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Junior Keana Keck played a No. 1 doubles match on Sept. 3 at the Colby Invitational at the Fike Park tennis courts. Keck and doubles partner Megan Schroeder took first place in the category and went 3-0 in their matches.

Eagles varsity tennis squad places first at home meet

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The Colby High School girls varsity tennis team finished in first place overall in the Colby Invitational tournament on Sept. 3 with 22 team points. Liberal came in second place with 14 points, Norton and Osbourne tied for third place with 13 points and Scott City finished in fourth with 10 points.

In No. 1 singles play, Colby player Paige Roopchan played three matches and went 2-1. The first match was against Scott City player Kathryn Buehler and Roopchan won it 6-1. The second match was against Norton's Tawni Griffi, and this time Roopchan couldn't keep up and lost 6-0. The final match was with Liberal player Kathy Nguyen and Roopchan was able to pull off the win with a score of 7-5.

For the entire category, Roopchan finished in second place. Griffi took first (3-0), Nguyen took third (1-2) and Buehler finished in fourth place (0-3).

In No. 2 singles, Colby's Bickner played four matches and went 3-1. Bickner played Alexa Schindler, who is also on Colby's team,

but was playing on the mixed team for No. 2 singles. Bickner won the match 6-2. Then, Bickner played Liberal player Jackie Nguyen and won again, this time 6-4. The next match, Bickner played with Scott City's Brianna Ermahizer and won this match as well, 6-0. The last match was against Norton player Sierra Black, and she gave Bickner her only loss with a score of 6-2.

There was a three-way tie for first place in the category so the coaches figured out the win percentage of each team and ranked them accordingly. Under this scoring, Bickner came in second place. Nguyen took the top spot (3-1), Black landed in third place (3-1), Schindler came in fourth (1-4) and Ermahizer finished in fifth (0-4).

In No. 1 doubles play, Colby players Megan Schroeder and Keana Keck played in Pool A against two other teams and went 2-0, putting them in first place for the pool. In the first match they played Carla Jo Robison and Ruth Keendel, who were playing for the mixed team. Schroeder and Keck won the match 6-2. Their next match was against Liberal players Lauren Harp and Melissa Alvarado, and the Colby girls won again, this time 6-4.

Schroeder and Keck then took on the winner of Pool B in bracket play, which was Osbourne's Jamie Cockerham and Taylor Noel (2-0). The Eagles won the match 7-5 and took first place in the category. Cockerham and Noel automatically came in second place. Liberal players Harp and Alvarado (1-1) battled Scott City's Krista Kucharik and Ameila Vasko (1-1), and the Scott City girls won 6-1, taking third and putting Liberal in fourth. Lastly, mixed team players Robison and Keendel (0-2) played Norton players Haley Wallingford and Katie Koch (0-2), and the Norton girls won 6-1. Norton received fifth place and the mixed team landed in sixth.

In No. 2 doubles, Sara Lamm and Hana Giebler played in Pool A as well against two other teams, and they too went 2-0. That put them in first place for the pool. For the first match, Lamm and Giebler faced mixed team players Kristen Burge and Molly Scott. The Colby girls won the match 6-3. Next, Lamm and Giebler played Liberal's Maddie Rees and Madison Martinez. The Eagles won again with a score of 6-1.

Lamm and Giebler then took on the winner of Pool B in bracket play, which was Osbourne players MacKenzie Cameron and Jenna Dibble (2-0). The Osbourne girls won the match 6-1 and took first place in the category, putting Lam and Giebler in second. Then, Liberal's Rees and Martinez (1-1) faced Scott City players Brenna Beeson and Callan Rice (1-1). The Scott City girls prevailed 6-4, taking third place. The Liberal players finished in fourth. Lastly, mixed team players Burge and Scott (0-2) played Norton's Rick-ele Green and Ashley Hildebrand (0-2). The Norton players won the match 6-1, giving them fifth place and putting the mixed team girls in sixth.

Head Coach Jennifer Rall was happy with the way her team played.

"We had a great day, took home the gold as a team, and our No. 1 doubles also got first," Rall said. "This is the first time they have played together and I was very pleased. Also, first time for Paige Roopchan to play No. 1 singles and she did a great job as well. Overall, very proud of all the girls."

Colby football team takes first loss of season

The Colby High School football team received its first loss Friday at Hugoton High School with a score of 21-16.

The Eagles (1-1) remained scoreless until the third quarter when they scored all of their points.

Junior running back and linebacker Beau Brown had 22 carries for 136 yards, and scored a touchdown in the third. The Eagles then completed a two point conversion to give them 8 points.

Sophomore running back and linebacker Andrew Taylor had 9 carries for 56 yards and scored the other touchdown of the game in the third. Once again, Colby attempted a two-point conversion and succeeded bringing the team to 16 points.

Sophomore quarterback Luke Cox completed 6 of 15 passes for 67 yards. Senior running back and

safety Konnor Kriss had 2 catches for 22 yards, and junior tight end and defensive lineman Trek Keck had 1 catch for 20 yards.

Hugoton (1-1) scored 2 touchdowns and an extra point in the first quarter, and scored 1 touchdown and completed a two-point conversion in the third quarter to give it 21 points.

