

Golfer comes in second

Colby Community College sophomore Chelsie Gausman shot a 164 on 36 holes, taking second out of 29 players at the Dodge City Invitational at the Mariah Hills Golf Course.

Gausman shot an 84 on the first 18 and an 80 on the second on Monday and Tuesday.

The Lady Trojans finished fourth out of five teams with a score of 880. Northwestern Oklahoma State from Alva took first with 673. The Rangers' Amanda Dixon shot the lowest round, finishing with a 158.

The other teams in the invitational were Barton County Community College from Great Bend, Dodge City Community College and Northwest Kansas Technical College from Goodland. Three golfers from Coffeyville Community College participated, but it takes four golfers to get a team score.

Colby Sophomore Jessica Leiker tied for 12th with a 192. She shot a 96 on both days.

"She played really well," said assistant coach Lisa Stithem.

Sophomore Christy Colson shot a 231 and freshman Kayla Waugh finished with a 293.

The Lady Trojans will put on the Colby College Invitational on Sunday and Monday, Sept. 19 and 20, at the Atwood Golf Course. Action begins at 2:30 p.m. Sunday and 9:30 a.m. Monday.

Showers could affect tennis open

NEW YORK (AP) – Eyes were on Kim Clijsters, Andy Murray and a hurricane named Earl as play began Friday under gray skies at the U.S. Open.

The forecast from the tournament's meteorologist called for intermittent showers. Officials planned to try to get in the full schedule of matches.

The main concern went from heat to rain in a matter of hours. Defending champion Clijsters, the second-seeded woman, and the fourth-seeded Murray were play at Arthur Ashe Stadium on Friday afternoon. Venus Williams and Rafael Nadal were to play the night matches.

Maria Sharapova's next match at the Open will come against yet another teenager who looks up to her – 18-year-old Beatrice Capra. The 371st-ranked American, with a win in that third-round match, would be one step closer to becoming the 2010 version of Melanie Oudin.

As a 17-year-old underdog last year, Oudin's magical run to the U.S. Open quarterfinals started getting serious when she beat her third-round opponent – none other than Sharapova.



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
Colby Community College freshman Nora Roth went up for a bump during the Lady Trojans' home opener against Garden City Community College on Wednesday at the Community Building.

Colby C squad wins two matches

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The Colby High volleyball C team kicked off its season by winning two of three matches in a quad Thursday at Colby High School.

The Lady Eagles opened the quad by winning a hotly-contested match over Heartland High School 25-19, 17-25, 15-13.

The Lady Crusaders built a 18-12 lead over Colby in the second set. Later on, sophomore McKenna Ortner scored on a serve, cutting Heartland's lead to 19-14. But the girls were unable to cut any further into the Lady Crusaders' lead and lost the set 17-25.

Colby led Heartland 5-4 early in the third. Freshman Madison Rogers scored on two straight serves, stretching the Lady Eagles' lead to 10-7. The girls held on to their lead and won 15-13.

Colby fell to Norton in two sets (25-13, 25-18) in its second match. The Lady Blue Jays jumped out to an 11-4 lead in the first. They held on their lead and won the second 25-18.

The second was much more competitive. The two teams were knotted at 9 early, but the Lady Blue Jays were once again able to build a comfortable lead. Later on, Norton's Alexis Livey scored on a serve, stretching her team's lead to 18-12. The Lady Blue Jays held on to their lead and prevailed 25-18.

The Lady Eagles scrapped their way to a victory over Thomas More Prep-Marian High (20-25, 25-22, 15-10).

The girls fell behind 10-0 to start the first set. The Lady Eagles mounted a ferocious rally, scoring 16 of the next 23 points, cutting Marian's lead to 17-16. The Lady Monarchs recaptured the momentum, scoring the next three points to make it 20-16. They went on to win the set 25-20.

Rogers scored on three straight serves, including one ace, early in the second. Colby was eventually able to inch ahead of its opponents, taking a 13-10 lead. The girls clung to their slim lead throughout the set. More-Prep Marian cut the Lady Eagles' lead to 19-17, but freshman Haley Mengel scored on a serve. Colby went on to win the set 25-22.

The girls trailed 5-4 early in the third. Shull scored on two straight serves to put Colby up 6-5. Later on, Rogers scored on three straight serves, including one ace, to make it 10-6. Colby held tight to its lead as the final set drew to a close.

Freshman Morgan Mengel, Haley's twin sister, scored on a spike to put Colby up 13-9. Rogers ended the set and the match with a kill after a long volley between the two teams, giving the Lady Eagles a 15-10 win.

The girls play next in a triangular with St. Francis and Oberlin at 4 p.m. Tuesday at St. Francis.

