Light Show
Weather permitting, long-time Truck Convoy sponsor Taz's Fireworks, presents one of the best displays in Kansas! For best seats show up early. After the fireworks, the Truck and Light Show entries will turn on their truck lights and light up the parking lot!

Saturday, September 7, 2013

Pre-registered trucks and motorcycles **must** check-in at the registration table.

Eastern Leg

Starting Location: Mitten TA Travel Plaza Exit 76 on I-70 Oakley, KS
Time: 8:30 CT: Registration/Coffee & Donuts
10:00 CT: Convoy Starts

Western Leg

Starting Location: Wilken's Truck and Trailer 1840 W Highway 24, Goodland, KS
Time: 7:45 MT: Registration/Coffee & Donuts
9:00 MT: Convoy Starts

11:00 a.m. Convoy Parade through Colby (same route as last year)

Ending Location/Schedule Oasis-Petro • 700 West Horton Avenue

Noon - Truck and Bike Show
• After traveling down I-70 to Colby the World's Largest Truck Convoy will be staged in the east parking lot for the Show.
• Truck Show entries will be judged on Best Bobtail and Athletes' Choice.
• Bike Show entries will be judged on Touring/ Dresser, Cruiser, Vintage, Custom, 3-wheeled, Scooters, Sport, Best of Show and Athlete's Choice.

Noon - Lunch Served
Open to the public, a free-will donation lunch will be served under the tent. Come out for some great food and good fellowship and check out the trucks and bikes of the World's Largest Truck Convoy!

1:00 p.m. Auction Begins
Bid on great auction items donated by local NW Kansas businesses - from housewares to truck items - there is sure to be something to please you!

3:00 p.m. Presentation of Awards

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