# Who will survive Saturday in Colby?

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# Bulldogs, Titans go to substate

The Triplains-Brewster Titans and Golden Plains Bulldogs will both play in Saturday's 1A Division II substate tournament at Sharon Springs.

Golden Plains (27-8 record) has earned a No. 2 seed among six teams, which means the Bulldogs have earned a firstround bye.

No. 6-seed Triplains-Brewster (6-23 record) must play a first-round match against No. 3 Weskan (25-10). If the Titans prevail in this singleelimination state qualifier, they'll take Golden Plains during the semifinal round.

Sharon Springs-Wallace County (31-4) has earned the No. 1 seed. The Wildcats will play a semifinal against either No. 4 Wheatland-Grinnell (23-12) or No. 5 Bird City-Cheylin (9-22).

The championship match will conclude Saturday's tournament, with that advancing into 1A state tourney play on Nov. 1-2. Watch for more details next week.

## By R.B. Headley

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When 4A schools split into two divisions last summer, Colby High volleyball coach Jerry McKee was already looking forward about five months.

"There are only four teams to go through instead of eight, which means an opportunity for more teams to reach state," he said about the substate tournaments. "Now we have the opportunity. Let's see what happens.<sup>2</sup>

The Eagles can make state travel plans without even leaving home. They're the home team for Saturday's substate and official pairings were announced Wednesday afternoon:

No. 1 Goodland (27-7) vs. No. 4 Scott City (6-26) at 2 p.m. followed by No. 2 Hugoton (19-17) vs. No. 3 Colby (18-17).

The winners advance into a late-afternoon or early-evening substate championship match.

Yet one loss means go home and start getting ready for winter. "Playing at home, there's going

to be a little more pressure and expectations to perform," McKee admitted. "Our team can handle it. Hopefully, we'll have a good



**B.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press** 

The Colby Eagles and Goodland Cowgirls played a spirited three-set match during last weekend's Great West Athletic Conference tournament as sophomore Lara Stephens (14) sent this volleyball past two blockers. However, intensity will reach another level during Saturday's 4A substate.

crowd and some home-court advantage.'

also announced on Wednesday: \$6 Substate admission prices were kindergarten through 12th grade. Activities Association event.

No season passes will be acfor adults and \$5 for students from cepted at this Kansas High School

While Goodland owns eight more wins than any other challenger, McKee doesn't believe much separates the four teams.

Goodland won a tough threeset match over Colby 25-22, 23-25, 25-15 at last weekend's Great West Athletic Conference tourney.

'That match came down to one or two plays," McKee said. "Goodland has good size and three very quality hitters, but it only takes getting a team in a bad rotation that they can't get out of."

Hugoton also topped Colby during last week's league showdown, which was the Eagles' fourth of a busy five-match Saturday. Colby finished fourth among six teams.

"It will be different this Saturday for both teams," the coach explained. "They'll be some changes in how we match up, how to set our rotations. Our big key will be just to cut down on our errors."

McKee noted that even No. 4 seed Scott City is a "fairly decent" team despite its 6-26 record.

"They've taken a lot of teams to three sets, they just haven't quite put two good ones together," he concluded. "It will be a pretty tough substate. Our girls are ready. They're looking forward to a successful day. Our seniors have provided good leadership."

# Trojans earn high league honors again Colby can clinch title at home

#### By Debbie Schwanke

Colby Community College

The Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference has announced the selection of Colby Community College freshman time this year as the Division I Defensive Player of the Week.

The 5'3" freshman from Greeley, Colo., is a libero/defensive specialist for the conference-leading Lady Trojans (13-1 league, 23-7 overall). She continued to succeed on the back row for Colby this week with double digit digs in each match. She averaged 4.14 digs per set during five straight wins for Colby.

Maisy Munson, a sophomore from Anthem, Ariz., was selected for the second time this year as Division I Player of the Week.

Munson continued to run the Lady Trojans' offense this week through five straight wins, continuing to lead the Jayhawk West by half of a match. She had three more double double matches this week, notching her 10th and 11th Danielle Rodriguez for the third of the year and the 21st of her career.

> In Saturday's match atAir Force Prep, she had her career high of 62 assists. Munson averaged 10.81 assists per set this week through five matches and 2.05 digs per set. The Trojans will play host to Barton Community College (7-6 record) tonight in a 6:30 p.m. at the Colby Community Building. A win would clinch Colby's Jayhawk conference championship and chance to be home for the Regional Tournament Nov. 8-9.

the *Free Press* on Friday.



Sophomore Lorena Rosario unleashed a team-high 11 kills for Colby Community College Watch for tonight's results in in a sweep of Garden City Tuesday evening.

## Eagles blank Goodland, 32-0 By R.B. Headlev you are so bold. Again, I'm letting

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Just a few remarks to kick around and fill this space reserved for today's guest sports column that did not arrive:

"Colby 32, Goodland 0" is an accurate headline as the Eagle junior varsity football team brilliantly took apart their old rivals at Goodland Monday afternoon.

Unfortunately, all the postgame excitement didn't lead to any available stats or scoring summary from this excellent victory — so a bold headline is the best I can do today.

Good job, Eagles. Hopefully

It's cool to hear that Colby High alum Danny Mainus has signed a new contract which helps continue his Mixed Martial Arts

career. More details will appear in an upcoming Free Press, but I do know that Mainus will fight at Broomfield, Colo., next month and is hoping for great fan support from his hometown.