Cross country rookie takes first at Goodland

Colby High junior Emilea Finley ran first in the Eagles' first cross country meet of the year at Goodland on Thursday, finishing in 16 minutes, four seconds in her first cross country race.

On the boys side, sophomore Dustin Reed took second with 19:18.

The girls' squad took second out of eight teams with a score of 36 and the boys took third out of four teams.

Senior Katrina Kaus came in second with 16:40 and her twin sister Katherine snagged fourth with 18:08. Coach Bob Mannebach said Finley and the Kaus' sisters all looked great during the race. He added that Finley had

a great run for her the first cross country race.

The rest of the girls' times include senior Sara Martin, 21:29; junior Christina Ostmeyer, 21:57; and sophomore Morgan Shull, 27:43. Junior Andrea Torres, didn't finish.

Junior Jared Nally led the boys, finishing eighth.

"Dustin Reed and Jared Nally improved their times from last year as they ran a great race," the coach said.

Freshman Reed Stephens came in 13th with 21:23 and junior Amy Schroeder placed 13th with 20:40. The coach said Stephens had great first run.

The rest of the boys scores in-

clude junior Jordan Rasmussen, 22:12; senior Andrew Ketchum, 22:13; junior Jake Thompson, 22:28; sophomore Brad Schroeder, 21:41; sophomore Brady Rose, 21:44; sophomore Blake McNinch, 22:57; sophomore Matt Dickman, 24:05; sophomore Henry Schuette, 27:13; sophomore Kyle Peterson, 29:32; and freshman March Bremenkamp, 25:27.

"Overall, I was really pleased with our first race on a tough course," Mannebach said. "We had many individuals who improved their times from last year in their first race at Goodland."

The teams will run again at 5 p.m. Thursday at Quinter.

Lady Eagles' teams dominate

The Lady Eagles varsity and junior varsity volleyball team both went undefeated in a triangular at Norton on Tuesday.

The varsity beat Osborne 25-17, 17-25, 25-16 and swept Norton 25-13, 25-13.

"It was an overall team effort," Coach Lesley

Wagoner said. "The girls served well, hit well and played the net tough."

The junior varsity beat Osborne in two sets 25-17, 25-17 and pounded Norton 25-17, 25-18.

Both teams play St. Francis and Oberlin in a triangular at 4 p.m. Tuesday at St. Francis.

Quarterback ready for the Jayhawks

FARGO, N.D. (AP) – The Pacific coastal town of Cardiff-By-the-Sea, Calif., is long gone from Jose Mohler's rearview mirror. He never was a surfer, and his mother told him to give up skateboarding when he was in the sixth grade to avoid breaking a wrist.

It's a long way to Fargo, but the distance these days is not so bad. That's because Fargo-By-the-Red River, N.D., is where he sets up shop year-around.

Jose these days carries himself like a leader. He seems more at ease in front of the microphones and cameras. He shakes hands

with other adults. He smiles.

The same goes at practice.

"Throughout fall camp, I can see that he is coming out there taking over and getting more of a leadership role," said running back D.J. McNorton.

Mohler will be the starting quarterback when the Bison open their season Saturday night at the University of Kansas. He started the final four games last season, but that was after the Bison got off to a 1-6 start and were looking for a spark.

He got better as the season got older, finishing 43-of-72 passing

with six touchdowns and two interceptions.

He earned this start in a several-month-long competition. Mohler emerged in a competition with freshman Brock Jensen and junior Dante Perez. He's also emerged as a player who appears mentally ready for the job.

The impact on the Jayhawks on Saturday, most likely, will come in two areas: a high completion percentage in the West Coast offense and an ability to take care of the ball.

Rockies fall to Phillies

DENVER (AP) – Chase Utley drove in six runs and hit a grand slam to cap a nine-run seventh inning as Philadelphia overcame a four-run deficit and beat the Rockies 12-11.

Utley's six RBIs tied a career high and came after Ryan Howard and Jayson Werth also went deep during the big inning in which the Phillies had nine hits.

Antonio Bastardo (1-0) benefited from the Phillies' big inning, getting the win despite allowing

a run and four hits in one inning of relief. Brad Lidge got the last three outs for his 19th save but not before giving up a run.

Carlos Gonzalez hit his 31st homer and Chris Iannetta and Dexter Fowler also homered as the Rockies built a 7-3 lead heading into the seventh.

Manny Delcarmen (0-1) gave up four earned runs on four hits while getting just one out in his NL debut.

Volleyball moved to this Tuesday

A Colby Community College home volleyball match with Trinidad State from Colorado scheduled for Monday has been moved to Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Building.

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