



Eagles JV hammers old rival

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The Colby junior varsity football team got a little bit of revenge for the varsity team on Monday, pounding the Goodland Cowboys 24-6 at Dennen Field.

Sophomore tight end Trek Keck said everyone did their jobs and played together as a team.

“The line blocked the best they have all year,” added freshman Andrew Taylor.

The game was knotted at 7 with less than four minutes left in the first quarter. Sophomore linebacker Macen Shell recovered a Cowboy fumble on the Eagles’ own seven-yard line. Moments later, Taylor burst through a hole and ran untouched into the end zone. Trying for a two-point conversion, Taylor took the handoff and was hit right away, but he kept his feet churning and got into the end zone, giving Colby a 16-6 lead.

Freshman Austin Boehme delivered a big hit to Goodland’s punt-return man at the Cowboys’ 38 in the second quarter. Later on, Keck sacked the quarterback on fourth down with four minutes left in the half.

Winger picked off a Goodland floater near the end of the second quarter at the Eagles’ 32. Then Taylor took a handoff and passed it deep to Winger, who made the catch at Goodland’s 27.

Winger caught an underthrown pass at Colby’s 14. He caught his third straight pass near the right sideline, broke a tackle, and ran it into the end zone with 12 seconds left in the half. The Eagles



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
Colby High freshman running back Andrew Taylor looked for a hole during the junior varsity’s game against Goodland on Monday at Dennen Field.

went for two and Taylor ran it in to make it 24-6.

Shull had some nice runs in the fourth, but he fumbled deep in the Cowboys’ territory and Goodland recovered the ball. Neither team

scored for the rest of the game and Colby picked up the 24-6 victory.

With the win, the junior varsity improved to 3-3. The boys will play their last game at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Oberlin.

Freshman’s future still unclear

LAWRENCE (AP) – If the NCAA lets him play, Josh Selby’s spectacular skills could make Kansas a Final Four contender.

In the meantime, he and the Jayhawks just wait for any word.

Coach Bill Self said at Kansas’ media day on Tuesday there had been no developments in the drawn-out case involving questions of academics and amateurism for his prized 6-foot-2 freshman point guard.

“We’ve been instructed not to talk about it until we have information, and we don’t have information yet,” Self said. “We do believe it’s coming to a head. But we don’t know when or what.”

For about three weeks, Selby was not even allowed to enroll. But since early September, the McDonald’s All-American, rated No. 1 in the nation by Rivals.com, has been going to class and working out with his teammates. He will be able to take part when formal practice starts on Friday.

But the NCAA has not said when, or if, he will be able to play \. The Jayhawks, picked second in the Big 12 in preseason polls, open on Tuesday, Nov. 12.

“We hope to have a resolution to it sooner rather than later. But I don’t know when that will be,” Self said. “I certainly understand

why this has taken a little bit of time, but I do think there will be a positive conclusion. Hopefully, shortly. But I don’t know that to be a fact.”

Speaking to reporters for the first time since he arrived on campus last summer, Selby admitted all the uncertainty has taken an emotional toll.

“It was pretty lonely at first,” he said, “but my teammates stayed behind me, supported me, motivated me being there, relaxing my mind, taking it out of my mind. I’m just thankful I have the teammates I have, because without them, I wouldn’t have made it through this.”

An extraordinary playmaker, Selby will step right in to replace departed Sherron Collins at point guard if the NCAA grants his eligibility. Aside from academics, there is also an issue regarding his association with Robert Frazier, business manager for Denver Nuggets star Carmelo Anthony.

The NCAA rules on prospects consulting with agents are foggy. Selby’s mother says Frazier is someone she has known since grade school and that he merely helped the family through the difficult recruiting process as a friendly adviser.

NCAA bylaws state that ath-

letes can have contact with agents as long as they do not “agree verbally or in writing to be represented by an athlete agent in the present or in the future for the purpose of marketing the student-athlete’s ability or reputation.”

Asked what qualities he brings to a team, Selby paused a moment to think.

“Toughness,” he said. “Somebody who can lead you, somebody who’s going to motivate you to hard work and can score, not just play. I want to win. That’s my big concern, winning.”

Leadership could be a problem for the Jayhawks, who have won the last six Big 12 championships but are picked second this season behind Kansas State. They lost Collins and Cole Aldrich, a second- and third-team All-America respectively, and freshman Xavier Henry.

