

Hold your heads up, Eagles

Just when you thought it was safe to play football in Atwood... Seriously, though, folks, I for one was encouraged by what I watched in Atwood Friday night. The game was closer than the 33-14 score, in my opinion. I'm not sure any team is going to be able to stop those two backs that the Buffs have, and, by the same token, Ryan Arensdorf, #22 for our Eagles, looks like he's going to



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On The Ball

run roughshod over some opponents this year. Coach Wildeman doesn't like to get away from the team concept publicity wise, so please don't yell at him when I write about good individual performances. You can't have an outstanding performance by a running back without an outstanding performance by the offensive line, so hats off to the line as well. When I figure out which one of you is who, which will take about one more game, I'll give a shout out to you.

Bottom line, I thought our boys played their butts off, and Atwood is Atwood. They do what they do, because it works, they've been doing forever, and they'll keep doing it while it does work. It's a heck of a way to have to start off the season every year, playing Atwood, but that's the way it is, so let's move on. Hoxie is here Friday, for our first home game. It'll be 'Bring Your Own Cheerleader' night.

A few columns back, I expressed the opinion that this year was going to a great one, sports wise. It's a little early to tell, but so far, at least in Colby, things are looking pretty good. The cross country team is off to a fast start, as is the tennis team, which won its tournament Saturday. The college volleyball team just hosted and won its tournament this weekend. It's going to be a fun ride!

Speaking of fun rides, I hope you got to see two of tennis' all-time greats yesterday in the finals of the U.S. Open. Thirty-two-year-old Pete Sampras and thirty-one year-old Andre Agassi were the two oldest finalists ever at the Open. Pete had said he had one more Grand Slam left in him, and he proved it. For a little while, at least, it'll be alright to be an aging athlete.

What do you do if you're the punter, you're kicking out of your own end zone, it's overtime, and you've got a New Orleans Saint wrapped around your waist? Well, if you're Tampa Bay punter Tom Tupa, former back-up quarterback, you throw a left-handed pass two and a half feet in front of you to another Saint to end the ballgame. What should Tupa have done? No matter what, New Orleans was going to score.

What Tupa should have done was pointed to the sideline and shouted, "Look, there's Martha Stewart!" He then would have been able to skirt around the frenzy of the blood-thirsty crowd as they ripped her to pieces and waltzed all the way down to the other end zone.

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Sampras beats Agassi for 14th Grand Slam title

NEW YORK (AP)—Pete Sampras was right all along: He did have a 14th Grand Slam title in him. And just like the first, all those years ago, it came in a U.S. Open final against his old rival Andre Agassi. His serve clicking, his volleys on target, his forehand as fluid as ever, Sampras beat Agassi 6-3, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4 to win America's major for the fifth time.



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Colby High School sophomore Becky Lang was at the net hitting a volley Saturday against the doubles team of Shenna Moritz and Kristen Crittenden of Tribune. Lang and senior Diane Wilson beat the Tribune doubles team 8-4 to take first in the #1 doubles competition.

Lady Eagles win home tennis tournament

By DARREL PATTILLO

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The Eagle varsity tennis team used three firsts and a fourth place finish to win the Colby tournament Saturday, beating second-place Tribune by two points.

Katie Lang beat Hannah Hepp of Liberal 8-4 in the #1 singles championship to cap a 5-0 match run.

"Katie played her best tennis to date," coach Mike Sprenkel said. "She is definitely one of, if not the best, singles players in Western Kansas."

Senior Diane Wilson and sophomore Becky Lang also went 5-0 to win the #1 doubles title. "They continue to be more aggressive in doubles play," Sprenkel said.

"They're starting to play together

well as a team, which will be necessary when we go back east and play tougher competition."

Number two singles player Crystal Mannebach went 4-1 to take first place, beating Bao-Tran Nguyen of Liberal 8-6 late in the afternoon.

"She played well in her first competition of the year," Sprenkel said.

Number two doubles Carla Sloan and Layla Woodall were 2-3 to finish fourth. "That was their first time playing together," said Sprenkel. "With more work together, the two will be good."

The varsity team plays next at Goodland on Sept. 17.

The junior varsity team is in action Thursday at WaKeeney, and again on Saturday at Norton.

Griese steps up for Broncos

DENVER (AP)—All it took to get Brian Griese going was the sight of his backup warming up.

Griese threw for 202 yards and two touchdowns, and led Denver on a 71-yard drive for the deciding score as the Broncos beat the St. Louis Rams 23-16 Sunday.

Griese was booed after two interceptions and a fumble in the third quarter, leading the Broncos to get backup Steve Beuerlein ready on the sideline.

Griese responded by hitting 4-of-4 passes for 56 yards on the winning drive, capping it with a 23-yard touchdown pass to Ed McCaffrey that put the Broncos up 23-13 with just under six minutes left.