A real interesting exhibition would be Mainus taking on an Australian announcer, late-night TV show host Jimmy Fallon and anyone else who's been mispronouncing his name during recent weeks.

some winning mojo will carry be pronounced like a body part. day. Yet remember most of us over to the varsity home game There's too much information can't coach the team better than against Clay Center Friday eve- through YouTube and Google if coaches.

everyone know Danny's last name is Main-us. **Ex-Kansas State quarterback** Josh Freeman made his debut

for my beloved Minnesota Yikes! Monday night, which reminded me why I had little respect for K-State football until Bill Snyder;s revival in recent seasons. He posted the lowest completion percentage (37.7%) for an NFL game since 2007. So that even includes Tim Tebow-quarterbacked games.

Actually, I'm a big fan of Tebow and would love to see him be the next Yikes! QB — though I wouldn't wish that on anyone.

Colby fans should heat up Not sure how Mainus could Dennen Field with noise Fri-

## Bulldogs play for Liberty title Plains girls battled back to win the

**By Judy Rogers** 

The Golden Plains volleyball with a 25-19 win.

Working together as a team. Golden Plains High School second set 27-25, and finished off the girls won the second set 25-18. Demonstrating why they are also ranked in the top 10 teams in the state, the Lady Bulldogs won the third game 25-16 and a turn in the championship game. As the day wore on, the Lady Bulldogs energy was waning, but the girls were not about to go down without a fight as they ran on the court with all the energy they could muster for a 10 p.m. championship contest against the Wheatland/Grinnell Lady Thunderhawks. The Lady Bulldogs had defeaton Tuesday in Dighton, and the These two teams had met twice Lady 'Hawks were ready for the game forfeited earlier in the day. Golden Plainswon the first set 25-22, but as the night deepened, the Thunderhawks tapped into their reserve strength to win the second set 25-18 and claim the championship 25-13 in the third I am so proud of these girls!" The long day was wearing on coach Orba Smith said. "Fourteen hours and six matches later, they back to Golden Plains. Thanks to all the fans who were there."

# 'Grandpa' Favre rejects NFL

ST. LOUIS (AP) - Brett Favre son. says that he loved the NFL, but the game took a physical toll and he's not returning even though league sources said that the St. Louis Rams reached out to his agent.

The Rams lost Sam Bradford to season-ending knee surgery.

Favre wouldn't say which team or teams reached out to his agent Bus Cook, but the 44-year-old made it clear that he is enjoying spending time with his family in-

to compete in the NFL. In fact, maybe she only played a game or when asked about concussions, he two. I think she played eight. So expressed fear that he has been affected.

"I don't remember my daughter little fear in me." playing soccer, playing youth soccer, one summer," he said. "I don't ing a doctor about the issue but remember that. This was pretty shocking to me that I couldn't done at this point. He said he tries remember my daughter playing to stay in shape these days, not youth soccer, just one summer, to play football, but to be able to cluding his three-year-old grand- I think. I remember her playing spend time with his family.

basketball, I remember her play-He doesn't feel physically able ing volleyball, so I kind of think that's a little bit scary to me. For the first time in 44 years, that put a

> He said he has considered seedoesn't know how much can be

team spent a very long day in Palco and Damar as they battled their way to a second-place finish in the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament on Saturday.

The Western Kansas Liberty League was slated to be a very competitive tournament as it included five teams ranked in the top 10 of the Kansas Volleyball Association's Week 6 rankings.

The girls' first game in pool play was against the fifth ranked Weskan Lady Coyotes. The Lady Bulldogs, who were ranked sixth in this poll, toppled the Lady Coyotes in three sets. Weskan won the first set 25-21, but the Golden

# Wildcat 'buzzsaw' greets Golden Plains

#### By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Bulldogs played the Eight-Man II No. 3-ranked Wallace County Wildcats in a district game at Sharon Springs Friday evening.

Undefeated Wallace County (7-0) played a tough game showing fans on both sides of the field why they have this high ranking on preppowerindex.com.

The Bulldogs knew this would be a challenging game from start to finish, but played for pride in their team and played the best game they could.

"We ran into a buzzsaw in Wallace County," coach Travis Smith said.

Despite their efforts, the Wildcats rolled past them for a 61-0 win by the half moving them up to a No. 2 state ranking on maxpreps.com.

The visiting Bulldogs only managed 91 rushing yards and made 31 tackles defensively. Senior Shane Ryburn had 11 and junior Benny Martinez added 10 to lead the Golden Plains 'D'.

The Bulldogs have returned home for another game against the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunder-

JUDY ROGERS/Golden Plains High School

Golden Plains quarterback Grant Spresser (8) enjoyed good pass protection from teammates Josh Barnhart (2), Cole Ziegelmeier (20) and Benny Martinez (21) on this play against Wallace County last weekend at Sharon Springs. The Wallace County Wildcats improved to 7-0.

hawks at 7 p.m. on Friday.

"As a team we have to move forward and prepare for this week," Smith concluded

"We have a great oppoprtunity to get a win this week and need to turn our focus to that."

Wheatland-Grinnell brings an 0-7 record into the contest, while Golden Plains is 1-6.

Both teams will be looking for their first wins in District 6 competitition this season.



The second game in pool play was against the Western Plains Lady Bobcats.

The girls worked hard in the first set to win 25-22 and easily claimed the win with a 25-8 win in the second set.

The third game against Triplains-Brewster was also easily won 25-12, 25-15.

Palco challenged the girls in the final game of pool play, but the Lady Bulldogs held on 25-17, 25-23 to win their pool and head into the semifinals to confront the ed the sixth ranked Thunderhawks Northern Valley Lady Huskies.

this season with the fourth-ranked rematch after having a pool play Huskies victorious in both contests

"We knew we were going to have to play our best game to get to the finals," said senior Hailee Spresser. "We had been playing together as a team all week and were unwavering in our determination to play the final games."

the girls as they lost the first set 25-19. They regrouped and refo- brought the second place plaque cused as they stepped back on the floor for the second set.

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