

Dragons deal loss to Trojans

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The Hutchinson Community College volleyball team moved into a first-place tie in the Jayhawk West on Saturday with a 3-0 sweep of the team it was pursuing, the Colby Community College Trojans.

Freshman Kawehi Granito-Wallace came off the bench late in the first set to provide a huge spark as Hutchinson won its 11th-consecutive match with a 25-23, 25-17, 25-15 victory over the Trojans.

Hutchinson (15-6) and Colby (15-5) are currently tied atop the Jayhawk West standings with 8-1 records. If the Region VI Tournament would start tomorrow, the

Lady Dragons would own the head-to-head tie-breaker with Colby based on Saturday's sweep.

Colby defeated Hutchinson in five sets on Sept. 4 at Colby. Both teams have five Jayhawk West matches remaining.

In Hutchinson's clinching third-set victory, Granito-Wallace had three kills, one solo block and three block assists. All-American Teresa Wade led the Blue Dragons offensively with eight kills.

Sophomore Lorena Rosario had 11 kills to lead Colby. Adrianna Sosnowska had 10 kills and Andjela Reljic added eight.

The first set was a slugfest, but Hutchinson built an early 11-7 lead after a Wade service ace. A Colby attack error – one of 10

in the first set – upped the Lady Dragon margin to 18-13, but the heavy-hitting Trojans started to pound away.

Led by Sosnowska's six first-set kills, Colby went on a 5-1 run to pull within 19-18. Enter Granito-Wallace with her kill and double block with Micic for a 21-18 Hutchinson lead. Sophomore Mariah Dickson had a huge kill to give HCC a 23-20 lead and force a Colby timeout.

The Trojans came back with three in a row to tie it, getting their only block of the match to knot the set at 23 and force a Hutchinson timeout. Colby was called for a lift and a net violation on the final two points of the set to give the Blue Dragons a 25-23 victory.

The Lady Dragons, out-hit 13-8 in the second set, kept Colby at arm's length and scored the final three points to win the second set on a Colby attack error, double block by Granito-Wallace and a Granito-Wallace solo stuff on set point.

The Lady Dragons bolted out to a 7-1 lead in the third set with a double of Kinser kills and a Keller kill on a Colby overpass. Colby cut the deficit to five on six occasions after that. Leading 15-10, the Lady Dragons scored five-straight points, taking a 20-10 lead.

On Saturday, Hutchinson will play in the Missouri State-West Plains Tournament where it will once again see Colby in a non-league match.

Eagles go 5-0 for team title

Colby High ruled a home round-robin tournament on Saturday as two volleyball teams finished 9-1 overall.

The top Colby junior varsity squad finished a perfect 5-0, edging Goodland (5-1 record) for this championship.

Colby 2 took third overall with only one narrow loss to Goodland. Quinter (3-3), Scott City (2-4), Oakley (1-5) and Dighton (0-6) finished this seven-team, day-long event.

The champion Eagle team swept through Quinter 25-16, 25-16; Goodland 25-11, 25-16; Dighton 25-10, 25-17; and Scott City 26-24, 25-17. These girls did split with Oakley 16-25, 25-12; but won based on more points during the match.

Colby 2 swept Quinter 25-15, 25-14; Oakley 25-17, 25-14; and Scott City 25-22, 25-23. The Eagles split with Dighton 23-25, 25-9; and lost both sets to Goodland.

R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Colby High's Morgan Sanguinetti stays focused on the tennis ball despite brisk and very breezy weather during junior varsity tournament action at Fike Park on Saturday. Sanguinetti won this No. 2 singles third-place match.

Eagle tennis team wins home tourney

Colby's junior varsity tennis girls left no doubts about who was No. 1 throughout their home tournament title effort on Saturday.

The No. 1 singles division belonged to senior Sarah Lamm, who only dropped one game all day while defeating three other top players.

