

# Volleyball 1-1 in St. Francis

ST. FRANCIS — The Colby High School varsity volleyball team got another win, against St. Francis, and their first loss of the season, against Oberlin on Tuesday night in St. Francis.

Colby easily handled St. Francis 15-8, 15-2.

Summar Stephens had seven kills, followed by Megan Blatt with five, Jessica Bricker with four, Sally Schlick with three and both Bethanie Linden and Kylee Hunter with one.

Three Lady Eagles had 100 percent serve efficiency, Blatt, Stephens and Hunter. Hunter had 92.3, Tiffany Focke had 91.7, Bricker had 87.5 and Linden had 57.1. Team efficiency was 95.6 percent.

Team accuracy was 61.2 percent. Focke had nine points on 75 percent, Schlick had nine on 69.2, Bricker had seven on 87.5 and Linden had five on 71.4.

On defense, Hunter was 1-for-1, Bricker was 2-for-7, and both Linden and Schlick was 1-for-4 in blocking.



In serve receiving, Blatt was 8-for-8, Linden was 9-for-10, Schlick and Bricker were 3-for-4 and Stephens was 1-for-2.

The ladies didn't fare as well against Oberlin, falling 15-11, 15-12.

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each, Bricker had five, Blatt had three and Linden and Focke had one each.

Five Lady Eagles were at 100 percent serve efficiency, Linden, Bricker, Stephens, Hunter and Focke. Schlick was at 87.5 and Blatt was at 75.

Team accuracy was 55.6 percent. Stephens had nine points on 75 percent, Focke had eight on 61.5, Blatt had three for 75, Schlick had three on 42.5 and both Linden and Bricker had one on 25.

On defense, Blatt was 1-for-2, Linden was 1-for-3, Stephens was 3-for-9, Bricker was 3-for-11, Schlick was 1-for-5 and Focke was 2-for-10.

Schlick was 7-for-8 on serve reception, Stephens was 6-for-7, Bricker was 9-for-11, Blatt was 8-for-10 and Linden was 13-for-17.

Colby's next outing is in Hays with Dodge City and Larned, games begin at 12 noon.

# Tennis team second at Hays

HAYS — The Colby High School girls tennis team took second at the Hays Round Robin Tournament on Thursday. Colby was just one team point behind Russell and the entire team placed.

Dominique Palser and Ashley Amos took first at #1 doubles. They beat Shara Kilian and Cassandra Weigel from second place Russell 8-6 in round one. In round two they downed Hays' Sara Worley and Abby Kruse 8-3.

Round three found them taking on Plainville, defeating Audrey Bjarnstad and Tienna Ferrell 8-4. In round four, they beat the third place team of Tracy Rohr and Jill Schoendaller from Victoria. Colby had a bye in round five.

Both Diane Wilson, at #2 singles and Becky Lang and Crystal Mannebach at #2 doubles were second.

Wilson beat Russell's Valerie Mahoney 8-1, then downed Hays' Nicole Ediger, the third place finisher, 8-4. Round three ended in an 8-3 win over Lolly Garvin from Plainville and round four was Wilson's only loss, 8-3 to Victoria's Andrea Robben, the first place finisher.

Lang and Mannebach started with a loss, 8-7(7-1) to Ashley Hutchinson and Shanda Killian, the eventual first place finishers. Three straight wins followed, 8-3 over Hays' Tamie Mermis and Lindsay Miles, the third place team, 8-1 over Plainville's

Carissa Frehicke and Tina Shumacher and 8-0 over Victoria's Kristen Robben and Sandra Garner.

Katie Lang, at #1 singles, took third. She fell 8-1 to first place finisher Ashley Pulis, from Russell. She beat Christa Tjeerdsma, from Hays, 8-5 and Plainville's Rhiannan Becker by default. Round four was a loss to second place finisher, Krista Meder from Victoria, 8-2.

"We played much better this time around," said coach Mike Sprenkel. "We still must learn to continue to play our style even in pressure situations. Hopefully, as the year progresses, we will improve our mental aspect of the game."

## Junior varsity action



PATTY DECKER/Colby Free Press

Colby High School's Adam Horinek evaded defenders at Dennen Field Tuesday against the Goodland Cowboys in junior varsity action. The Eagles fell to the Cowboys 14-6.

# Area teams ranked in top ten

TOPEKA (AP) — Area schools are ranked in the Associated Press consensus high school poll after a week of play.

St. Francis, who beat Oberlin 37-7, is ranked #4 in Class 2-1A and Atwood, who downed Colby 40-17 is tied with Stanton County at #5.