Self said he will be looking to the Morris twins, Marcus and Markieff, for some leadership.

“Josh brings a lot of that to the table on his own, maybe like no other player we’ve had since I’ve been here at this stage of his career,” Self said. “A lot depends on him, what his status is, because he certainly brings a lot of the same attributes that Sherron did.”

Texas Rangers win American League West

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) – The Texas Rangers mobbed Cliff Lee in front of the pitcher’s mound before trotting off to the clubhouse for a celebration 50 seasons in the making.

Champagne was on ice, but first the bubbly flowed only after Josh Hamilton left the room.

“I’m speechless. This is so unbelievable,” Hamilton said Tuesday night after the Rangers beat Tampa Bay 5-1 in the decisive Game 5 of the AL division series.

Cliff Lee added another impressive line to his sparkling October resume, striking out 11, in a six-hitter that stopped the Rays from

finishing an improbable comeback in a series in which the road team won every game – a first in major league history.

“It was a lot of fun, I know that much,” Lee said. “We had our back against the wall today.”

Colby High golf squad qualifies for state tourney

The Lady Eagles varsity golf team qualified for the state tournament for the first time since 1998 by finishing second overall in their Class 4A regional on Monday in Goodland.

The Colby team finished with a team score of 405 strokes, figured by adding the four lowest individual scores together.

“Obviously, we are very excited to qualify as a team for the state tournament,” Coach Rick Williams said. “We have been building towards this for a couple years, and it’s great for our programs and our girls.”

The coach said making state is a great accomplishment for his team because two of his golfers, seniors Brittany Bange and Kim Gerstner, are playing their first year of golf and two others, seniors Abby Miller and Bailey Koerperich, are only in their second year.

Sophomore Karly Kriss earned a seventh-place medal by shooting a career best round of 96. Junior Kaylee Keck also got a medal, winning a playoff to take ninth with a 98.

“The team will lean on Karly and Kaylee this week as we prepare for the state tournaments, since they are returning state qualifiers and have been their before,” Williams said. “Their experience will be a real asset for our team as we head to Cheney next week.”

Koerperich shot a 104 and finished 14th, while seniors Miller and Gerstner both shot 107, tying for 15th. Bange finished with a 129.

Ulysses placed first as a team with a 395 and Buhler took third with a 409.

Keck shot a career best 89 at a meet in Syracuse, Kan., last Thursday, finishing third overall. The Lady Eagles finished fourth as a team with 404.

Williams said it was difficult course and a great tune up for regionals.

Miller finished 14th with a 100. Kriss shot a 102, Koerperich, 113; Bange, 116; and senior Kayla Ziegelmeier, 123.

Jaly McCauley of St. Francis finished first overall with an 87. Since St. Francis didn’t have enough golfers to form a team, the Colby and St. Francis coaches made a deal that allows McCauley to travel to tournaments with the Lady Eagles.

The Class 4A state tournament starts at 8:30 a.m. Monday at Cherry Oaks Golf Course in Cheney. To get there, take Interstate 70 east about 130 miles to the U.S. 281 exit at Russell. Go right (south), staying on U.S. 281 through Hoisington for about 87 miles. Turn left and go east on U.S. 54/400 for 53 miles, then take the 383rd Street exit and go south on South 383rd Street West, which turns into North Main. The golf course will be on the right.

Lady Eagles split matches; school says goodbye to seniors

The Lady Eagles varsity volleyball team gained a measure of revenge against the Quinter High girls for an earlier loss with 25-21, 25-21 win on Senior Recognition Night on Tuesday at the high school.

The match was part of a triangular meet with Quinter and Oberlin. Oberlin, the No. 1 team in Class 2A in the state, also had beaten the girls this season. The Lady Red Devils swept the Colby girls 25-10, 27-25.

“I thought the girls improved since our last meeting with these two teams, and I was pleased with how well they played tonight,” said coach Lesley Wagoner.

