

Colby goes 1-2 on road

The Colby High volleyball team went 1-2 in a quad at Scott City on Thursday.

The Lady Eagles lost to Scott City 25-23, 28-30, 16-25.

"We struggled putting the ball away, but we continued to work through that," Coach Lesley Wagoner said.

The girls dropped their first set to Oakley in their second match 28-26, but they bounced back and won the next two sets 25-23, 25-21.

The coach said the girls' passing was awesome and their hitters began hitting well and placing the ball away from the defense.

Wagoner said junior Morgan Bell and senior Kelsey Voss were key players in the game against Oakley.

"They hit well and played smart," Wagoner said.

The Lady Eagles were swept by Hoxie in their final match 25-14, 25-14. The coach said her team never really got things rolling against the Lady Indians.

"We had some good angle hits that just landed out of bounds," Wagoner said.

The coach added that she was still pleased with how her defense played throughout the night. She said sophomore Shelby Gardner played well setting and hitting on the right side and senior Anna Taylor did a good job stepping in and playing defense.

The Lady Eagles will play in a quad at 8 a.m. Saturday at Liberal.

Seattle Storm captures title

ATLANTA (AP) – The Seattle Storm are champions again.

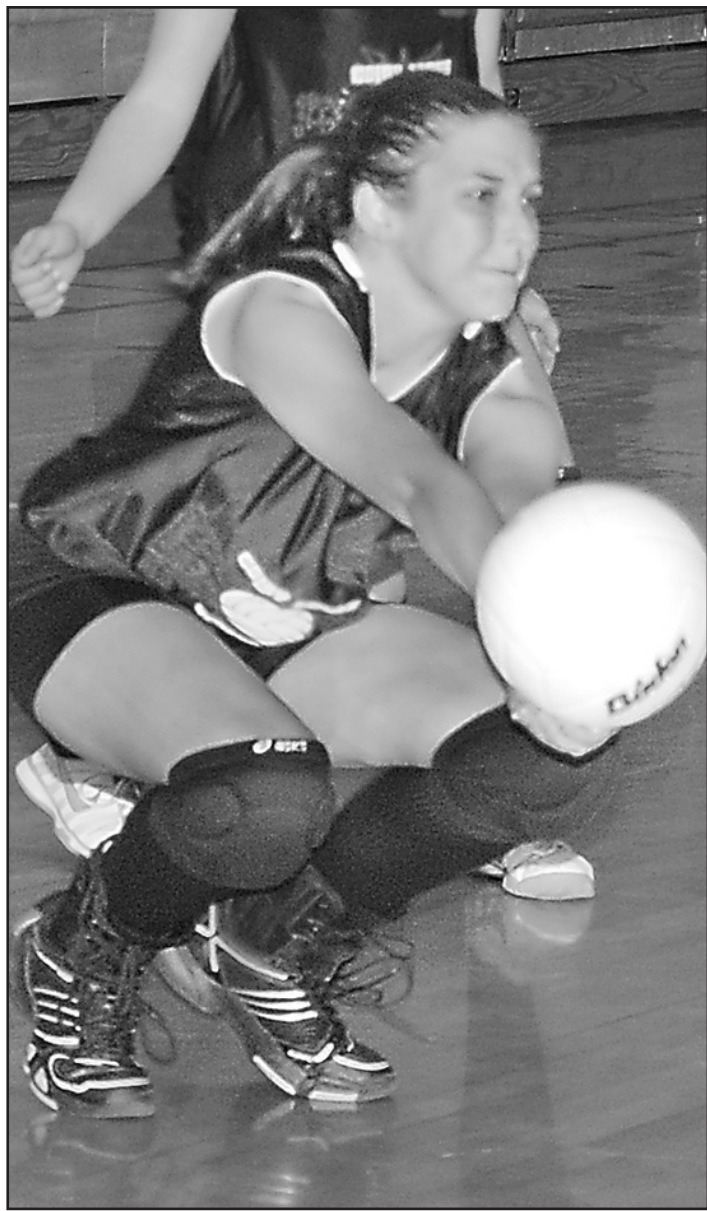
Seattle completed its undefeated march through the postseason, beating the Atlanta Dream 87-84 on Thursday night for a three-game sweep in the WNBA finals.

The Storm won each of its seven postseason games for its second WNBA title. The Storm also won the 2004 championship.

Swin Cash scored 18 points to lead a balanced offense as Seattle overcame 35 points by Atlanta's Angel McCoughtry. Lauren Jackson had 15 points and nine rebounds and was selected MVP of the finals.

McCoughtry, tried to rally Atlanta with nine points in the final 2:30.

Taking a bump shot



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
Colby High freshman Abby Friesen hit a bump shot during the Colby C-team's match against Wheatland/Grinnell Thursday at Colby High School. The Lady Eagles lost the match 25-22, 25-17. The match was part of a quad being held by the C-team.