Tribune is ranked second in Eight-Man Division I after hammering Cheylin 52-6 on Friday night.

Ulysses, in the district with Colby, is ranked fourth in Class 4A after a 14-6 win over Lakin.

Three state champions from 2000 are atop the poll.

Olathe North began the defense of its class 6A state championship by defeating Shawnee Mission North 23-0 and is ranked No. 1

Salina Central trounced Dodge City in its 5A opener 76-6 for the top ranking in that division.

Other teams in the top spot this week include Wellington in 4A, defending state champion Wichita Collegiate in 3A, Claflin in 2-1A, South Barber in eight-man division I. State champion Midway-Denton and state runner-up Hanston tied at the top in eight-man division II.

The AP rankings are a compilation of ratings by the Hutchinson News,

Salina Journal, Topeka Capital-Journal and Wichita Eagle.

Here are this week's ratings:

**Class 6A**  
1. Olathe North, 1-0. 2. Derby, 1-0. 3, tie. Manhattan, 1-0, and Blue Valley North, 1-0. 5. Hutchinson 1-0.

Others rated: Garden City, 0-1; Olathe South, 1-0.

**Class 5A**  
1. Salina Central, 1-0. 2. Pittsburg, 1-0. 3. Salina South, 1-0. 4. Liberal, 1-0. 5. Bishop Carroll, 1-0.

**Class 4A**  
1. Wellington, 1-0. 2. Fort Scott, 1-0. 3. Topeka Hayden, 1-0. 4. Ulysses, 1-0. 5. Pratt, 1-0.

Others rated: Hiawatha, 1-0; Sabetha, 1-0.

**Class 3A**  
1. Wichita Collegiate, 1-0. 2. Conway Springs, 1-0. 3. Smith Center, 1-0. 4. Frontenac, 1-0. 5. Oskaloosa, 1-0.

Others rated: Rock Creek, 1-0; Riley County, 1-0; Southwestern Heights; 1-0, Neodesha 1-0.

**Class 2-1A**  
1. Claflin, 1-0. 2. Pittsburg Colgan, 1-0. 3. Centralia, 1-0. 4. St. Francis, 1-0. 5, tie. Stanton County, 1-0; Atwood, 1-0.

**Eight-Man I**

1. South Barber, 1-0. 2. Tribune, 1-0. 3. St. Paul, 1-0. 4. Jetmore, 1-0. 5. Ashland 1-0.

Others rated: Little River, 1-0.

**Eight-Man II**  
1, tie. Midway-Denton, 1-0, and Hanston, 1-0. 3. Sylvan Grove, 1-0. 4. Haviland, 1-0. 5. Northern Valley, 1-0.

Others rated: Hope, 1-0; Bern 0-0.

## Area Schedule

Thursday, Sept. 6

Colby High School junior varsity girls tennis at WaKeeney at 1 p.m.

Varsity cross country at Quinter at 4:30 p.m. with Brewster.  
7/8th grade volleyball vs. Atwood at the elementary gym at 4:30 p.m.

Eighth grade football vs. Atwood at Dennen Field at 5 p.m.  
C-team football vs. Burlington at Dennen Field at 6:30 p.m.

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## Sports Briefs

### U.S. Open update

NEW YORK (AP) — Serena Williams beat Lindsay Davenport 6-3, 6-7 (7), 7-5 to reach the semifinals at the U.S. Open.

The No. 10-seeded Williams will try to take the next step Friday against top-seeded Martina Hingis, who advanced by beating Daja Bedanova 6-2, 6-0 in 42 minutes.

On the men's side, 19-year-old American Andy Roddick reached the quarterfinals of a Grand Slam for the first time, beating Tommy Robredo 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.

Roddick hit a 141 mph serve — third-fastest in tournament history — and became the youngest men's quarterfinalist at the Open since Andre Agassi in 1988. He'll next play the winner of the match between Tommy Haas and Lleyton Hewitt.

Haas led 6-3, 2-2 when play was suspended until Wednesday because of rain.

No. 1-seeded Gustavo Kuerten advanced by beating Albert Costa 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (7). Kuerten will next play Yevgeny Kafelnikov, who beat Arnaud Clement 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

### Future bleak for negotiated settlement

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL and its locked-out officials got nowhere in negotiations, despite facing a midweek deadline to reach a deal or go into the regular season with the replacements

who worked last week's exhibition games.

After saying last weekend that there was a good chance of a deal, hopes seemed to be fading. Both sides will meet again Wednesday.

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