

Football Schedule

- Brewster at Weskan
3:30 p.m. – Friday
- Colby (V) vs. Ulysses
7:30 p.m. – Friday
- Golden Plains at Bird City (Cheylin)
7 p.m. – Friday
- Colby (JV) at Ulysses
4:30 p.m. – Monday
- Colby (C) at Ulysses
6:30 p.m. – Monday
- Colby Middle School at Norton
4:30 p.m. – Monday
- Golden Plains Middle School vs. Cheylin
5:30 p.m. – next Thursday

Bulldogs lose in Rexford

By Leea Juenemann
Golden Plains Middle School

On Sept. 15, the Golden Plains Middle School volleyball team faced the Thunderhawks of Grinnell-Wheatland.

“Grinnell-Wheatland is a good team and they were our first tough competition of the year,” Head Coach Ashley Amberger said.

The A-team began the sets with a game of 19-25. Though they were disappointed by the loss, they quickly picked themselves up and played even harder the second set, winning 25-19. The third set was very close; however, they lost 13-15.

“We played together well, but we need to work on our serve receive and talking,” Kami Miller said about the game.

The B-team girls followed the A-team girls, and they came out with good serves.

Although they had good serves, to which Morgan Ritter, Kellee Snyder, and other team members contributed, they were not able to pull through, losing the first set 13-25 and the second set 17-25.

Colby volleyball holds home games

By Kayla Cornett

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The Colby High School varsity volleyball team faced tough competition in Topeka on Saturday, but it was able to bounce back at the home games Tuesday. Both the varsity and junior varsity squads were undefeated at their only home games of the season at the high school gym.

The home games were also a way for the Eagles to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Colby, Norton and Rawlins County showed their support of the society by wearing pink clothing items during their games. For example, Colby wore pink hair ties and Norton wore pink socks, pink headbands and pink hair ties.

In the first game, the varsity girls beat the Norton Bluejays in three sets. The first set was close, but the Bluejays edged ahead of the Eagles to win 23-25. Colby got its revenge in the next set by winning 25-14 and forcing a third set. The Eagles battled hard and took the win with a score of 25-15.

At the same time, the junior varsity played Norton as well. The Eagles shut down the Bluejays in two sets, the first set 25-14 and the second 25-22.

The varsity squad faced the Rawlins County Buffaloes next, and they were able to squeeze out a win in two sets. Colby won the first set 25-19 and fought in the second set to win 27-25.

The junior varsity girls were also able to beat Rawlins County in two sets. The Eagles won the first set 25-13 and finished the Buffaloes off in the second

with a score of 25-22.

At the Topeka tournament, the varsity squad finished with a record of 0-4. The teams in their pool consisted of the Manhattan Indians (state champs in class 6A last year), the Topeka-Hayden Wildcats (second in state class 4A last year), the Lawrence Free-State Firebirds and the Silver Lake Eagles (past years’ state champions).

“This was by far the toughest of the two pools and I felt like our girls did some really good things against these teams,” Head Coach Lesley Wagoner said. “Even though the scores don’t show it, their play was good most of the time; we’ll keep working on defensive improvements and offensive skills.”

In their game against Topeka-Hayden, the Eagles lost in two sets, 14-25 in the first and 9-25 in the second.

Colby lost to Manhattan in two sets as well. The first set was a score of 13-25 and the second was 20-25.

Next, the girls played Lawrence Free-State, and despite a good effort, they lost to the Firebirds in two sets. The first set was 18-25 and the second was 16-25.

The Eagles’ last opponent was Silver Lake and once again, they lost in two sets. Both sets were a score of 15-25.

The varsity is 17-5 on the season and will play its next game Saturday at Oakley High School. The junior varsity is currently 12-4 and it is holding a Round Robin tournament beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Colby High School gym.



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Haileigh Shull hit the ball over a Norton defender Tuesday at the Colby volleyball team’s home games at the high school gym. Both the varsity and junior varsity went 2-0 at the match.

Colby cross country competes in Hays

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The Colby High School boys cross country team took second place out of six teams with a score of 74 at the Hays Invitational on Sept. 15. The girls team took last place out of four teams with a score of 84.

For the boys teams, Norton grabbed the top spot with 35 and Ness City took third with 80. Thomas More Prep-Marian followed in fourth with 91, Plainville landed in fifth with 98, and Stockton finished in last place with 126.

For the girls teams, Norton took first place again with a score of 36. Thomas More Prep-Marian came in second with 45, and Oakley came in third with 64.

The boys varsity squad had seven runners compete in Hays. John Faber took seventh place

with a time of 17:51, Reed Stephens came in 12th with 18:56, and Aaron Faber finished in 14th place with 19:05. Blake McNinch followed in 21st with 19:28, Wyatt Binder landed in 22nd with 19:49, Brad Schroeder took 26th place with 20:19, and Jordan Rasmussen ended up in 29th with 20:31.

“Our boy’s team had an excellent run at the Hays Invitational,” said Head Coach Bob Mannebach. “In comparison to last year’s meet at Hays, each boy improved his time anywhere between 1:30 to 3 minutes which shows great improvement from last year. It was almost 60 degrees cooler at this meet than our opening meet at Goodland.”

The boys junior varsity also had seven runners in the meet. Leading the Eagles was Brady Rose, who took 23rd with a time of 19:41. Matt Dickman came in 33rd with 19:57, Marc Bremenkamp finished in 63rd with 21:00,

and Dalaan Organ landed in 92nd with 22:56. Paul Schiferl followed in 93rd with 23:12, Josh Lemman took 101st with 25:09, and Tate Query finished in 104th with 26:20.

“I was very pleased with the performance of every runner on our team including the JV runners,” Mannebach said. “John Faber, Reed Stephens, and Aaron Faber were our medalists. We were pleased with our second place finish at this meet.”

The varsity girls had five runners at the invitational. Emilea Finley had the best finish out of the Colby runners, grabbing second place with a time of 15:05. Taylor Lemman took 20th with 18:07, Christina Ostmeier came in 26th with 18:39, Julia Hutfles finished in 29th with 20:18, and Gabby Brown rounded out the squad in 30th with 20:20.

“The girl’s race was very competitive,” Mannebach said. “It was

a three-person race for the gold medal. Emilea Finley finished second with a great time of 15:05 and was our medalist. Heather Ruder from TMP was first and Chelsea Jackson from Garden City was third. The girls all improved their times at this meet.”

The girls junior varsity had only

one runner at the meet, Cameron McLaughlin, who took 76th place with a time of 24:31.

“Our girls and boys teams ran in a race which included 1A through 6A schools,” Mannebach said. “This really provided the competition we needed to see where we were at as a team.”

Fire ants delay game

NEESES, S.C. (AP) – Football games have been postponed by heavy rains, lightning, power outages: and now, fire ants.

A game in South Carolina was postponed Friday after the referee decided the field was unplayable because of fire ants. Referee Steve Hook says he found 15 to 20 large active fire ant mounds shortly before the game.

Hook says he was worried about players, coaches and offi-

cials. Bruce Hulton with the South Carolina High School League says officials properly handled the safety issue.

The home team, Hunter-Kinard-Tyler, tried digging up the ant piles and pouring salt on them before the game was postponed. One fan offered to bring fire-ant poison.

The field was deemed ready Monday night. Calhoun County beat the home team 19-8.

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