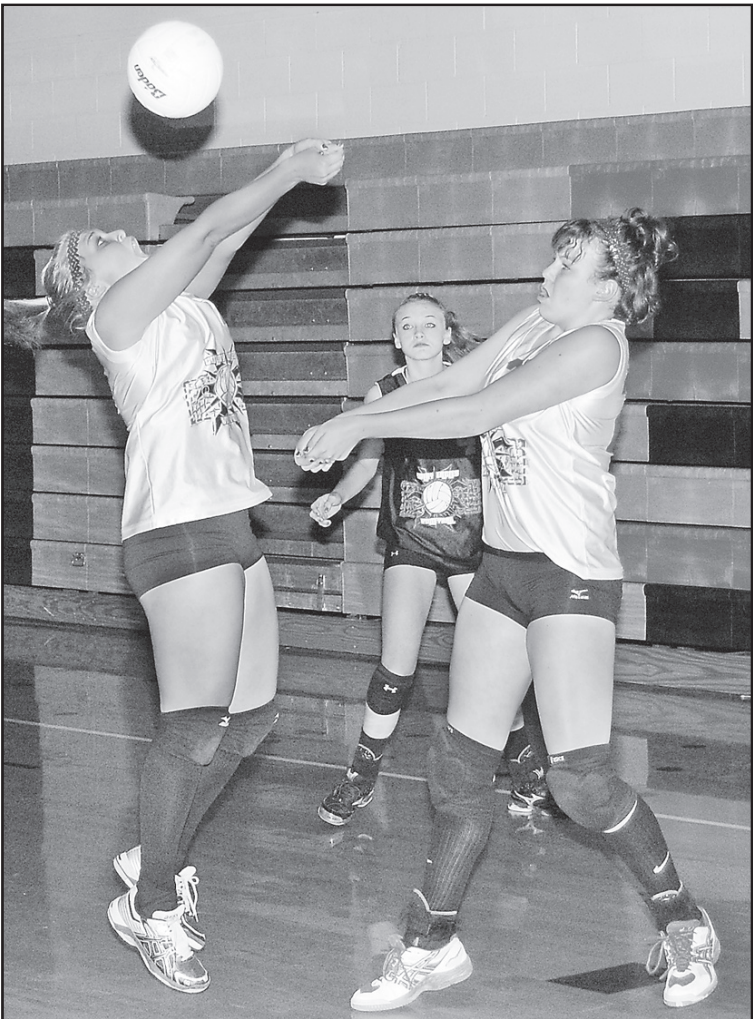
The senior girls recognized were Kelsey Voss, Anna Taylor, Kylie Reitchcheck, Shelby Terrell, Tera Raymond and c-team player Shelly Binder.

The junior varsity squad swept Quinter 25-14, 25-8, but they were whipped by Oberlin in three sets, 25-20, 20-25, 15-8.

The Colby C team competed in a triangular against Heartland and Liberal Baptist at the Community Building.

They lost to Heartland 25-15, 25-20, but swept Liberal 25-17, 25-15. Later that day, the younger girls got swept by the Oberlin C team 25-16, 25-22 at the high school.

The varsity will play in the Great West Activities Conference tournament at Ulysses on Saturday. The tourney starts at 10 a.m., and the Lady Eagles will play the



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Lady Eagles freshmen Andrea Zerr-Barton (left) and Victoria Rall got in position to hit the volleyball during a C team match against Oberlin on Tuesday at Colby High School.

second match of the day against Holcomb. The girls play in the Class 4A substate tournament at 2

p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at Nicker-son.

Heartland cruises to easy win

Heartland Junior High football team scored a crushing 60-6 victory over a cooperative team from Cheylin Brewster on Thursday at Brewster.

Eighth grader Blaine Wertz had five touchdowns; seventh grader Corey Wertz, Blaine’s younger brother, had one; and eighth-grade twin brothers Brennan and Brook Ziegelmeier combined for three. Seventh grader Gabriel Schriener and Matt Wertz, Blaine’s twin brother, both scored on two-point conversions.

On defense, Brook Ziegelmeier recovered two fumbles and Matt and Blaine each recovered a fum-

ble.

“Matt Wertz had a terrific game,” coach Steve Ziegelmeier said.

The coach said the boys showed great improvement on kickoff coverage after giving up two touchdowns on kickoff returns in the previous game. He said his team pinned the opponents deep

several times.

Brook Ziegelmeier and Taylor Miller each scored touchdowns in a flag-football fifth quarter held after the game.

With the win, Heartland improved to 4-1 for the season. The boys will play a cooperative team from Dighton and Healy at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Dighton.

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