

Eagle tennis second at WaKeeney

Despite missing two girls, team off to strong start

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The Colby Eagle tennis squad opened the new season Saturday in WaKeeney at the Trego Varsity round robin tournament

"We were short a couple of girls," said coach Mike Sprenkel. "Overall, though, I'm very pleased with the way the ladies played." The Eagles took second at the tournament, scoring 20 points, right behind Tribune's 22 points.

Number 1 singles player, sophomore Katie Lang, went 4-0 in pool play, beat-

ing two-time state qualifier Erin Dixon of Tribune on the way to winning the finals.

Senior Carla Sloan, playing number 2 singles, took second with a 3-1 match record, losing 1-8 in the finals against Meagan Epp of Tribune.

In doubles competition, the number 1 team of junior Becky Lang and senior Diane Wilson was 4-0 against tough competition to win the division.

"Tribune and Russell each had state qualifiers," Sprenkel said.

Freshmen Rachel Funk and Robin Wilson fought hard in the number 2

doubles division, but came up 0-4 to take eighth place. Team standings:

Tribune 1st, 22 points

Colby 2nd, 20 points

Russell 3rd, 16 points

Phillipsburg t/4th, 15 points

Plainville t/4th, 15 points

Norton 6th, 13 points

Trego 7th, 7 points

Ness City 8th, 4 points

Colby hosts the Colby Invitational Saturday, Sept. 7, with matches being played at Fike Park and the tennis courts at Colby Community College. Action gets underway at 9 a.m.

Trojan volleyball team opens at Hutch

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The Colby College Trojan volleyball team opened its season in Hutchinson over the weekend, finishing with a 2-4 match record. Colby started off by de-

feating Hesston 30-27, and 30-21. Cowley County then defeated Colby 30-21, 18-30, and 15-13. Allen County then defeated Colby, 30-22, and 30-23. Fort Smith defeated Colby 30-19, and 30-22. Colby then beat Cedar Valley

30-21, and 30-16. Barton then defeated Colby 30-23, and 30-27.

Thursday Colby opens its home schedule against Pratt Community College, and will host the Colby tournament Saturday.

You don't need to cry for Jeff Gordon

Whew, Jeff Gordon finally won a race. Now maybe we can start hearing news concerning ALL the other drivers and other goings on in NASCAR for a change. What a novel idea, at least until Sunday evening, as I'm sure if Jeff doesn't win at Darlington on Sunday, it will probably start, alllll ooover aaaagain.

Now all of you Jeff Gordon Fans are thinking, well Fosdick, wha, wha, wha, and I understand to that, to a point. As when The Man, The Intimidator, The Big E, Dale Earnhardt, The Inventor of the Bump and Run, along with other driving tricks that were ALLRIGHT, when he used them, was at the top and feared, year after year after year. And remember, when a lot of the current NASCAR drivers are asked, what scares them the most when racing, they still say to this day, the BLACK #3 in their rear view mirror. During this time you still heard news about Richard Petty, Cale Yarborough, The Allison brothers, D.W., David Pearson, Neil Bonnet, Terry Labonte, and Ricky Rudd, along with others from Ned Jarret, Mike Joy, Chris Econimacky, (I hope the spelling is close) and others covering NASCAR at the time. And all those boys had back then was a hard wired phone, a pencil and notepad, and had to travel to the shops by car to get the news.

Now everyone has cell phones, laptops, Internet, digital this, and digital that, to make communications with all the teams a cakewalk. And all we seem to here about is, poor Jeff hasn't won a race since last year, poor Jeff is getting a divorce, poor Jeff grew a goatee for the Winston, poor Jeff when is he going to win again.

If poor Jeff hadn't won at Bristol, I was waiting to hear, is poor Jeff washed up?

Ya know, what about Rusty Wallace? He hasn't won in fifty some odd races (I think), Rusty races hard and tries to win every week, and he's got a personality, and his fans would like to here news about him. And I tell him every week through the TV, Rusty, you and Roger Penske need to remember what kind of hot rod got you the majority of your wins, and your championship.

Ya know Rusty; sometimes you got to back up, to be able go forward. As I sure would like to see ya up front on a weekly basis trying to win as you use to do.

Now I know Jeff Gordon fans will want to tar and feather me, and my oldest daughter will be on me like a duck on a June bug, when she receives this, and I'll enjoy all the heckling. As I don't remember exactly how Earnhardt told it to Jeff Gordon, but it involved fans booing them. It was



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something to the effect of that, as long as people are booing you, you know you are on top, or your doing something right, something along those lines. So ole Jeff is doing something.

Now for the more serious side. It was announced yesterday that Kenny Wallace signed a two year deal with Bill Davis Racing to drive the #23 Dodge starting in 2003 with Stacker II as the main sponsor. Stacker II wanted to move up to Winston Cup and is very pleased with Kenny as a driver and as a spokesman. With Bill Davis Racing losing the Hills Brothers Coffee sponsorship at the end of the year, it made a good fit for everyone.

It was also announced last night that Hut Stricklin driver of the #23 Hills Brothers Coffee Dodge owned by Bill Davis Racing was let go from his contract and that Kenny will take over the ride for the remainder of this year. This will allow Kenny and the #23 team to work together for the remainder of this year, which will help them get a jump on next year. Hopefully Hut Stricklin can land somewhere positive for him-

self, as he and the #23 team were having a dismal year to say the least.

If you like pit stops, don't miss this weekends race at Darlington, as it will be full of them. The Lady in Black is a tire-eating track and there will be a lot of blown out right front tires and into the wall this weekend, as the racing groove is right out to the wall. The reason for this is due to the type of sand and rock used in the track pavement. The materials used in the pavement are from around the local area and are very hard compared to materials used in other tracks, so this makes the pavement very abrasive. So teams will be using conservative caster and camber set ups, trying to keep the tires on their cars, yet still trying to get them to turn in the corners. So it will be interesting to see who gets it right.

As always, if you made it this far, thank you for your time. Pull the belts real tight, get up on the wheel, and DRIVE safely.

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Trying to get outside



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It was Orange versus Black at the anuual video scrimmage Friday night at Dennen Field. "It was a very good scrimmage," head coach Brad Wildeman said. "The kids showed a lot of improvement from the first scrimmage. They had a lot of good intensity." Wildeman said the season opener against Atwood Friday night is going to be a battle. "We're going to get our feet wet awful quick." ABOVE: #33 Weston Fultz tried to get outside with #68 Tanner Brown in pursuit, while #61 Brady Strange followed.

Volleyball sport drink scrimmage is tonight

The Colby Eagle volleyball scrimmage is tonight at 7 p.m. at the high school gym. Admission is one (plastic) bottle of sport drink. Come out and see this year's volleyball players as they preparte to open their season Thursday.

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