Hugoton's quarterback, Cody Frederick, completed 4 of 11 passes for 65 yards, and its leading rusher was Miguel Degollado with 13 carries for 79 yards. Also, Hugoton didn't turn the ball over once.

"We just came out a little flat the first half," said Head Coach Chris Gardener. "But we came out well in the second, we just couldn't get over the hump."

Touchdown lifts Kansas past Northern Illinois

LAWRENCE, (AP) — After Northern Illinois' 11-win season last year, the Huskies are looking to make a statement. Saturday night against Kansas would have been the perfect time.

Last year's Mid-America Conference West champions were 15 seconds away from defeating the Jayhawks, but with nine seconds left, they came up short, losing 45-42.

Sophomore quarterback Jordan Webb found senior wide receiver D.J. Beshears, who beat junior free safety Demetrius Stone, for the touchdown.

The Huskies stopped the Jayhawks short on third down and just needed one more stop on fourth. They sent a blitz that didn't penetrate the Jayhawks' line.

Senior quarterback Chandler Harnish threw for 315 yards and two scores on 27 of 33 passing. He added 94 yards on the ground and three touchdowns on 11 carries. Northern Illinois was favored by five points over the Jayhawks of the Big 12.

Northern Illinois looked to go up 14 with 1:46 remaining in the half, but the officials reviewed a fourth-and-six pass and reversed the call to incomplete.

Everyone expected an offen-

sive shootout from two teams that combined for more than 950 total yards in winning their openers the week before, and everyone was right. It was tied 35-35 tie at the end of the third quarter. Kansas (2-0) totaled 534 yards and Northern Illinois (1-1) had 462.

The Jayhawks had touchdown runs of 72 yards by Tony Pierson and 31 by James Sims called back by holding penalties. Sims wound up with 110 yards rushing and two touchdowns while Jordan Webb was 21 for 30 for 281 yards and three touchdowns.

After Harnish hit Da'Ron Brown with a 6-yard TD pass to tie it 35-all near the end of the third quarter, the Jayhawks swept right back down the field but were stopped on third-and-goal from the 5 and Alex Mueller kicked the 27-yard field goal for a 38-35 lead.

On third-and-eight, Webb hit Sims out of the backfield, he got a couple of good blocks and went 39 yards to the 29. A moment later, Webb was sacked, putting Kansas beyond field-goal range. But with 17 seconds left, on third-and-17, the Huskies blew coverage and left Kale Pick completely alone down field. He hauled in Webb's 36-yard touchdown pass, making it 21-21.

Each team scored two touchdowns in a third quarter that was almost devoid of defense. Harnish tallied on a 26-yard run and connected with Brown on a 10-yard TD pass. Kansas got two TD runs from Sims of 8 and 1 yard. Webb started sharp, hitting Beshears with a TD pass on third-and-goal from the 15. Harnish found Brown for 18 yards on fourth-and-three from the 28 on the Huskies' next possession and Harnish ran it in from the 7.

After Sims' TD run was wiped out by a penalty, Northern Illinois took over on its own 32 and Harnish was 3 for 3 for 53 yards in a five-play, 68-yard drive he capped with a 12-yard scoring run.

Northern Illinois tackle Ron Newcomb fell on a Kansas fumble after Webb and Sims bobbled a handoff and Harnish needed nine plays to move 53 yards for a 21-7 lead. On third-and-goal from the 8, the senior quarterback fired into the end zone for Martel Moore and a 21-7 lead.

JaCory Shepherd's 20-yard reception on third-and-10 a few minutes later kept Kansas' drive alive and Darrian Miller, one of several fleet freshmen who have enlivened what used to be a ponderous offense, made it 21-14.

Meadow Lake tournament to feature two-man scramble

The Meadow Lake golf results for the one- or three-person scramble on ladies' night Tuesday are Audrey Hines (one-person scramble), first; Susan Wark (one-person scramble), second; and Shari Oren, Suzanne Schielke and Lisa Stramel (three-person scramble), third.

The next ladies' night is tomorrow and the game is one-person scramble. Tee off is at 6 p.m. and cost is \$2 per person and a \$10 green fee for non members.

The winning team for the modified two-man scramble on men's night Wednesday is Barry Lucas and Kevin Kriss.

The next men's night is Wednesday and the game is two-man scramble, and golfers will play the course backwards. Tee off is at 6 p.m., cost is \$5 per person

and a \$10 green fee for non members, and there is a buffet every Wednesday night.

The results for the one-couple scramble on couple's night Friday are Kevan Taylor and Tawnia Bange, first; Cris Koeperich and Amber Schroeder, second; and Randy and Mary Lou Jones, third.

The next couple's night is Friday and the game will be announced at registration. Tee off is at 6 p.m. and cost is \$5 per couple and a \$10 green fee per couple for non members.

Meadow Lake is holding a Colby two-man scramble tournament Sunday. Golfers will play 18 holes at a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$100 per team, which includes lunch. Call Kevan at 460-6443 to register.

The Colby High School girls golf team is holding the Colby Invitational next Monday at Meadow Lake. The course will be closed to the public at approximately 2 p.m.

If you are interested in participating in any of the above activities, call Meadow Lake at 460-6443 to register.

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