

Eagles fall 14-6 at home

The Colby High junior varsity football team suffered its first defeat of the season on Monday at Dennen Field, losing to Scott City 14-6.

The game was knotted at 6 at halftime. The Beavers broke the tie on a short run in the second quarter. Later in the quarter, coach Brad Wildeman said sophomore wide receiver Quade Woofter caught about a 20-yard tipped pass thrown by sophomore quarterback Todd Kane and ran it about 30 yards for a 50-yard touchdown.

Neither team was able to score in the third, but Scott City managed to score on another short touchdown run with about four minutes left in the game. The Beavers' two-point conversion was successful, giving them a 14-6 lead.

The Eagles had shot at scoring with under a minute to go in the game, but a dropped pass in the end zone dashed any hopes Colby had of making a comeback.

"The game was hard fought by both teams," said Wildeman.

With the loss, Colby dropped to 2-1. The Eagles play at 4 p.m. Monday at Holcomb.

Senior runner gets fastest time

The Colby High junior varsity cross country runners competed at the Hays Invitational last Thursday.

Senior Sam Kendrick finished first among Eagles' junior varsity runners with a time of 20 minutes and 56 seconds. Senior Andrew Ketchum completed the race in 21 minutes.

Other Eagles' times included junior Jake Thompson, 21:01; sophomore Matt Dickman, 21:55; freshman Marc Bremenkamp, 22:32; sophomore Henry Schuette, 23:24; and sophomore Kyle Peterson, 24:17.

On the girls side, sophomore Morgan Smull finished with 28:44 and junior Andrea Torres finished with 28:49.



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Colby High senior Lauren Shoaff, pictured here at tennis practice on Wednesday, and the rest of the Lady Eagles took sixth out of 12 teams at the Lindsborg on Saturday.

Tennis team takes sixth

The Colby High tennis team took sixth out of 12 teams at a meet in Lindsborg on Saturday with a score of 40.

Wichita Independent finished first with 83 points.

Senior Caitlyn Wark finished fourth in the A pool.

"She had a couple of tough opponents from Independent and Marysville," said Coach Jennifer Rall.

The coach said Wark played well overall.

"She never quit," Rall said. "She just couldn't get the wins she needed."

The rest of the Lady Eagles' squad competed in the B pool. The No. 1 doubles team of seniors Megan Dougherty and Lauren Shoaff finished the day with two wins and three losses. They finished sixth.

Colby senior Laura Juemann went 0-4 in No. 2 singles and the team of juniors Megan Schroeder and Paige Roopchan went 1-4 in No. 2 doubles action. Juemann, Schroeder and Roopchan placed ninth in their respective pools.

"It was very hot and I think humidity played a factor," Rall said.

The other teams who competed in the meet were Andover, Baldwin City, Collegiate, Lyons, Marysville, Pratt, two Smokey Valley teams and two Topeka

Hayden teams.

Coach Rall took three junior varsity players to a varsity meet at Scott City on Monday.

Sophomore Janessa Williams took sixth in No. 2 singles. The team of junior Hannah Giebler and freshman Sara Lamm took fourth in No. 2 doubles.

"They played well and I was happy they could get the varsity experience," Rall said.

The other teams in the invitational were Tribune, Garden City, two Scott City teams, Ulysses, WaKeeney and Liberal.

The girls play next at 9 a.m. Saturday at Garden City.

Walk-on player gets scholarship for work ethic

MANHATTAN (AP) — When William Powell received a text message recently instructing him to report to the football office, he had a hunch it was good news.

A walk-on, Powell's hard work and performance had been rewarded. When Kansas State hosts Central Florida on Saturday, Powell will take the field for the first time as a scholarship player.

As soon as he got the news, the senior running back immediately headed for head coach Bill Snyder's office and thanked him.

"I appreciate that because that's the kind of guy he is," Snyder

said. "Any time you do something for him, he'll respond in the right way, and he did, and he was pleased about it and was very grateful."

The senior earned his scholarship by contributing on special teams units and providing a quick-hitting complement to Kansas State's No. 1 running back, Daniel Thomas.

There was a hint of sadness for Powell, too. His mother died of cancer last year, and he wished she could have lived to see him realize his dream of landing a scholarship to a major college football

program.

"She loved football," Powell said. "She was big on my success. She was part of the reason I came here. It probably would've meant the world to her."

Powell ran for 121 yards and two touchdowns in the first two games, against UCLA and Missouri State, and is averaging more than 11 yards per run. Then last week in a victory over Iowa State, he had 116 yards in kick returns and was named Big 12 special teams player of the week.

"One of my initiatives is to get on the field in as many areas as I can," Powell said. "I play a lot of special teams and I played a little bit of receiver last year."

"We have confidence in William," he said. "It's not like we're dropping off the table when we make that substitution. William's a formidable running back, does a nice job for us."

Hot teams fail to fill stands

CINCINNATI (AP) — When the Reds called up crowd-pleasing reliever Aroldis Chapman at the end of August, players hoped his 103 mph fastball would finally fill the seats at Great American Ball Park.

