

## Girls go 1-1 on road

The Colby High varsity girls volleyball team went 1-1 in a triangular at St. Francis and Oberlin on Tuesday at St. Francis.

The Lady Eagles suffered a loss to Oberlin 25-9, 25-11 in their first match.

"I felt like we played extremely timid against Oberlin," coach Lesley Wagoner said. "We were second-guessing where we needed to be and just didn't play the game."

The girls bounced back in their next match, defeating St. Francis in three sets 29-27, 23-25, 25-17.

The coach said her team started playing better in its second match and, by the third set, they were starting to play as well as they had been in practice.

Wagoner said her team had too many missed serves against St. Francis, but it played the course well and went after some tough shots.

Wagoner said sophomore Shelby Gardner had a good day setting and hitting.

Colby is now 3-1. The girls will play in a quad against Guymon, Okla., Liberal and Ulysses at 4 p.m. Saturday at Liberal.

## Motoring down the field



Colby seventh grader Matthew Pieper motored down field during the his team's game against Oakley on Thursday at Dennen Field. Colby won the game 22-0.

## Bulldogs lose opener

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The Golden Plains High School football squad played well against the Eight-Man Division I 2009 state champion Quinter Bulldogs in their season opener Friday.

Coach Travis Smith said he was pleased with how the boys played in spite of the 44-20 loss. Golden Plains graduated eight seniors from last season's district championship team. This year's squad includes a large group of freshmen and sophomores.

The game started out as a defensive battle, with Quinter the only team to score in the first quarter. In the second period, Golden Plains' offense went to work and put the ball into the end zone three times while allowing Quinter only one touchdown, giving the Bulldogs a 20-16 halftime lead. Junior Kalyn Weber ran in two of those touchdowns, and quarterback Rilee Spreser found senior Tate Preston with a touchdown pass.

In the second half, Quinter's offense stepped up and scored 14 points each in the third and fourth quarters and the champs picked up a 44-20 win.

Spreser threw four times for 71 yards and rushed for 52. Weber rushed 21 times for 120 yards. Junior Tyler Stevenson rushed twice for six yards and Sophomore Miguel Navarro advanced the ball for two yards.

Senior Devinn Ritter led the team in tackles with 19. Junior Tyler Stevenson tallied up 13, while Preston and Junior Cole Christensen each had 11. Spreser had 10, Weber 8, junior Trey Schwarz 8, senior Casey Gould 6, sophomore Andrew Luna 5, and Navarro 4.

The Bulldogs play their home opener against the Dighton Hornets at 7 p.m. Friday in Rexford. Dighton won its season opener last week with a 54-0 victory over Brewster/Triplains.

## Lady Eagles' golf squad finishes first at Goodland

The Lady Eagles varsity golf team took first out of six teams on Tuesday at the Goodland Invitational.

Colby finished with a 388, narrowly defeating Ulysses who finished with a 389.

Three golfers from the Lady Eagles' squad - junior Kaylee Keck, senior Abby Miller and St. Francis' Jaly McCauley - received medals, which were awarded to the top 10 finishers.

Colby High senior Kate Ostmeyer was unable to make it to the meet, so McCauley filled in for her. Since St. Francis doesn't have a girls' golf team, Colby reached a cooperative agreement with St. Francis that allows McCauley to ride with the Lady Eagles' to each tournament.

McCauley ended up playing a pivotal role in the Lady Eagles' success. She took second overall with a score of 92. She shot a 45 on her first nine and a 47 on the back nine. Junior Kaylee Keck was not far behind her, placing fourth with a 95. Keck was tied with Maggie Koops of Ulysses for fourth place after 18 holes, but she won the tiebreaker. She shot a 47 on her first nine holes and a 48 on the back nine.

Senior Abby Miller came in sixth with a 98. She shot a 47 on her first nine and a 48 on the back nine.

"Having three people in the 90's and no varsity players over 110 is incredible," coach Rick Williams said.

Other varsity scores include sophomore Karly Kriss, 103; and seniors Bailey Koerperich, 106; and Brittany Bange, 110.

Goodland, Thomas More Prep-Marian from Hays, Dundy County from Nebraska and Syracuse were the other teams who competed in the tourney. Three girls from Hugoton participated in the tourney, but you have to have at least four players in order to receive a team score. Each team's total reflects the sum of the golfers who had the four lowest scores.

Williams was pleased that the Lady Eagles' team score was significantly better than it was last season.

"Last year at this tournament, we shot a 461, so 388 is a pretty good improvement from last year," the coach said.

The Colby junior varsity team also competed in a nine-hole tourney at Goodland. Senior Kelsey Shields received a medal for taking fifth with 62. She was tied with another player, but she won the tiebreaker. The top five golfers were awarded medals.

The junior varsity girls will play at 3 p.m. Tuesday in a tournament at Ulysses.

The varsity team will hold the

Colby Invitational at 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, at Meadow Lake Golf Course.

## Colby girls team finishes second

The Colby High varsity tennis team finished second out of six teams at its home invitational on Saturday with 12 points.

Senior Caitlyn Wark went 1-1 and took second in No. 1 singles. Her loss came against Tawni Griffey of Norton in the finals.

The Colby junior varsity team placed sixth with five points.

The No. 2 doubles team of sophomore Tomi Miller and senior Theresa Bassett, a German foreign exchange student, took second. They lost to Kyra Fulton and Nikki McVey of Norton in the finals.

Norton finished first overall with 28.

Juniors Paige Roopchan and Madison Gawith finished third in No. 2 doubles and seniors Megan Dougherty and Lauren Shoaff took fourth in No. 1 doubles. Sophomore Keana Keck took fourth in No. 2 singles.

The other teams who participated were Liberal, Osborne, Plainville and Scott City.

The Lady Eagles' tennis team took second out of eight teams in a tournament at Hays with a score of 33 last Thursday.

The other teams participating in the meet were two Hays teams, Hays gold and Hays maroon; Norton, Victoria, Russell, Plainville and a Mixed team (a combination of girls from the different

schools.) Assistant coach Gene Rothfuss said they created an extra team so the number of teams in the tourney would be even.

Senior Caitlyn Wark took second in No. 1 singles action. After receiving a bye in the first round, she easily defeated her opponent from Victoria 8-3. Wark lost to Griffey in the finals. The loss snapped Wark's 37 match winning streak in the fall.

The No. 1 doubles team of seniors Dougherty and Shoaff went 2-1. They won their first match against a mixed team 8-6 and they beat Hays Maroon in a 9-8 tiebreaker in their second match. The duo won the tiebreaker 8-6. They lost Norton 8-6 in the finals.

Keck went 2-1 and finished second in No. 2 singles. She won her first match 8-2 and her second match against a player from Victoria 8-6. She lost in the finals to Hays' Gold 8-4.

The No. 2 doubles team of Roopchan and Gawith went 2-1. They won their first game versus a mixed team 8-6 and lost their second game 9-8 in a tiebreaker. They lost their tiebreaker 8-6. They won their third match by default and finished fifth.

The junior varsity will play next at 10 a.m. Saturday at Norton. The varsity will play next at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at Lindsborg.

## Older fans can get free passes

Colby Eagles sports fans 65 and older can save a few bucks by picking up Golden Eagle Passes at the high school office.

Fans can acquire the passes any day of the week, said Larry Gabel, high school principal and activi-

ties director. The passes are good for any home game during the school year except for the Eagle Invitational wrestling tournament and the Orange and Black Classic basketball tournament.

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