Local Sports Calendar

Tonight

8 p.m. Colby High School Homecoming Football against Yuma, Colo., at Dennen Field. Homecoming ceremonies will take place after the game.

Saturday

9 a.m. 'C' volleyball at Oberlin.. 9 a.m. JV/V volleyball at Oakley with Hoxie and Scott City. 9 a.m. FFANW District softball tournament at Oakley.

9 a.m. Varsity girl's tennis at Lindsborg-Smoky Valley.

10 a.m. Cross Country at Scott

10 a.m. 7th-grade 'B' football with Goodland at Dennen Field. (NOTE: There will be no 8 'B' game as was indicated on the school calendar.)

10 a.m. 7/8 'B' volleyball 'fun day' at the elementary gym and high school gym with Atwood, Goodland, and Burlington.

Monday

3 p.m.Junior varsity/varsity golf at the Colby Country Club. 5 p.m. Junior varsity football at Wray, Colo.

Tuesday

4 p.m. Junior varsity tennis at Goodland



DARREL PATTILLO/Colby Free Press

R.J. Ladenburger got around two Hoxie defenders on the way to a touchdown as #6 Joe Heier, #57 Mike Juenemann, #70 Scott Blanton, and #53 Jud Corder came to help.

Eagles hold tough against Hoxie

By DARREL PATTILLO Colby Free Press

HOXIE—While the officials were having a flag-throwing contest, the 8th-grade Eagle football team, on the pass and ran it back for a score. strength of R.J. Ladenburger's two first-half touchdowns, held their and Colby lead 14-0. ground and beat the Hoxie Tigers 20-14 Thursday night.

Late in the first quarter, Ladenburger caught a screen pass from Sam ken into the open. $\underline{Munderloh}\, \underline{and}\, \underline{scampered}\, \underline{down}\, \underline{field}$ for a 60-yard touchdown.

Most of the first quarter was spent in Hoxie territory, but the Eagles settled down and capitalized on a blocked punt quarter, Hoxie's Jacob Moss scored on that was up for grabs before scoring the a 5-yard run, and Colby's lead was cut

first touchdown of the game.

With 6:01 on the clock in the second quarter, Ladenburger struck again when he intercepted an errant Hoxie

The point-after was good for two,

Perhaps the key play of the game occurred when Joe Heier caught up with a Hoxie ball-carrier who had bro-

Heier dragged him down from behind, and the Eagles got the ball back with just over a minute left in the half.

After trading fumbles in the third

to 6, 14-8. Joe Heier ran the ensuing kick-off back for a touchdown, but Munderloh got called for an illegal block, and the ball was brought back.

Moments later, Munderloh loped 68 yards for Colby's third touchdown. The extra-point try failed, and Colby was up 20-8.

The Tigers put together a drive that ended with them scoring a touchdown. Colby got the ball back with 2:45 left

in the game, and got a couple of big first downs that let them run out the clock.

The 8th-grade Eagles are in action at home against the Oakley Wildcats on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 4:30 p.m. at Dennen Field.

The Colby **Free Press**



Junior varsity Eagles are running well, coach says

By DARREL PATTILLO Colby Free Press

The Colby Eagle junior varsity cross country team ran at the Quinter Invitational recently. Coach Bob Mannebach was pleased with their performance.

"They really gained some valuable experience, running against their ophelp them compete in future meets."

QUINTER INVITATIONAL

Boys 6th, Girls 4th				
BOYS VARSITY				
Jared Dinkel	18	20:17		
Josh Houtz	19	20:20		
Jordan Cranston	38	21:29		
Brandon Williams	44	22:01		
Rocky Baalman	49	22:26		
Jared Simmering	58	23:33		
Chris Gordon	60	24:08		
GIRLS VARSITY				
Jamie Quenzer	22	14:52		
Andrea Barker	26	15:02		
Amanda Seeman	29	15:10		
Shannon Oard	39	16:08		
MacKayla Dougherty	43	16:45		
Clarissa Unger	45	17:15		
Talitha Nye	46	17:20		
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The Eagle JV squad had another opportunity to run against tougher competition at the Leoti Invitational on Tuesday.

"They were very competitive in this meet," Coach Mannebach said, "and

showed improvement from their pre-

vious meet. "If they continue to work hard and ponents varsity," he said. "This will stay focused, many good things will happen for them in the future.

LEOTI INVITATIONAL Boys 3rd, Girls 4th

BOYS VARSITY		
Josh Houtz	12	20:52
Rocky Baalmann	13	21:11
Jordan Cranston	15	21:22
Fur Finley	18	21:49
Brandon Williams	20	22:16
Jason Schwindt	23	22:34
Zach Baird	24	22:43
GIRLS VARSITY		
Andrea Barker	7	15:01
Shannon Oard	17	16:19
Clarissa Unger	19	16:24
MacKayla Dougherty	21	16:29
Talitha Nye	26	17:54
Valerie Vanatta	27	17:54

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It's anybody's championship to win

Ya know, rain is good, but it really akes all the fun out of a race. As you know, the race at New Hampshire was ran in between rainstorms, which to me turned this race into a real yawner. The rookie Ryan Newman, driver of the #12 Alltel, or Mobil Ford was in the right place at the right time, and got his first NASCAR win. Ryan and his #12 team have been strong all year and with 4 or 5 second place finishes, we all knew that it would only be a matter of time until Ryan and his team would get that first win. The most exciting part of the race was watching Ryan and changes and rear spoiler changes to races on more down force critical Kurt Busch, driver of the #97 deal with overthe last few years trying tracks, which should give Ford the ad-Rubbermaid Ford race those last 20 or to help with front down force, to no vantage for another championship this 25 laps before the rain came. Those avail. The Monte Carlo and Grand Prix year two were nose to tail and Kurt tried everything he could to pass Ryan and just couldn't get it done. Kurt really raced Ryan clean through the whole time, and with Ryan being in front he could keep Kurt from running his line through the corners, and then Ryan could pull away just enough down the

straits to keep Kurt at bay. It was some really good racing. In all the years that I've been a NASCAR fan, I'm truly blown away by the number of drivers that still can win the championship. Usually by now it's down to two or maybe three drivers that could win the championship, but from a mathematical perspective there are some 15 or 20 drivers that still could win the championship, if things would fall their way. And even though I'm not real crazy about saying this, but it sure looks like some one in a Ford will be the champion this year, or maybe in a Dodge, but that's a little

My reasoning for this is due to the fact that at present it seems that Ford has the best aero package, and the Ford boys haven't had to deal with body changes, and their not bitching to NASCAR for any changes. The only changes that the Ford Boys have had to deal with is, some rear spoiler changes, which is very minor at best. The Taurus body has remained the same for the last two years which has given the Ford teams time to really massage their bodies within the rules to refine the down force to drag ratios, which helps them with the cars balance. Also this allows the Ford Boys to have true and solid notes from past races as to how to set up the cars when they come to the track again, and then all they have to do is figure in the weather and type of tire that will be

used in the race. The Dodge gang has had numerous minor body changes to deal with and their whole program is still new enough that they are still refining their programs period. Which takes away from the time it takes to massage various bodies and then going to the wind tunnel to see what the changes do for their aero package. Then study the information and decide whether it's good or bad. The one benefit the Dodge boys



Don Fosdick

Life in the Fast Lane

bodies are low drag type of bodies ways, and the faster tracks on the cir- dfosdick@grapevine.net.

have had from their re-entry to cuit, but really struggle at the tracks NASCAR is that their body is very where front down force is needed. So similar to the Ford body. The General with only a couple of races left at fast bunch has had all kinds of front nose tracks this year, and the remainder of

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