"We were talking about it a little bit in the bullpen," Cincinnati reliever Sam LeCure said. "We were saying, 'I hope when Aroldis comes, they can get more people in the seats.'"

Not even his blink-of-an-eye pitch could pack 'em in.

The Reds are on the brink of securing their first playoff appearance in 15 years, but they're

having trouble drawing much of a crowd to see it happen. Attendance is up roughly 4,000 per game at Great American, but the Reds still rank near the bottom of the National League.

They're not alone, either. Atlanta, San Diego and Tampa Bay are struggling at the gate while they fight for a spot in the postseason.

Heading into games on Thursday, all four were in position to make the playoffs as either division champions or wild-card teams. None of the four ranked higher than ninth in attendance in their leagues, according to STATS LLC.

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Jayhawks' player turns fans around

LAWRENCE (AP) — Only one week separated the worst game of Tim Biere's life from just about the best.

With a much larger role in a brand new offense, the Kansas tight end thought he might begin a breakout year in the opener against lowly North Dakota State. But before he'd completed the first game of his junior year, he was booted off the field. He had fumbled both of the passes thrown to him, including one late in the fourth quarter that doomed any chance of avoiding one of the worst losses in Jayhawk history.

Seven days later, however, he caught the first touchdown pass of his career to help Kansas redeem itself with a shocking victory over then-No. 15 Georgia Tech.

Boos turned to cheers, frowns to smiles and he's happy headed into Saturday's home game against New Mexico State.

"It was kind of a relief," said Biere, an Omaha, Neb., native. "I had the worst game of my life the first week, and then bounced back. Though it still wasn't the perfect game by any means, but it was better than the first week."

Nearly anything would have been an improvement from week one. Biere put the blame on himself for Kansas' embarrassing 6-3 defeat after his costly fumbles. The second, on third down with less than 3 minutes left in the game, all but sealed the victory for the Bison in a stunning disappointment for Turner Gill's debut as Kansas coach.

The crowd cheered when he was subbed out. All the next week, Biere didn't even feel like showing his face on campus.

"I felt so bad," he said. "I put a lot of it on me and I just thought my teammates were going to be kind of (angry) at me."

His teammates, however backed him and Biere didn't want to be anywhere in Lawrence except with his team for that week.

"I think that really helped out that, as teammates, we didn't get down on Tim Biere," said wide receiver Daymond Patterson. "We know how good of a player he

is."

Biere redeemed himself immediately with a touchdown that gave the Jayhawks their first lead against the heavily favored Yellow Jackets. That 2-yard reception was Biere's only catch in what he called "one of the best games of my life."

"To be honest, I was more excited because we just took the lead on Georgia Tech," he said.

Perhaps no player reflects this year's overhauled Kansas team more than Biere. Under a new coach, new staff and new playbook, he has had a rebirth at tight end. In his first two years under former coach Mark Mangino, he was barely visible behind standout receivers Dezmon Briscoe and Kerry Meier, who now sit at No. 1 and 2 respectively on Kansas' all-time receiving list.

With those two gone and a new tight ends coach, Biere received an entirely new role in the offense. In the first meeting with the tight ends, coaches promised they would be a lot more involved.

"It was kind of a change, the first couple of games, to get used to," Biere said. "Sunday morning I was a lot more sore than I had been in the past. But I think we're all in great condition and we're ready to do that."

Even after losing their two top performers, the Jayhawks' receiving corps is crucial with freshmen at running back and quarterback. Offensive coordinator Chuck Long had seen enough from Biere to know that first game was a fluke.

"He had a rough first game, everybody has those games," Long said. "I believe in tight ends and we believe in Tim, and we're going to keep going."

Last week, Biere pulled in the second-most yards receiving in his career with 33 in Kansas' 31-16 loss to Southern Mississippi. His rising value earned him a spot on the John Mackey Award's pre-season watch list for outstanding tight end, joining Andrew Jones from Missouri and Ryan Deehan from Colorado from the Big 12.

Arizona sweeps struggling Rockies

PHOENIX (AP) — Stephen Drew homered and had four RBIs, Kelly Johnson hit a two-run shot and the Arizona Diamondbacks beat Colorado 10-9 to complete a three-game sweep of the fading Rockies.

Colorado had won 13 of 15 in another late-season run to get close in the NL West, but leaves the desert 3½ games behind San Francisco in the division and Atlanta in the wild-card race.

Jeff Francis (4-6) struggled in his second start off the disabled list and the Rockies got little production from Troy Tulowitzki to

go home on a debilitating four-game losing streak.

Carlos Gonzalez hit his first career grand slam in the seventh inning and added a two-run single in Colorado's three-run ninth, but the Rockies couldn't come all the way back.

Tulowitzki, having a huge September, went 2 for 12 in the series. His only RBI came in the ninth on a groundout with runners at second and third and one out. That cut Arizona's lead to 10-9, but

Juan Gutierrez struck out pinch-hitter Melvin Mora with two on for his 12th save.

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