



KAYLA CORNETT/Colby Free Press  
Colby Community College volleyball player Kim Lindner tipped the ball over the net Wednesday during a game against Pratt Community College at the Colby Community Building. The Lady Trojans won the game in four sets.

## Trojan volleyball 4-2 in Jayhawk conference

The Colby Community College Lady Trojans lost to No. 15-ranked Barton County Community College in five sets on Monday in Great Bend, but came home Wednesday and defeated the Pratt Community College Beavers in four sets at the Colby Community Building.

The Lady Trojans defeated Barton in the first two sets with score of 25-23 and 25-22, but then lost three in a row; the third set was 10-25, the fourth was 22-25 and the fifth was 15-7.

Colby started out similarly against Pratt, winning the first set 25-14. However, the Lady Trojans lost in a close second set with a score of 25-27.

Both teams were anxious to win the third set, and it was a tight competition. Colby would get a one- or two-point lead, and the Beavers would answer back and tie up the score. The set contin-

ued like this until they were tied at 17-17. Colby turned up their game and outscored Pratt 8-2 to win the match with a score of 25-19.

The next set was do or die for Pratt and the Beavers showed their toughness. The Lady Trojans were up 10-5 when Pratt battled back and came within two points of Colby. Still, their effort wasn't enough and the Lady Trojans took over the set to win 25-17.

Colby is now 4-2 in the Jayhawk Conference Western Division and 14-8 for the season.

The next home match for the Lady Trojans is at 6:30 p.m. on Monday against Hutchinson Community College in the Colby Community Building. Hutchinson is 4-2 in the Conference and 8-15 for the season.

# Colby golfers take silver at Ulysses meet

The Colby High School girls golf team took second place at the Ulysses Invitational on Tuesday with a team score of 408. Syracuse grabbed the top spot with 377 and Ulysses finished in third with 411. Garden City came in fourth with 414, Goodland landed in fifth with 460, and Holcomb and Lakin tied for sixth place with 466.

In individual results, the first-place finisher was Maggie Koops of Ulysses with a score of 80. Kiah Rash from Syracuse came in second with 90, and Colby's Kaylee Keck took third place with 91.

Other Colby golfers included Karly Kriss, who took 11th with 100; McKenna Ortner, who came in 15th place with 105; Ariel Sev-

erson, who came in 22nd with a score of 112; Katie Zerr, who came in 35th with 128; and Kim Wilson, who came in 38th place with 130.

The Lady Eagles travel to Hugoton on Monday and then to Syracuse on Thursday for their final meets of the season.

## New year, new cheer

By Morgan Walz

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains High School cheerleaders performed very well at the two-day Universal Cheer Association camp in Overton, Neb., this summer. With three new cheerleaders and a new cheerleading coach this year, the camp was a good opportunity to gain experience and grow as a team.

At the camp they were awarded Camp Champ in the Extreme Routine, and third place in the camp cheer. During the camp, all cheer squads were asked if they could be on any other squad, which one would they be on, and the Golden Plains cheer team

was chosen.

Juniors Angela Ritter and Morgan Walz, and sophomore Jordan Christensen individually competed for, and were selected as All American Cheerleaders; Jordan Christensen also won the camp jump off. Others attending the camp were MiKayla Lobato, Cheyenne Miller, Kylie Jones, Brooke Wark, and Coach Ashley Arnberger.

"Going into the camp, I think a lot of us were very hesitant, but leaving there with titles, we got a newfound confidence that will show in the way we perform," Cheer Captain Angela Ritter said. "I think we all have a very positive outlook on this upcoming cheer season."

## Middle school football shut out in upsetting loss

By Jordan Christensen

Golden Plains Middle School

Golden Plains Middle School battled Grinnell/Wheatland in a football game on Sept. 15 in Rexford.

Two minutes and 37 seconds into the game, the Thunderhawks scored their first touchdown to make the score 0-8. The Bulldogs received the ball from Grinnell and were close to a first down when a Thunderhawk intercepted the pass and ran the ball in for a touchdown to end the quarter 0-16.

Starting the second quarter,

Golden Plains turned over the football on downs, and Grinnell/Wheatland threw the ball in for another touchdown making it 0-22. Bodie Sauvage received the kick from the Thunderhawks and got a short gain.

Cole Ziegelmeier caught a pass from the Bulldog's quarterback, Bodie Sauvage, to get the first of three first downs Golden Plains would make during the game. The next play the ball was stripped from the Bulldogs and recovered by Grinnell/Wheatland who proceeded to run it in for the fourth Thunderhawk touchdown, making

it 0-28 ending the half.

During the third quarter, Grinnell/Wheatland scored two more touchdowns on the Bulldogs to make the score 0-44. The game ended when a Thunderhawk ran the ball in for their last touchdown with a final score of 0-52.