Lady Eagles squad has successful week

The Lady Eagles' junior varsity team strung together a solid week of volleyball, winning five of their six matches.

Colby won two out of three of its matches on Thursday in a quad against Hoxie, Scott City and Oakley at Scott City. They fell to the hometown team in the first round, losing the match in three sets. The Lady Eagles managed to win the first set 25-18, but Scott City won the next two sets 25-14, 16-14. Colby went on to defeat Hoxie in three sets 21-25, 25-22, 15-7 and they swept Oakley 25-22, 26-24.

The Lady Eagles went 3-0 in a quad at Liberal on Tuesday. The girls didn't lose a set all day. They beat the hometown team 25-18, 25-16 and defeated Ulysses 25-

23, 25-15. Colby also beat Guyton, Okla., 25-22, 25-20.

"The girls are having a lot of fun and gaining more knowledge about the game of volleyball," said coach Roni Dietz. "We continue working on basic fundamentals and the mental aspects about the game."

The coach said this has been tough week for her team. The girls have played 10 matches in six days.

"That is pretty demanding on the girls, physically and mentally," Dietz said.

The Lady Eagles' record is now 11-3.

They play Norton and Rawlins County in a triangular at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, at Atwood.

Eighth grade Eagles squad triumphs over Goodland

The Colby eighth grade football team maintained its undefeated streak on Thursday with a 16-12 win at Goodland.

"We won because we battled hard as a team, overcame our mistakes and made big plays when we needed them," coach Todd Murdock said.

The coach said his team played pretty well defensively against the Cowboys' spread offense.

"We contained their quarterback better than we did last year and we got a good pass rush most of time so he didn't have so much time to throw the ball," he said.

Murdock praised his special teams for playing well despite

the fact that the team's punter and kicker Caleb Mazanec was hurt this week.

"Austin Schissler and Josh Matchell filled in kicking duties and our coverage was very good," Murdock said.

The coach said his team needs to cut down on its mental mistakes and penalties.

"We need to take care of the ball better," he said. "It's difficult to win if we are fumbling and turning the ball over."

Colby shut out Oakley Middle School 32-0 Thursday, Sept. 9, at Dennen Field.

"We played good team defense and stopped their inside trap much

better than we did last year and better than we did against Hays Kennedy (who they played two weeks ago)," Murdock said.

The coach said the Eagles blocked well on the perimeter and down field.

"Oakley took away everything except our outside plays," the coach said. "Our tight end, slot backs and receivers were able to consistently make blocks that got us around the corner into the secondary."

The team plays Holcomb Middle School at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Dennen Field.

Junior varsity girls take second

The Colby High junior varsity tennis team performed well in a meet at Garden City, finishing second out of 12 teams on Monday.

The No. 1 doubles team of junior Keana Keck and sophomore Janessa Williams finished first with a 3-0 record. The No. 2 doubles team of sophomores Alexa Schindler and Tomi Miller went 2-1 and snagged second. Senior Laura Juenemann came in third in No. 1 singles with a 3-1 record and senior Theresa

Bassett went 3-2.

"The girls have improved tremendously," coach Gene Rothfuss said.

The other teams that participated in the meet were three Garden City teams, Dodge City, Liberal, Hugoton, Great Bend, Scott City, Meade, Ulysses and Hays.

The Lady Eagles are playing in a meet at Hays today.

Iowa State focuses on Wildcats' back

AMES, Iowa (AP) – Iowa State knows the drill well for Saturday's showdown with Kansas State in the Big 12 opener for both.

A year ago, Wildcats running back Daniel Thomas rushed for 96 yards in Kansas State's wild 24-23 win over the Cyclones at Arrowhead Stadium and has been one of the nation's running backs so far this season.

Thomas, who converted to running back last season, ranks third in the country with 185.5 rushing yards per game and scored four touchdowns in early wins over UCLA and Missouri State.

Iowa State's rush defense was sliced up for 275 yards in a blow-out loss at No. 9 Iowa last week. If the Cyclones (1-1) can find a way to contain the explosive Thomas

and Kansas State (2-0), they've got a shot at a much-needed win.

If not? Well, Iowa State will probably find itself on the wrong end of the Arrowhead scoreboard yet again in Kansas City, Mo.

"I think that slowing down Thomas is very important. I don't know if you can stop him," Iowa State coach Paul Rhoads said.

At 6-foot-2 and 228 pounds, Thomas presents a big challenge for Iowa State's beleaguered front seven. The Cyclones know they can't afford to let Thomas get as comfortable as Iowa's running

backs were last week.

The Hawkeyes used their ground game to set up long touch-down drives on each of their first two possessions, and running back Adam Robinson rushed for a career-high 156 yards on just 14 carries.

Iowa State also lost middle line-backer Matt Tau'fo'ou to a broken leg, forcing 207-pound untested sophomore Matt Morton into the starting lineup. Freshman safety Jacques Washington will also likely have to play the run – and the beefy Thomas.

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