

# Colby spikers sweep quad on 'Senior Night'

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Nothing beats a little humor during Senior Night, like when Colby High senior Karly Shull thanked her dad for fixing tires "about every month."

Yet no help was needed when the Eagles' volleyball players got down to business during Tuesday's regular-season finale.

Those same lifelong fans could relax as Colby swept through Quinter 25-22, 25-8; then took two more from Oberlin 25-22, 25-18.

Both were a good confidence boost entering Saturday's Great West Athletic Conference tournament, which will also be played in the Colby High gymnasium.

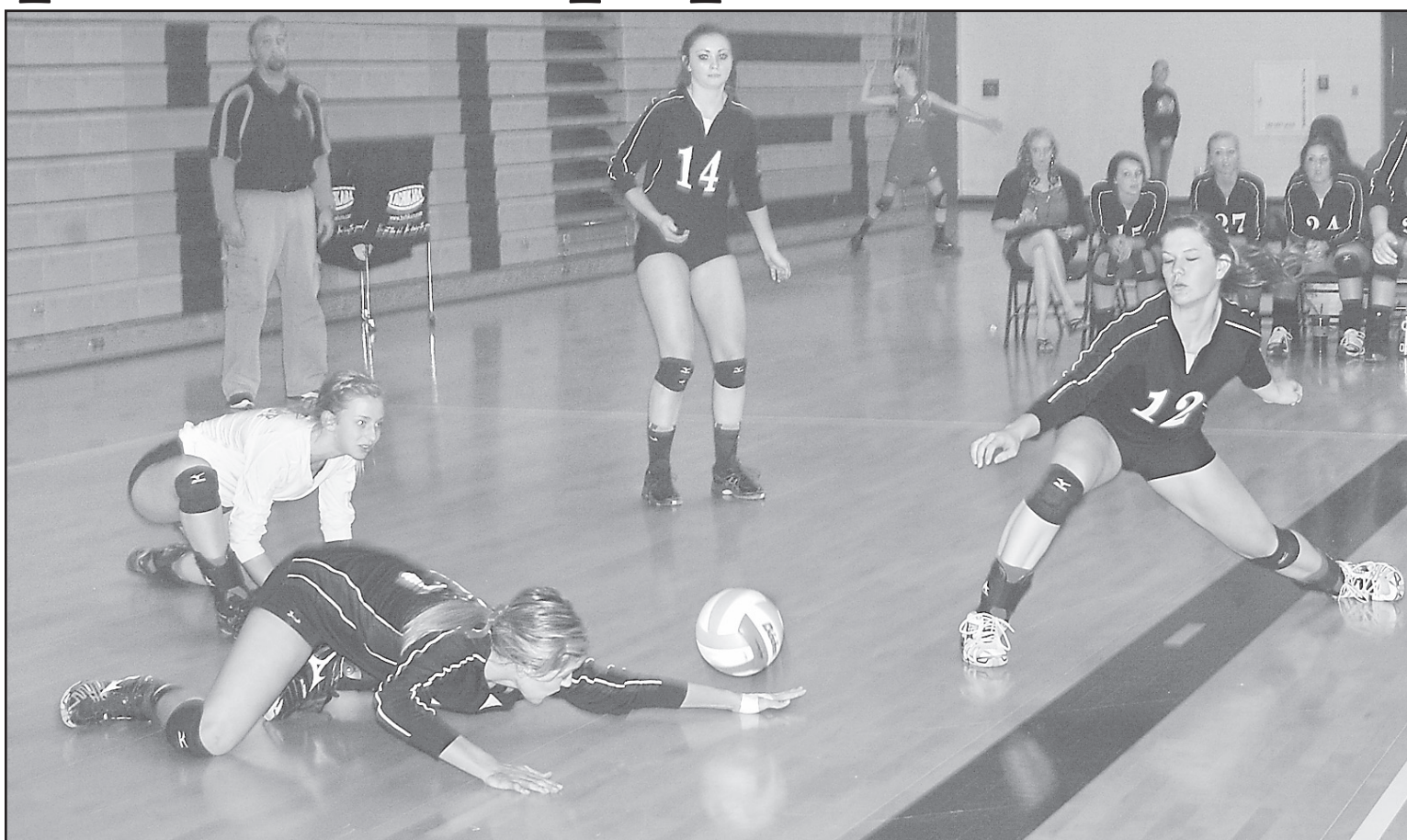
"It was a big night for us, and we were excited," coach Jerry McKee said as he was also honored for his 700th coaching win achieved earlier this season. Several family members joined him for during the recognition.

"That was a big surprise," he admitted.

All five seniors — Morgan Mengel, Abby Friesen, Tatym Rundel, Haileigh Shull and Karly Shull — played roles in these victories.

Every Eagle displayed two key ingredients that every senior talked about learning: a good work ethic and winning attitude.

