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Katie Lang practiced overhead drills this morning during girls' tennis practice at Fike Park. Colby High School tennis coach Mike Sprenkel said 10 girls are out for the sport this fall, which is down from last year by five players. "We have two ninth graders out this year and four of the six varsity players from last year returning," he said. The first competitive matches for the girls will be Saturday, Aug. 25 at Trego.

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Chiefs prep for Bears Saturday

RIVER FALLS, Wis. (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs expect a tougher defensive challenge Saturday against the Chicago Bears in preseason play.

And head coach Dick Vermeil said he's looking forward to it.

"We weren't tested last week," Vermeil said, referring to the Chiefs 20-0 rout of the Washington Redskins in last Sunday's preseason opener. "We'll get a better test this week and a better test next week and a better test the next week. But I'm pleased with where we are right now."

Last year, the Chiefs defense ranked 25th in the NFL and 17th against the run. One of the first things Vermeil did when he was hired as head coach was bring in former Denver Broncos defensive coordinator Greg Robinson to try and duplicate in Kansas City the type of system that propelled the Broncos to two Super Bowl titles.

The new scheme passed its first test against the Redskins, limiting Washington to just 99 yards of total offense and seven first downs while posting the franchise's first preseason shutout

since 1992, albeit against an injury-riddled Redskins offense.

But Vermeil said he's been pleased with the development of the Chiefs defense throughout training camp, particularly the front line. He pointed to defensive end Eric Hicks as one of the steadiest performers.

"He's sort of a tempo-setter and has a good work ethic," Vermeil said. "I think it's good for the overall morale of the defensive line. That started in mini-camp, a long time ago."

Vermeil said he's also looking forward to having defensive tackle Dan Williams back in action. Williams missed most of training camp recovering from foot surgery but began light workouts with the team on Wednesday. Vermeil said he hopes to have the 6-foot-4, 290-pound lineman back in time for the Chiefs' final preseason game at St. Louis Aug. 31.

One position that will be closely watched Saturday will be the right cornerback spot, where Eric Warfield and William Bartee are battling to start opposite free agent acquisition Ray

Crockett. The two have been rotating at the right cornerback spot in training camp.

Warfield, who started and intercepted a pass last Sunday against the Redskins, is currently listed number one on the team's depth chart. Bartee replaced Warfield as the starter at Thursday's practice.

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Argument leads to stabbing

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—A player for a minor league affiliate of the Kansas City Royals was allegedly stabbed by a teammate after an argument Thursday, team officials said.

Jose Durand, 20, a catcher for the Spokane Indians of the Class A Northwest League, was stabbed in the hand in a fight with Rafael Garcia, according to a statement released by the Royals late Thursday.

The fight started in Garcia's apartment and moved into a parking lot before it was broken up by teammates.

Garcia, 21, a pitcher for the Indians, was arrested and charged with second-degree assault.

Garcia, who is a native of Nagua, Dominican Republic, is expected to be arraigned today and authorities said he could face possible deportation if convicted.

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