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Colby Community College sophomore Taryn Lee (7) went for this block against Barton County's Jori Mote (3) during the regular season's final match at the Colby Community Building Thursday night. Also pictured for Colby are Taylor Alderson, left, and Megan Witzel.

Cougars crash party

Barton stops Trojans' plans to host regional

By R.B. Headley
Colby Free Press

Few expected the biggest fire at Colby's Community Building to come from visiting Barton County Thursday evening.

The Cougars were ferocious and focused throughout a surprising 19-25, 25-19, 25-23, 25-21 volleyball victory over Colby Community College.

"They played a great game. They definitely deserved to win. They played with great focus the whole match," Colby coach Cary Jones said. "They had something to play for. We thought we did as well, but we needed more focus."

Now 8-6 against Jayhawk West League foes, Barton County (12-18 overall) earned a home match against Cloud County in Wednesday's regional play-in round.

The Jayhawk co-champion Trojans (12-2, 23-8 overall) will also host a play-in match with Pratt Community College on Wednesday (6:30 p.m.).

However, Colby's plans for hosting the regional "Final Four" on Nov. 10-11 have now moved to Hutchinson Community College.

The co-champ Blue Dragons (12-2 league) won a tie-breaker by sweeping Colby earlier this month at Hutch.

So what better place for the Trojans to inflict some payback?

"Talking to some of our girls, I know there is a lot of fire now. It's one loss, but we're far from finished," Jones said. "These kids are great, and there is potential to do some great things. I'm excited to get them back (in practice) on Monday."

While Barton prevailed on Thursday, Colby still displayed a super-balanced attack that led the program's first Jayhawk West championship.

Sophomores Taryn Lee (13 kills), Lorena Rosario (13) and Andjela Reljic (12) all joined freshman leading hitter Adrianna Sosnowska (15 kills) in crushing big kills during the 25-19 open-

ing-set victory.

Momentum changed several sides during the next two sets, but Colby seemed ready to take control in set three when Sosnowska delivered a booming "facial" upon Barton's libero.

It's always silly to say there was "hair" on a hard-hit ball. Yet this blast knocked the Cougar defender back and definitely forced her to re-adjust some headwear.

The Cougars also somehow re-adjusted and recovered for a crucial 25-23 win. Now leading two sets to one, an upset seemed imminent when Barton built another lead.

Colby's chances also took a hit from several missed serves.

"We actually missed six serves in the opening set, which shows some trouble with focus," Jones observed. "But again, there was really nothing specific. They (Barton) just outplayed us."

Sophomore setter Maisy Munson added 48 assists on "Sophomore Night" for Trojan volleyball.

Trojan basketball tips off next week

By Rusty Grafel
Colby Community College

We are now 24 days into practice, eight scrimmages under our belt and nine days away from our first official men's basketball game of the season here at Colby Community College!

We have been battling some injuries like a lot of teams do at this point in our pre-season, but the men have done a good job of pulling together and making up for what we don't have right now.

The scrimmages have helped us see where we are at as a team right now and how much we need to keep improving to get where we need to be.

Last Friday, we went and played two National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics teams: Kansas Wesleyan University and McPherson College.

With only 12 guys suited up, we did a great job of finding a way to get two wins.

That same weekend on Sunday, we traveled to Johnson County Community College where we played three games. The team played Kansas Community College, Neosho County Community College and Independence Community College.

All three games were close; we ended up beating Neosho and los-

ing to Kansas Community College and Independence.

Overall, we have gotten better since practice number one. We tell our guys all the time, you never want to stay the same. We are either getting better or your falling behind everyone else!

Our second sophomore we would like to spotlight is Terry Starks.

Terry is also one of our captains on this team. As a freshman, he averaged 12 points, 3.6 rebounds and 5.6 assists per game.

If you have ever spoken to Terry, you will know he is a man of few words. On the floor, he leads by example and does a great job of directing our team. Terry has been a valuable player for us here at Colby and more importantly, he is exactly what we want in representing our program!

Here is a little more about Terry: Hometown: Detroit, Michigan.

Previous school: Mumford High School. Date of birth: Oct. 1, 1993. Parents: Angela Miller and Terry Starks, Sr. Major: General Studies.

Favorite quote: "The strength of the lion is in the Pride. The strength of the Pride is in the lion."

Editor's note: men's basketball coach Grafel has agreed to write a guest column providing more insight about Trojan athletics.

with trick or treats galore. The entry fee is \$140 per team with donations also accepted. They can be sent to Colby Community College golf at 1255 S. Range in Colby, 67701.

Call 460-5514 or 460-6443 to register a team, while rental carts can be reserved by calling 460-6443.

Carts are limited.