Junior Hannah Strange slammed down the clinching point after pesky Oberlin had stayed close through both sets. Sophomore Lara Stephens sent both kills and ace serves sizzling past the oppo-



On your knees was the theme as senior Haileigh Shull went low enough to make a terrific "pancake" save during Colby High's varsity home match against Quinter Tuesday afternoon. Sophomore libero Brooklyn Bange, left, looked ready to make her own diving attempt if necessary while junior Hannah Strange (12) also showed why great effort resulted in a two-set sweep for the Eagles.

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Meanwhile, sophomore setter Brielle McKee quarterbacked Colby's attack while libero Brooklyn Bange supplied her usual strong defense.

Tuesday's matches will hopefully only begin a home-court winning streak for the Eagles.

Besides hosting conference, the

sub-state tournament will also be played at CHS on Oct. 26.

"Those are the big ones left," coach McKee said about the win-or-call-it-a-season sub-state.

The Eagles expect sophomore hitter Brenly Terrell will be back from a shoulder injury for these playoff showdowns. She did not play on Tuesday.

## Colby JV takes two

Colby's junior varsity volleyball girls recovered from a first-set defeat to sweep both Quinter and Oberlin at Tuesday's home quad.

The Eagles clearly got more than even after Quinter captured a 25-21 victory. They quickly responded with dominant 25-10 and 15-6 triumphs.

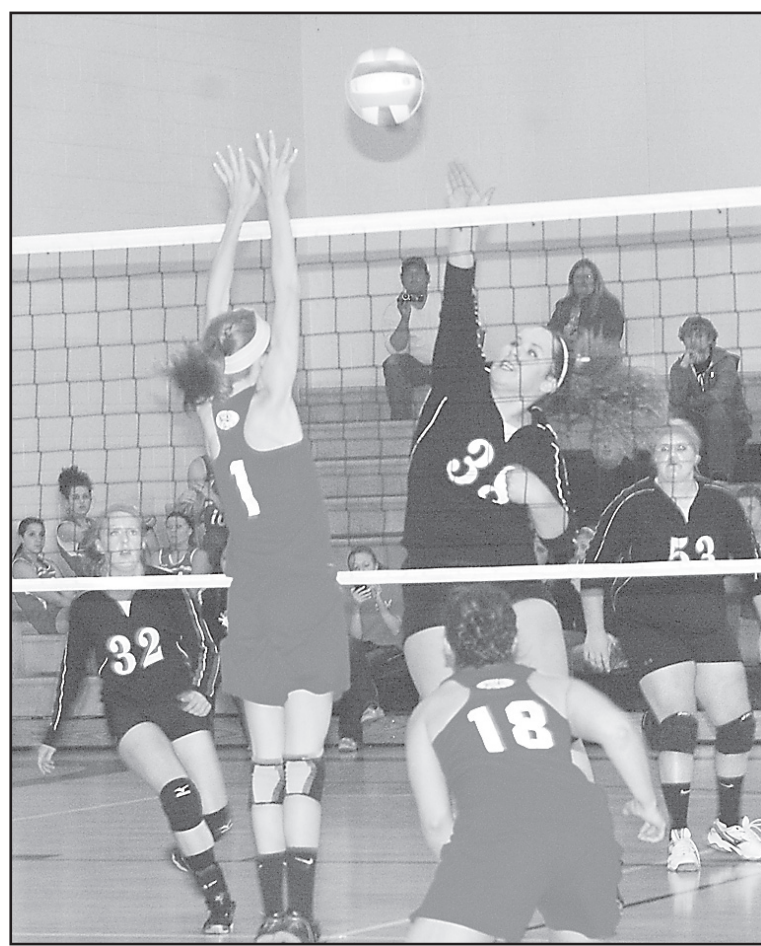
Oberlin couldn't even enjoy one win during the quad finale. Colby clobbered the visitors, 25-6, and followed it up with a 25-13 win for the clean sweep.

The busiest players during these JV matches for Colby were juniors Courtney Reilley, Shaila Giebler, Darby Sager, and Hailey Schindler when she wasn't contributing to Colby's varsity victories.

Colby swept both varsity matches, needing just four sets to take down Oberlin and Quinter.

Sophomore Kaylee Rehmer was also a force for the JV squad along with classmate Desi Schippers among other Eagles.

Oberlin defeated Quinter in the other match of this quad.



Colby High sophomore Kaylee Rehmer hit this volleyball over a Quinter block during the junior varsity quadrangular on Tuesday at Colby High School. Also pictured for the Eagles are sophomore Desi Schippers (32) and junior Darby Sager (53).

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## Brewster runner breaks new barrier at Lakin Invitational

Brewster junior Leyton Werth ran his first race under 18 minutes and took sixth at Saturday's Lakin Cross Country Invitational.

Werth not only broke 18 minutes; he finished almost a good 30 seconds faster with his time of 17:31. He earned sixth place among nearly 75 varsity runners competing in this large meet, coach Shea Rothchild reported.

"And there were some of the bigger schools in the area," Rothchild said. "It was a really good day for us. It's a big confidence as we head into regionals next week (Oct. 26)."

The Bulldogs only ran at Lakin because their earlier competition in Quinter was cancelled due to weather.