"I saw a little improvement this week. However, we just flat out need to get tougher physically and mentally so that we can compete with opposing teams," Head Coach Travis Betz said. "Until we do that, we are going to continue to struggle throughout the season."

# Pro Bowl wide receiver feels underused by Denver Broncos

By Arnie Stapleton

AP Pro Football Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Pro Bowl receiver Brandon Lloyd isn't catching any deep passes in John Fox's conservative, run-oriented offense, and he's letting his quarterback and his coaches know just how he feels about it.

Kyle Orton and Denver offensive coordinator Mike McCoy said Lloyd has asked to be more involved in the offense even as opponents roll a safety over the top to bracket him in double-coverage.

A year after leading the league with 1,448 yards receiving, Lloyd said he thinks he's being underused by the Broncos. He had 17 catches of 25 or more yards last year and none of his 10 catches so far this season have gone for more than 20 yards.

"It's not like we're not trying to get him the ball," McCoy said.

Fox pointed to a strained groin as one reason for the dearth of downfield chances for Lloyd. Orton noted that Lloyd's getting a lot of attention from defensive coordinators and the flow of the games has dictated a different approach.

Lloyd said Denver's offensive doctrine is the primary culprit.

"I think it's just us, the coaching staff, staying true to the philoso-

phy of running the ball," Lloyd said Thursday. "I think we've kind of gotten in game management mode, as opposed to an aggressive, take-control mode. I think that's what has limited us."

So far, the Broncos have called plays that have led to long, time-consuming drives that rely on a heavy diet of runs and underneath passes and not the quick-strike deep ball that was featured so often in 2010.

Orton said Lloyd is commanding so much attention after his breakout season but the Broncos will certainly capitalize on his speed and athleticism at some point.

"He'll have to stay patient," Orton said.

And healthy, Fox suggested.

"He was hobbled in the fourth quarter of the opener, missed the whole second game. It's hard to be any kind of a threat when you don't have a uniform," Fox said. "I don't think he was 100 percent" last week, when he caught four passes for 38 yards at Tennessee. "I'd say that was a little bit of a reason."

"I'm healthy," Lloyd countered.

"I mean, I'm not frustrated, but I want to go down the field more," he added. "I think that just helps us. I feel like we play bet-

ter when we have a lead. I think that explosive pass plays hurt a defense more, when you can get big chunks passing the ball and running the ball."

Lloyd said if McCoy wants to get him the ball, he would design the plays to beat the double coverages.

"I think there's still a niche that I have and a talent, a skill-set, that should be used," Lloyd said.

And he's let his quarterback know it, too.

"Oh, yeah. I've been with Brandon a long time now and he always wants the ball," Orton said. "And you always want your receivers to want the football. So, I just keep telling him to run his routes hard and we'll hit them when they're open."

Despite his unhappiness, there's no simmering controversy at Broncos headquarters.

Fox said he doesn't mind players letting him know they're displeased with their production.

"I think most competitors do (speak up). They all want to win," Fox said.

McCoy said he, too, welcomes Lloyd's input.

"Yeah, that's the way we want it to be. We have an open door policy here and he's a very talented player," McCoy said. "Of course you want to get him the ball more. Have we played a certain style of offense the first three weeks of the season? Yes, but we'll find ways to get him the ball."

Wide receivers protesting their light workload is nothing new in the NFL.

"They're all selfish. I mean, there's only one football," McCoy said. "The quarterback's the only one who's going to touch it every play. We have some very talented skilled players and you'd love to get them all the ball 10, 15 times a game, which you can't."

The Broncos might target Lloyd more at Green Bay on Sunday. For one thing, the Packers have allowed a ton of yards through the air and not so many on the ground. For another, Denver must try to neutralize star cornerback Charles Woodson, who can wreak havoc when he's in a zone patrolling the

short and intermediate passing lanes.

"The tough thing with him is you never know where he's going to line up," Orton said. "It might be corner, at nickel or at safety. He's all over the field. He's good wherever he's at. He's a playmaker and a ball hawk, so wherever he is you've got to be careful and make sure your guy's open and Charles can't make the play."

The Broncos could stick with their time-consuming approach to keep Green Bay's explosive offense on the sideline, but Orton noted that maintaining those sustained drives is difficult.

"We have to find a way (at some point) to steal a touchdown on a two- or three-play drive on a big play."

Packers coach Mike McCarthy worked with Lloyd during their time together with the San Francisco 49ers and he said he knows him too well to think he won't use his speed and athleticism to get behind the defense Sunday, even if he hasn't done it so far.

"I know Brandon Lloyd can go deep and catch the football," McCarthy said. "We're well aware of that and he's still a threat to do that this week."

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