Tournament will benefit Colby golf

A Trick or Treat golf tournament to benefit the Colby Community College golf program is set for Saturday at Meadow Lakes Golf Course.

The nine-hole, four-person scramble has a 1 p.m. tee time after registration from noon to 12:45 p.m.

There will be food, prizes, a raffle and small auction all along

Pickers expect a little less pigskin chaos

After a crazy college football weekend where half of the Associated Press' Top 10 teams fell, both *Free Press* couch potato R.B. Headley and AP Football writer Ralph Russo expect a few less surprises this week.

The bad news is that Rumbler's Bumblin' (77-23 record) won't have a lot of chances to gain on Russo (83-16) in their season-long showdown. However, there are a few opportunities looking through Saturday's games:

Russo's big upset specials:
No. 20 South Carolina at No. 5 Missouri

Russo: Quarterback Connor Shaw not expected to start for Gamecocks, but may play. South Carolina 30-27. R.B.: Shaw's status is just one of many reasons to

doubt the Gamecocks. Did anyone see coach Steve Spurrier's strategy in loss at Tennessee last week? Wasted two timeouts faking a potential fourth-down play, then could have used both after falling behind. I doubted Missouri last week, now I believe SEC East will belong to Mizzou. Sorry, Tiger fans, who are now thinking Headley's "death kiss": Missouri 35-26.

No. 19 Oklahoma State at 1-5 Iowa State: Iowa State 31-28. R.B.: Tempting, but somewhat overrated Cowboys will survive until they face the mighty Baylor Bears next month. Oklahoma State 37-27.

R.B.'s little surprise, which has not been a successful venture during recent weeks:

Eagles must contain Tiger power tonight

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Colby High brick-tough defenders Adam Taylor, Bryce Arnberger, Ben Matchell and others should have some fun at Dennen Field tonight.

Fancy spread passing or trick plays will likely be seldom seen against the visiting Clay Center Tigers.

Their 48-rush, four-pass attack of last week should signal just good old-school, physical football.

"They have a good quarterback (senior Kody Gregory) and have been running the ball a lot the last two weeks," Colby coach Chris Gardner said. "They have a solid offensive line, and do a good job of running option on offense."

Gardner's comments read similar to what the Eagles faced from Concordia last week.

Although the Panthers eventually prevailed 22-12, Colby defenders recovered four fumbles and contained Concordia except for three or four big plays.

Playing four strong quarters will be one of the Eagles' primary goals tonight (7 p.m. start). They definitely don't want to see a double-digit lead slip away three weeks straight.



JESSICA LE DUC/Concordia Blade Empire

The Colby Eagles battled a physical Concordia Panthers football team last weekend in Concordia. Expect similar contact tonight when the Clay Center Tigers invade Dennen Field at 7 p.m.

"We can still be in the playoff hunt if we win tonight," Gardner said about Colby's second district

contest this season. "Their (Clay Center's) defense is very good."

The Tigers (4-3 overall) only

permitted one Goodland Cow-boys touchdown last weekend.

However, that score and a two-point conversion were enough to secure Goodland's 8-7 victory. Both teams played shutout defense through the entire second half.

So the Tigers (0-1 in district) also need a win tonight to keep any playoff hopes alive. Goodland (4-3, 1-0 district), and Concordia (2-5, 10) currently control the District 6 race.

The 6', 190-pound Gregory will surely play a huge role in Clay Center's gameplan. He rushed for 150 yards on 25 carries against Goodland and scored that only Tiger touchdown.

Senior Danny Ellis delivered another 65 yards with his 12 carries. Gregory attempted just four passes, completing two (30 yards).

Yet like almost any run-oriented team, the Tigers will occasionally surprise with a big-play pass.

Gregory's three completions vs. Marysville on Sept. 27 resulted in two touchdowns and 144 yards during a 21-8 win.

Junior Ricky Huse enjoyed his best game of the season, carrying only nine times for 133 yards — an average of almost 15 yards an attempt.



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Heartland Christian's Brittany Bear kept this ball in play.

Crusaders start play in state meet today

The Heartland Christian Crusaders start Kansas Christian Athletic Association state tournament play with five volleyball matches at Wichita today.

Coach Melissa Regier said her Crusaders bring one goal: win. All of today's matches are in the Wichita Warriors' gym at 2901 W. Taft St.

They were set to open Pool 1 with an 1:30 p.m. match against Manhattan Chiefs. Their schedule through today continues with Wichita Adventist at 1:30 p.m., Wichita Warriors at 4:30 p.m., Victory Christian at 6:30 p.m. and Cair Paravel Latin School (CPLS) at 8:30 p.m. Top four pool teams advance into Saturday's tourney.

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