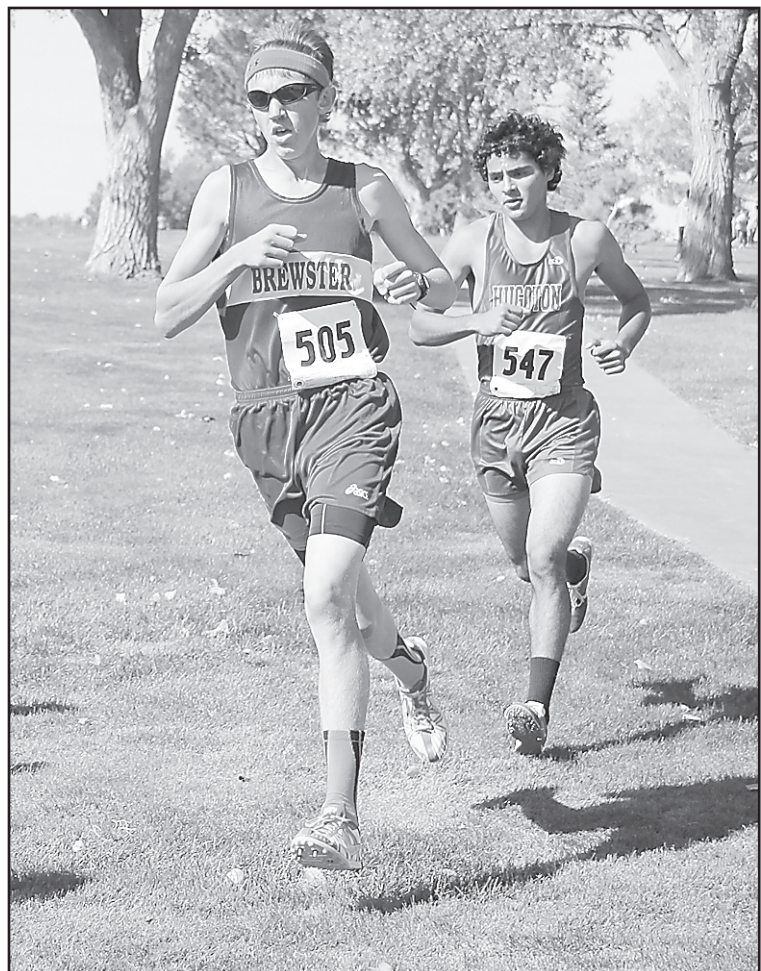
Brewster's two JV runners also competed and Tekoda Turner ran his personal best of 19:28 to take fourth place.

Quin Clymer took home one more medal for the Bulldogs, earning 16th place with his time of 21:47.

The top 20 placers earned medals.

More details about the Bulldogs entering regional competition will be featured in upcoming editions.

Also watch for more details on the Tri-Plains volleyball and football teams.



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## Trojan leaders in four matches

Here are leaders from Colby Community College's recent four matches beginning with a five-set win over Seward Community College Tuesday night.

Kills: Lorena Rosario 18, Adrianna Sosnowska 15, Taryn Lee 13, Kamryn Forrest 7.

Assists: Maisy Munson 55.

Ace serves: Rosario 4, Andjela Reljic 3, Savannah Gamble 2.

Digs: Danielle Rodriguez 24, Reljic 15, Munson 10, Sosnowska 9.

Stuff blocks: Rosario, Munson. Block assists: Munson 3, Sosnowska 3, Rosario 2, Forrest 2.

Results from Colby's volleyball matches at the Missouri State University West Plains tournament

last weekend:

**Colby won 25-23, 25-16, 25-21 over Jefferson (Mo.) College**

Kills: Adrianna Sosnowska 15, Taryn Lee 8, Ariana Jacquez 6, Kamryn Forrest 6.

Assists: Maisy Munson 38.

Ace serves: Anejela Reljic 2.

Digs: Danielle Rodriguez 17, Reljic 14, Munson 10.

Stuff blocks: Jacquez 2.

Block assists: Sosnowska 2, Forrest 2.

**Hutchinson Community College beat Colby 15-25, 25-11, 27-25, 25-16**

Kills: Sosnowska 12, Reljic 8, Lee 6, Jacquez 6, Lorena Rosario 6.

Assists: Munson 37.

## Heartland drops two

With their state tournament less than two weeks away, the Heartland Christian Crusaders will have to shake off two tough losses at Tuesday's Palco volleyball triangular.

The Crusaders fell short against Palco 25-13, 25-8; and then to a talented Ellis team 25-6, 25-13.

"Against Palco, we let them get ahead early in the first set and had too far to battle back," coach Melissa Regier said. "We did make a run in that set as well as the other three, it just wasn't enough at the time."

"We could tell that we're seeing improvement with defensive movement and getting to the ball," she added. "We're looking forward to state in Wichita."

The Kansas Christian Athletic Association (KCAA) state volleyball tournament takes place Oct. 25-26 at Wichita.

Heartland Christian won't play again until state. Watch for more details in an upcoming edition.

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