Lamm swept through both Phillipsburg and Scott City, 6-0, en route to the championship match where she trounced Liberal 6-1.

Meanwhile, Colby's No. 1 doubles team was just about as efficient during their title-winning effort. Why stay on the court long when it's about 45 degrees with wind gusts nearly matching that temperature?

Juniors Samantha Lindberg and Jennilee Gray worked quickly. They took down Phillipsburg, Scott City and Liberal's best duos, losing one semifinal game before sweeping the finale.

Colby's No. 2 players helped clinch the team championship.

Morgan Sanguinetti earned third place by winning her No. 2 singles consolation final.

Colby's No. 2 duo of junior Natasha Besser and Makayla Brackett delivered a fourth-place finish.

Several area teams competed in this tournament at Fike Park and Colby Community College.

The Eagles' JV tennis team plays again in a Tribune tournament today (3 p.m. start).

Colby gets third at Oakley

A thrilling 28-26 victory capped Colby's busy Saturday of varsity volleyball that featured some other marathon sets at the Oakley Invitational.

The Eagles (14-11 record overall) won three of five matches to take third place among six teams competing.

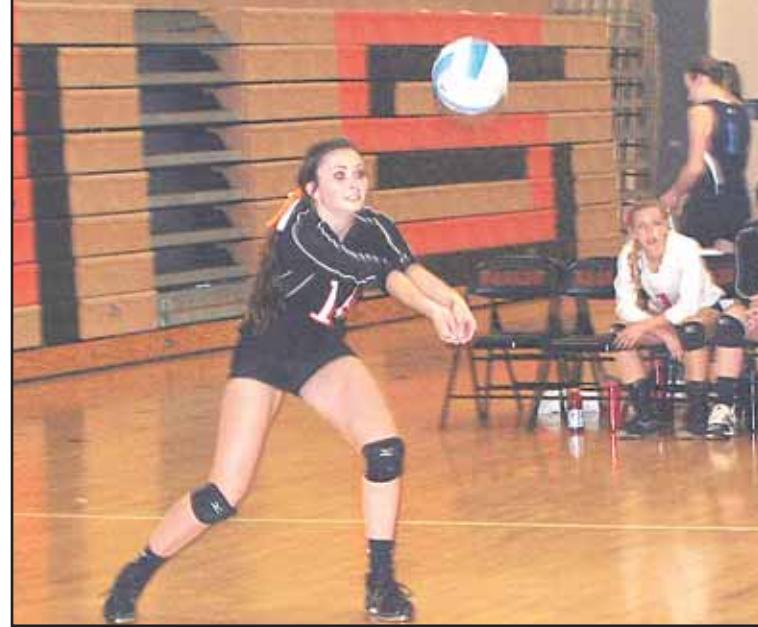
Colby swept through pool matches with Lakin 25-17, 25-17; and Tribune 25-7, 25-6.

Coach Jerry McKee's team almost captured a pool championship, but host Oakley proved to be tougher than during the Colby Quadrangular earlier this season.

Oakley won a 29-27 opening set and then took the second, 25-15.

The Eagles advanced into tournament play, where they promptly collided with eventual tournament champion Goodland.

Those Cowgirls took set one, 25-21, before winning another very tight 28-26 decision.



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Colby High sophomore Lara Stephens makes a smooth pass during the home triangular at CHS earlier this season. The Eagles are playing another triangular in Hays today.

The Eagles faced one more challenging foe in Wheatland-Grinnell, who defeated Colby at last year's Oakley tournament.

Wheatland-Grinnell also owned a win over Goodland earlier this season.

With a 12-6 overall record, the Thunderhawks proved they were dangerous by rallying past Colby, 25-22, during their opening set.

Yet a 25-20 triumph forced one final decisive set, and the Colby girls were not letting another close match slip away.

They were one point from defeat at 26-25, but Colby countered with three final points to clinch the 28-26 win.

The Eagles move on to play in a triangular today at Hays (4 p.m. start).



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