

Eagles take down Kansas City foe

Colby rules Kansas City so far this fall after the Eagles swept Summer Academy 25-8, 25-19 at Saturday's Topeka Seaman Invitational.

The Eagles' one clean sweep highlighted this 300-mile trip to take on larger schools.

Colby fell short against eventual tournament champion Topeka Hayden 25-11, 25-11; runner-up Manhattan 25-8, 25-8; and Lawrence Free State 25-17, 25-9.

However, the Eagles (11-9 season record) only trailed Kansas City Summer once all match — and that was 1-0 to start both sets. Senior Haileigh Shull was equally lethal as her kill and stuff block boosted Colby ahead 4-1 during that opening set.

Shull then joined teammates Hannah Strange and Morgan Mengel for another pair of "stuffs" which really put Colby in control at 10-4.

Senior Karly Shull then added to Eagle fun with at least two perfect shots down the right sideline. No Kansas City girl was even close to putting up a block.

Now it was time for Colby serving to baffle this big-city opponent.

Strange served eight consecutive points with a final ace spinning crazily into Kansas City's bench. The Eagles owned a "two-touchdown" lead of 21-7 at this point.

Haileigh Shull then does what has seen already many times this season: hammer down the clinching point. Her sizzling shot completed the 25-8 victory.

Sophomore Lara Stephens' super jump serves got Colby started in the second set. Classmate Brenly Terrell also tallied two points as the margin quickly reached 7-4.

Colby never really lost control, making it 15-6 on a Mengel "ace" and 19-8 when sophomore Brielle McKee sent another sinker past the nearest defenders.

Kansas City Summer did briefly rally and closed within 23-18 at one point.

However, any dramatic late rallies ended quickly with the final Summer serve sailing into that net.

The Eagles' varsity team will play next much closer to home at Saturday's Oakley Invitational.

Oakley finished second at the Holcomb Invite on Saturday with a 4-1 record behind only champion Holcomb's 5-0.



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Colby High junior Hannah Stange (12) dominated the net during this play against Oakley at the recent Colby Quadrangular.

Trojans now 7-0 in Jayhawk play

Colby Community College's awesome hitting attack knew no boundaries again while blasting host Barton Community College 25-17, 26-24, 25-20 Saturday night in Great Bend.

Forget about dealing the Trojans (14-4 record overall) their first league loss. Barton couldn't even take one set.

Not with sophomore Lorena Rosario and freshman Adrianna Sosnowska teaming to drill 25 kills.

Sophomore Andjela Reljic ripped another nine while serving three aces. Together with Colby's typical great floor defense and setter Maisy Munson's 39 assists, it all added up to a 7-0 Jayhawk Conference record.

A glance at all other Trojan leaders from this latest big win:

Digs: Taylor Alderson 16, Munson 12, Reljic 11.

Block assists: Taryn Lee 2, Rosario 2.

Stuff blocks: Kamryn Forrest, Sosnowska.

Kills: Munson 5, Forrest 4, Lee 4.

The Trojans prevailed despite 10 kills from Barton's McKenzie Piland.

Colby's latest victory also marks the midway point of this Jayhawk League race.

Here are up-to-date standings posted on njcaa.com:

1. Colby 7-0, 2. Hutchinson 6-1, 3. Seward County 5-2, 4. Cloud County 3-4, 4. Barton 3-4, 6. Garden City 2-5, 6. Pratt 2-5, 8. Dodge City 0-7.

Dodge City will be visiting the Colby Community Center Wednesday night to begin this season's second half.

The Colby-Dodge City match will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Trojan runner takes second at Jamboree

Colby Community College freshman Chris Speaks placed second among all runners at the Oklahoma State University Jamboree in Stillwater, Okla., on Saturday.

Speaks was only nine seconds

from adding another championship to his great season. He finished in 16:09 behind Oklahoma Baptist's Adam Godwin (16:00).

Watch for more details about the Trojan men and women later this week.

Colby places in meet

Colby High's tennis girls tuned up for their home tournament on Tuesday by playing in a tough Garden City Invitational Saturday.

The Eagles placed in almost every division of this large tourney.

Sophomore Julie Schroeder delivered the best varsity performance again, placing sixth among all No. 1 singles players.

Schroeder has already won two tournaments to start her season of playing at that top varsity spot.

Meanwhile, senior Madison Rogers finished ninth among all No. 2 singles players competing at Garden City. Rogers captured

the first varsity championship of her Eagles tennis career when she won a Ulysses Invitational No. 2 singles title last week.

Colby's No. 1 doubles team of sophomore Rachel Browne and junior Samantha Lindberg finished 13th in only their second varsity tournament playing together.

Juniors Olivia Wetter and Tresta Urban delivered the best doubles performance, placing eighth against No. 2 teams.

Colby's home invitational on Tuesday begins at 3 p.m. Matches will be played both at Fike Park and Colby Community College.

Unbeaten Chiefs topple proud Giants

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Eric Berry credits Kansas City's 4-0 start to the "family feeling" that held everyone together during the hapless 2-14 season of 2012.

Maybe so. But after the Chiefs (4-0) pounded the winless New York Giants 31-7 on Sunday, it's obvious that importing a cool, savvy quarterback from San Francisco and bringing in a smart, no-

nonsense coach from Philadelphia also had a lot to do with a rags-to-riches transformation.

Even in a league known for quick turnarounds and breathtaking free-falls, this seems preposterous.

Alex Smith, who lost his job last year in San Francisco, threw three touchdown passes, and Dexter McCluster returned a punt

89 yards for another score as the Chiefs joined the 1980 Detroit Lions as the only teams in modern league history to win two or fewer games one season, then rocket to a 4-0 start the next.

"To be honest, all we talked about all offseason was being 1-0," said Smith. "Just get the first one."

Did he ever dream of being 4-0?

"No, to answer your question."

The Giants, proud Super Bowl champions of 2007 and 2011 season, are 0-4 for the first time since 1987, a mass of injury and disaster.

"It is disappointing," said quarterback Eli Manning, who's been operating all year behind a patchwork offensive line. "The defense got us some turnovers."

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