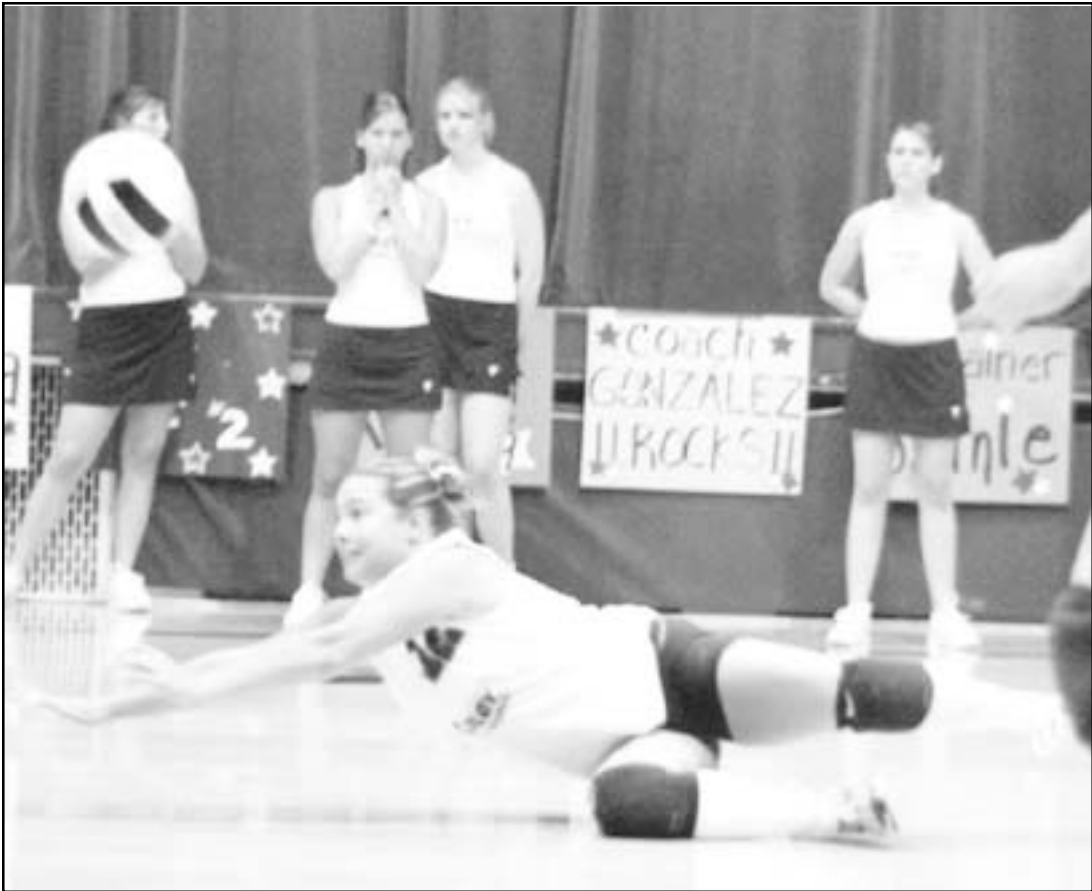


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Colby Community College Lady Trojan Michele Burkhart of Downey, Calif. went for the ball during her the team's tournament last weekend at the Colby Community Building. The volleyball team will be traveling to a tourney in Garden City this weekend. They will be in Garden City playing on Friday and Saturday.

Colorado Rockies edge Dodgers; LA blames it on rookie pitchers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers got plenty of offense Wednesday night only to be wrecked by bad rookie pitching.

Cory Sullivan had four hits, including a go-ahead two-run homer in the eighth inning, and the Colorado Rockies won 8-7.

"This one is real bad," Los Angeles starter D.J. Houlton said.

The Dodgers lost their second straight and dropped six games behind NL West-leading San Diego, tied for second with San Francisco.

"We have to win a number of our remaining games and we need some help," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said. "When you score seven, you like to think you got plenty to win, but obviously giving up eight is a substantial number."

Los Angeles blew a chance to make up a game on the Padres before opening a four-game series at San Francisco on Friday.

"It's tough to lose one game like that," shortstop Oscar Robles said, "but we can't do anything about it right now. We're going to come back tomorrow and try to win the game."

