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Colby Community College volleyball players blocked a spike Wednesday against a player from Cloud County Community College at the Community Building. The Trojans won the game in three sets with scores of 25-13, 25-16 and 25-20.

## Golden Plains volleyball teams play Dighton, Healy last week

By Judy Rogers  
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The Golden Plains High School Volleyball team played hard last week as both the varsity and junior varsity traveled to Dighton on Sept. 10, then hosted Dighton and Healy at home on Sept. 13.

In Dighton, the varsity team lost to Dighton, but defeated Rolla. In the Dighton game, the girls struggled as they fell to the hornets 13-25 and 8-25. They turned around and defeated Rolla with similar scores of 25-8 and 25-12.

"We played well in the Rolla game, but we were unprepared for Dighton," Hailee Spesser said.

The junior varsity played much closer with their opponents as they defeated Dighton 25-22 and 25-19. Against Rolla, they continued to play close but finished the day by losing in three matches with scores of 25-19, 24-26, and 10-15.

Returning home on Sept. 13 for their only home match of the year, the girls faced Dighton once again, but first they challenged Healy. Despite an early lead, the Healy Lady Eagles pulled ahead slightly before Coach Orba Smith called a timeout to discuss strategy. The Lady Bulldogs then pulled ahead of the Lady Eagles eventually winning the first match 25-15. The Lady Eagles were not about to give up as they played a close second match and won 21-25 sending the game into a third. Healy started off serving the third match, but the ladies from Golden Plains pulled ahead despite some troubled serves. They kept the score close throughout the match tying it up at 13. As Healy struggled to return the ball, the Lady

'Dogs pulled ahead to win the match and the game 25-20.

"We played Dighton much better in the second set," Jordan Christensen said. "We need to talk more and play as a team to win over teams of Dighton's caliber."

Following Dighton's two match win over Healy, the Lady Bulldogs faced the Dighton Lady Hornets for the second time in four days. The Lady 'Dogs were not about to give it up as they lost the first match 15-25 only to come back and win the second in an exciting round of play 28-26. The Lady Hornets were determined not to go home with a defeat as they rallied to defeat Golden Plains 13-25 in the third.

The junior varsity also played Healy and Dighton on Sept. 13 as

they brought home wins over both teams. In their first match against the Lady Hornets, the Lady Bulldogs won in three with scores of 25-12, 14-25, and 15-10. The final game of the night was the junior varsity girls versus Healy. The Lady 'Dogs easily handled the Lady Eagles easily winning 25-5 and 25-13.

"We worked on communicating with one another on the floor," Hannah Antholz said. "We hustled more on Tuesday helping us get both wins. If we continue to work well together we should continue to win matches."

The volleyball team was back on the road again as they traveled to Weskan Tuesday and then they will travel to Northern Valley on Tuesday.

## Trojan volleyball goes 1-3 on the road

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The Colby Community College volleyball team had a tough time on the road last Friday and Saturday when they went to Baytown, Texas, for the San Jacinto tournament. However, they were able to come home Wednesday and get a win. They are currently 14-7 for the season.

In the tournament, they played four teams: Trinity Valley Community College, North Central Texas College, San Jacinto College and Wharton County Junior College.

The Trojans got off to a good start, beating Trinity Valley in three sets. The first set was a score of 25-17, but Colby barely slid

by in the second with 25-23. The third was a close battle, but the Trojans pulled it off in the end to win 26-24.

The next match was against North Central Texas College. Colby lost in three sets, the first 11-25, the second 26-28 and the third 13-25.

The following game was against the home team, San Jacinto, and Colby lost in four sets. The Trojans got a win in the first set with a score of 25-20, but they couldn't hang on in the second and lost 21-25. Colby lost again in the next set 20-25, forcing a fourth set. The Trojans couldn't get the win in the fourth, losing the set 19-25.

The final game was against Wharton County Junior College and Colby lost again in four sets. Once again, the Trojans win the

first set, 25-22, but couldn't keep up with Wharton in the next three sets. The second was 22-25, the third 20-25, and the fourth 17-25.

Colby came back home for their next match, which was Wednesday against Cloud County Community College at the Community Building. The Trojans were able to pick up their game and won it in three sets. They dominated in the first set to win 25-13 and again in the second set to win 25-16. Colby got off to a slow start in the third set, but were able to get within one point in the middle of the set. When the score was tied at 16-16, the Trojans went on a 4-0 run and finished Cloud County off with a score of 25-20.

Colby's next match is tonight at 6 p.m. at McCook Community College in McCook, Neb.

## Big 12 stays afloat with six-year agreement

By Jeff Latzke  
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Seemingly headed for disaster, the Big 12 Conference may have come up with a way to stick around.

Oklahoma President David Boren said all nine remaining schools — all those except for Texas A&M — have "agreed" to give a six-year grant of their first- and second-tier television rights to the Big 12 for the next six years. That means all revenue from the top television games — shown currently on networks owned by ABC/ESPN and Fox — would continue to go to the Big 12 even if a school bolts to another league.

The six-year term runs past the next negotiating period for the top-tier contract, currently with ABC/ESPN, in a bid to keep the nine schools together for the next contract.

However, no contracts had been signed yet because some schools must get the approval of their governing boards, league spokesman Bob Burda said. And the league said a "special working group" will be tasked with coming up

with ways to stabilize the Big 12.

Commissioner Dan Beebe is gone after five up-and-down years that included securing a 13-year, \$1.2 billion contract with Fox Sports as well as sharp criticism for failing to keep Nebraska (Big Ten) and Colorado (Pac-12) from leaving over the summer. Texas A&M plans to leave by July for the Southeastern Conference, and four other schools — Texas, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Texas Tech — were examining a move to the Pac-12 as recently as this week.

For a time, it didn't look as though the Big 12 would survive until next season.

Former Big Eight Commissioner Chuck Neinas, a veteran sports

consultant, will replace Beebe on an interim basis. Boren said Neinas will start next week and will not be a candidate to take the job permanently.

"Everyone trusts him," Boren said, noting that many of the league's athletic directors are former colleagues of Neinas or were hired with his recommendation.

Beyond the trust issue, Neinas will take over a league with a list of disputes that need to be resolved.

Boren said he also sought a commitment to expand the league, preferably to 12 members, but that "if we were to rush out and get less than top flight members, I think that would be a mistake."

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