The Broncos got good pressure on Kurt Warner, held Marshall Faulk mostly in check, and played physically against St. Louis' receivers to end the Rams' nine-game winning streak on the road.

Faulk, the league MVP in 2000, had a career-high 14 catches for 91 yards, but had just 19 yards on 10 carries rushing.

Warner was 32-for-41 for 315 yards, but didn't have a touchdown, was sacked three times and threw an interception.

The Rams struggled in the first half, but got a break on the first play of the second when Aeneas Williams intercepted a pass by Griese.))

Buffaloes run past Colby

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ATWOOD — Massacre Canyon failed to live up to its name this year. And while the Colby Eagles started the 2002 football season with a loss at Atwood, 33-14, coach Brad Wildeman was upbeat.

"I saw a lot of good things," Wildeman said. "I thought the way the kids played was great. Their effort and intensity was fantastic."

Atwood was ahead after the first quarter 7-6, after Colby's Ryan Arensdorf busted through the left side of Atwood's line and scampered 82 yards for the touchdown.

Atwood's running game kicked into gear in the second quarter, and the Buffs took a 13-6 lead into the locker room. The Buffs came out in the second half and scored on its first two possessions.

"We had a couple of breakdowns," Coach Wildeman said. "That's something we're definitely going to have to work on."

The Eagles added a touchdown late in the game, a 10-yard completion from Jared Cranston to Jordan Harris. Cranston was 21-39 passing for 307 yards.



Lady Trojans go 5-0 to win home volleyball tourney

The Colby Lady Trojans went 5-0 en route to winning their own invitational tournament this past Saturday. Colby breezed through pool play defeating McCook 2-0 (30-19, 30-20), Dodge City 2-0 (30-21, 30-21) and Pratt 2-0 (30-25, 30-25).

Colby finished first in their pool and advanced to play the 2nd place finisher in Pool B in the championship match. Colby defeated Lamar in that semi-final rather easily 2-0 (30-14, 30-16). The Lady Trojans faced Eastern Wyoming, the first place finisher in Pool B, in the championship match. Colby continued their winning ways defeat-



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Colby's Ryan Arensdorf scooped up a loose ball Friday night against Atwood.

Colby's first home game of the season is Friday, as they welcome Hoxie to Dennen Field "Hoxie has lost some guys from last year," Wildeman said. "But they're a good team. We'll be

ready for them."

Kick-off Friday night is at 7:30 p.m. at Dennen Field, with the Colby Booster Club Tailgate party at 5:30 p.m.

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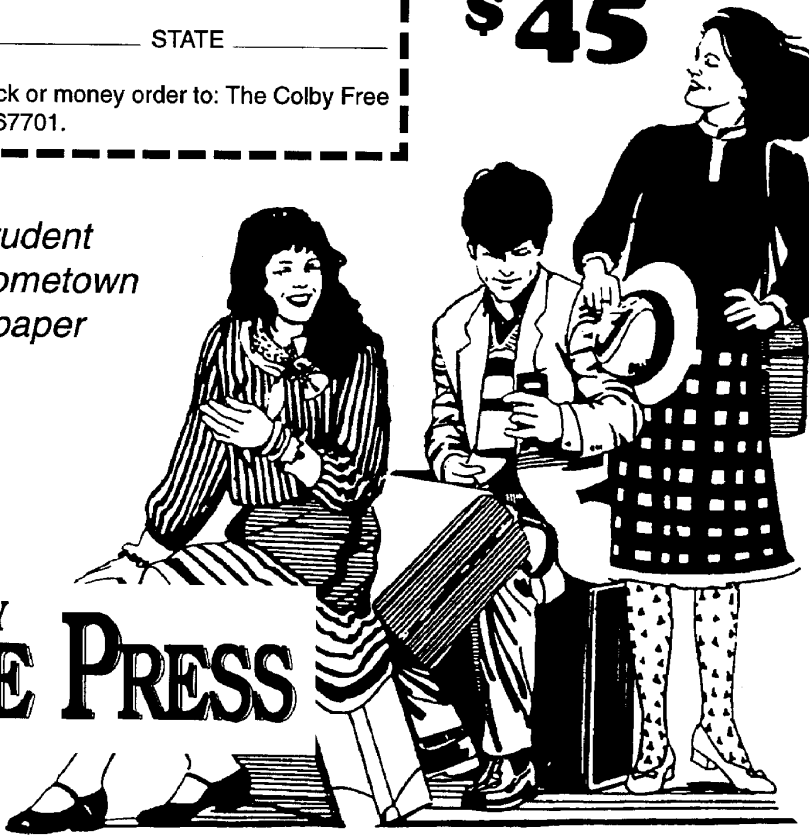
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