The Dodgers staked D.J. Houlton to a five-run lead and were still ahead after the first two times the

Rockies scored.

"The most disappointing thing about tonight was we couldn't hold them down," Tracy said. "D.J. battled himself the whole time. He was inconsistent in the strike zone. They got hits with two outs as the game moved on."

Sullivan hit the first pitch from Yhency Brazoban (4-9) over the wall in right-center field with two outs to give the Rockies their first lead of the game. Sullivan's four hits tied his career best, set Sept. 4 against Los Angeles at Coors Field.

"I wasn't by any means trying to hit the ball out of the yard because Dodger Stadium is a big yard," he said. "But I got the good part of the barrel on the ball and was fortunate that it traveled enough."

Brian Fuentes pitched the ninth for his 28th save in 31 chances.

Garrett Atkins hit a grand slam off Houlton in the fifth as the Rockies closed to 5-4.

"After the at-bats I had the first two nights here, hitting the ball out was such a relief," he said. "I was just happy I finally did something to help the team. And to do it here is special since I haven't had too much success here. It took a lot of pressure off me."

Houlton gave up singles to Sullivan and Matt Holliday, then walked Brad Hawpe to load the bases before Atkins sent a 2-1 pitch into the left field pavilion.

"It was a struggle all night to throw strikes and I just threw way too many pitches, getting behind in counts and having to throw fastballs," Houlton said. "I paid the price for it." He allowed four runs and seven hits in 4 2-3 innings, walked four and struck out three.

The Dodgers took a 7-6 lead in the seventh when Willie Aybar scored on a double-play grounder by Jeff Kent. Aybar drew a leadoff walk from Jamey Wright (7-16) and took third on a single by Robles.

Colorado's Todd Helton tied the game 6-6 in the sixth on a two-run single. Olmedo Saenz's 15th homer extended the Dodgers' lead to 6-4 in the fifth.

Los Angeles led 2-0 in the first on Kent's run-scoring single and a sacrifice fly by Ricky Ledee. The Dodgers added two runs in the second on a suicide squeeze by Jason Repko and a ground-rule double from Robles.

Repko led off the fourth with his seventh homer on a 1-2 pitch from Byung-Hyun Kim, making it 5-0. Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said Kim tweaked his right hip at one point, causing his velocity to drop about 5 mph for two innings.

"He wasn't himself, but he said he could get through it," Hurdle said. "He really didn't fess up early, and then he told us the truth. But he wanted to compete and he wanted the ball."

Junior varsity Eagles win big

The Colby High School Lady Eagles junior varsity tennis team had three winning meets in one week, said junior varsity coach Eugene Rothfuss.

"They started with the WaKeeney Invitational on Thursday, Sept. 8, followed up with a quick trip to Norton for a quad meet on Saturday, Sept. 10, and then hurried down to Garden City for a highly-competitive 13-team bracketed tourney on Monday," he said.

The Lady Eagles took first place as a team in both WaKeeney and Norton, and finished fifth out of 13

teams in Garden City against a field that included both Dodge City and Great Bend.

Outstanding among the individuals on the Lady Eagles, team was the exceptional play of both Lindsey Wilson and Stephanie Albers, playing #1 and #2 singles respectively at WaKeeney — each taking first place.

At Norton and Garden City, they teamed up as the #1 doubles duo and took first at Norton and third at Garden City.

The #2 doubles team of Cyndi Rothfuss and Emily Dougherty

took second at WaKeeney.

Rothfuss then stepped over to the #2 Singles slot and swept to first place in Norton and third place in Garden City, he said.

Also competing for the Lady Eagles was the doubles team of Liz Erickson and Quinnlyn Woofter, who finished fourth at WaKeeney in #1 doubles and 7th in #2 doubles at Garden City. The team of Emily Dougherty and Woofter competed as #2 doubles at Norton and took second.

A newcomer to the team, Gillian Zambrana, the Bolivian exchange student to Colby High School, took third in #1 Singles at Norton and seventh in Garden City.

The next junior varsity tennis matches will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. in Hays.

Mud bog planned for Saturday

The Northwest Kansas Mud Bog Association will be holding a mud bog on Saturday, Sept. 17.

Location for the mud bog from Colby is west on Highway 24 4 miles and 2 1/2 miles south. Signs will be posted. Gates open at 10 a.m. The show will begin at 1 p.m.

For more information call (785) 460-7566 after 6 p.m. or (785) 443-3300.

Everyone is encouraged to come out for the fun and cheer on their favorite "dirty driver".

Seventh grade football wins first game of year

On Thursday, Sept. 1, the Colby Middle School seventh grade football team opened its season with a 26-0 win over the Goodland Mustangs. The Eagles started strong in the first quarter with right half back Taylor Moeder scoring on a 3 yard run. Left halfback Sam Kendrick also scored in the first quarter on a 54 yard scamper. The Mustangs held on both extra point attempts.

In the second quarter, quarterback Kale Arnberger scored on a run of 10 yards. The Mustangs again held on the conversion attempt to make the halftime score 18-0. After a scoreless third quarter, right halfback Andrew Flanagan scored on a 25 yard run. The extra point attempt was good on a pass from Arnberger to tight end Rocque Russell.

The defense was led by pass interceptions by Corbin Stephens and Arnberger. Russell also recovered

a fumble. Other Eagles with good defensive games were Ryan Parker, Josh Middleton, Drew White, Nathan Quagliano and Travis White.

"Assistant coach T.J. Scholz and I were very proud of the way our offense and defense performed for their first game," said coach John Miles. "The defense did a great job by recording a shut out and our offensive line did a great job of blocking for our backs."

After the game a 20-play fifth quarter was held. Stephens scored on a seven yard run. Chase Harlow recovered a fumble.

Chiefs player faces charges

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City Chiefs running back Larry Johnson, who turned himself in this week to face an assault charge, said Wednesday he is not "a woman-beater."

"This is something I don't want to be named for as a woman-beater because that is not my M.O. That is not how I was raised," Johnson said.

Johnson, who scored two touchdowns against the New York Jets on Sunday and appears to be an emerging star, turned himself in Monday to face an assault charge in connection with an altercation with his girlfriend. He issued a brief statement after practice Wednesday but declined to take questions.

Police Department spokesman Darin Snapp said Johnson was cited for domestic abuse assault after the incident in a Kansas City bar. The woman claimed only that she was bruised.

He posted bond and was released, with a court date set for Sept. 20.

"Basically, I will say this. It is an unfortunate event that happened to me Friday night," Johnson said.

"But let's get the fact clear right now. This police report was not signed by this young lady, and I take my hat off to this young lady to come in and obviously make a report saying something did happen to her. And I also praise her for coming back and saying there's a mistake in that report."

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Friday barbecue for hurricane victims

The Colby FFA Chapter is sponsoring a barbecue from 5 to 7:30 p.m., Friday, before the Colby-Oberlin football game at Dennen Field. All proceeds from the event will go to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The menu will include hamburgers, chips, beans and drinks.

Eagles at home Friday

The Colby High School Eagles varsity football squad will play Oberlin at home at Dennen Field Friday. The game starts at 7 p.m. The junior cheerleaders will perform at halftime.

Middle school volleyball at Goodland Saturday

The Colby Middle School Eagles seventh and eighth grade volleyball teams will be traveling to Goodland for a tournament. Other teams competing are Burlington, Quinter, Scott City and Wray. Play starts at 10 a.m.

Varsity tennis at Lindsborg

The Colby High School Lady Eagles tennis team will travel to Lindsborg for a tennis tournament Saturday. Match play begins at 9 a.m.

Colby Federated football on Saturday

There will be Colby Federated Football this Saturday. Teams from Colby will play Norton at Dennen Field. Fourth grade will play at 10:30 a.m.; fifth grade, 11:30 a.m. and sixth grade, 1 p.m.

Colby Invitational golf tournament Monday

Colby High School's Lady Eagle golfers will play host to the Colby Invitational on Monday at Colby Country Club. Both varsity and junior varsity golfers will compete in the tournament, which starts at 5 p.m.

College pool fall hours announced

Colby Community College fall pool hours have been announced. Lap swimming will be from 5-7 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Open swimming is from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; from 4-6 p.m. on Fridays and from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, contact Kipp Nelson at 462-3984 Ext. 304.



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