

Lady Trojans win at home and away

The Colby Community College Lady Trojans went 2-2 at a tournament Friday and Saturday at Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The Lady Trojans defeated Kansas City Kansas Community College in five sets. They lost the first set 21-25, but came back to win a close second set 25-23. They lost again in the third 19-25, and came back again to win the fourth 25-17, forcing a fifth set. Colby took advantage of the extra set and won 15-12.

Colby also beat Bismarck State College, this time in three sets. The first set was 25-16, the second was 25-13 and the third was 25-18.

The Lady Trojans then lost to No. 8-ranked Iowa Western Community College in three sets. The first set was 10-25, the second was 17-25 and the third was 12-25.

They were also defeated by Central Nebraska

Community College in four sets. Colby slid by to win the first set 25-23, but then lost the second set with the same score, just reversed, 23-25. It lost the third and fourth sets, which were not very close matches. The third was 11-25 and the fourth was 12-25.

The volleyball squad then defeated the Hutchinson Community College Blue Dragons in three sets during a Jayhawk Conference match on Monday at the Colby Community Building.

The Lady Trojans, coached by Carey Jones, defeated Hutchinson in the first set 25-23, the second 25-16 and the third 25-12. The Lady Trojans are 5-2 in Jayhawk Conference play and 17-10 for the season. Hutchinson is now 4-3 in the conference and 8-16 for the season.

Colby will be in Garden City today for a 6:30 p.m. match with Garden City Community College. The next home match is Monday at 6:30 p.m. with Seward County Community College.

Bulldogs lose to Cheylin

By Judy Rogers
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Bulldogs lost their high school football game to Cheylin on Friday with a final score of 12-54. Although Cole Christensen caught a touchdown pass from quarterback Ethan Walter in the end zone, the referees called the play out of bounds and did not allow the score. Cheylin put two touchdowns into the end zone in the first quarter but the Bulldogs stopped the extra point attempts to end the quarter 0-12.

In the second quarter, the Bulldogs continued to work the ball getting senior Kalyn Weber into

the end zone with a kick return along with a second touchdown. Cheylin added 22 points in the second and held a 12-34 lead at the half.

The Bulldogs were unable to cross the goal line in the second half as Cheylin put in another 12 points in the third and 8 points in the fourth to win the game 12-54.

"Cheylin played more physical than we did as our line struggled to hold off the Cougars," senior Tyler Stevenson said. "We couldn't pass the ball, couldn't run the ball. Weber got hammered on every play and he, Cole, and I were repeatedly ganged up on by Cheylin players."

Stevenson did praise several of the linemen for their efforts by saying, "Jose (Bermudez) was our lead tackler and exhibited the mental toughness we all need. Camron (Spesser) and Andrew (Luna) also demonstrated their strength and skill on the line."

The Bulldogs record fell to 2-3 with this loss. They are now ranked third in the district with a 2-1 district record behind Cheylin and Wheatland-Grinnell. This week they plan to improve that record as they take on the Brewster-Triplains Titans on their home field in Rexford.

Trojan golfers to hold tourney at Meadow Lake

The Colby Community College women's golf team will be holding a two-day tournament Sunday and Monday at the Meadow Lake golf course. The team will play 18 holes on Sunday and the course will be closed to the public at 1 p.m. The Lady Trojans will play 9 holes on Monday and the course will be closed to the public at 8 a.m. until approximately noon.

The Meadow Lake golf results for the flag race on ladies' night on Sept. 27 are Barb Highland, first; Mary Lou Jones, second; Audrey Hines, third; and Anita Beckman, fourth. There were eight participants in this event.

The season is over at Meadow Lake, but the course will allow play as long as weather permits.

The results for the par 3 course on men's night last Wednesday are, for the first flight, Kevin Kriss,

first; Neil Littlejohn, second; and Dave Keck, third. For the second flight, the results are Steve Molstad, first; Kerry Wark, second; and Brett Arnberger, third. The results for the third flight are Darvin Strutt, first; Grant White, second; and Paul Bange, third.

The next men's night is tonight and the game is two-man scramble. Tee off is at 5:30 p.m. and cost is \$5 per person and a \$10 green fee for non members.

There were no couples for couple's night Friday. The next couple's night will be Friday and the game will be announced at registration. Tee off is at 5:30 p.m. and cost is \$5 per couple and a \$10 green fee per couple for non members.

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

Big 12 might lose another team

By Alan Scher Zagier
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — It wasn't too long ago that Missouri chancellor Brady Deaton spoke of "working every day to hold the Big 12 together." Now he's been tasked with helping decide whether the Tigers are the latest program to leave a troubled conference fighting for its future.

University curators voted unanimously Tuesday night to consider leaving the Big 12 instead of committing to the league for the long term. The governing board's members agreed unanimously after a 4-hour closed meeting at the system's St. Louis campus to give Deaton authority to look elsewhere, specifically "any and all actions necessary to fully explore options on conference affiliation...which best serve the (school's) interest."

And Deaton, the conference's public face through its recent turmoil, is resigning as chairman of the Big 12's board of directors to avoid the obvious conflict of interest.

Just one day earlier, the conference announced that presidents and chancellors of the remaining nine members — including Deaton — had agreed to equal revenue sharing and to seek approval from each university to hand over the most lucrative television rights to the conference for six years.

Now it looks as if the Big 12 might be losing two members for the second straight year.

"The University of Missouri is

a member in good standing in the Big 12 Conference, and I anticipate the University will continue to be a member of the Big 12," interim Big 12 Commissioner Chuck Neinas said in a statement released soon after Missouri announced its intentions.

One year ago, Nebraska defected from the Big 12 to the Big Ten, with Colorado also leaving for what is now the Pac-12.

"What brings us here tonight is that the Big 12 Conference is now requesting that its members make binding, long-term irrevocable commitments to the conference," said Steve Owens, interim president of the four-campus University of Missouri system. "We don't fault the Big 12 Conference. It is something it should be doing in order to promote stability."

Speculation has centered on a possible Missouri move to the Southeastern Conference, which recently agreed to accept Texas A&M from the Big 12 starting next year.

Deaton declined to specifically answer a reporter's question about interest in the SEC on either the school's part or the other conference. He said there is no timetable for the decision, whether a self-imposed deadline or a Big 12 loyalty demand.

Conceivably, Missouri could remain in the Big 12, Deaton said, but the Tigers are officially on the market now. And the SEC could use a 14th member to balance a league that now has an odd number of teams.

"We certainly are not ruling out

continuing in the Big 12," he said. "But we want to be sure to do what is best for our university."

The Big 12 also announced Monday that it had re-activated its expansion committee, but Neinas has said there was not yet a consensus on how many teams the league would like to ultimately end up with.

A Missouri move would mean the Big 12 is likely to add at least two teams and that could put the Big East on guard again. That conference has already had two members — Pittsburgh and Syracuse — poached by the Atlantic Coast Conference and is trying to recruit new members.

If the Big 12 wanted to stretch farther east, Louisville, Cincinnati and West Virginia of the Big East could be targets. There has also been speculation that the Big 12 could pursue BYU, TCU, SMU, and Houston.

Missouri has been a Big 12 member since the conference began 15 years ago and was a charter member of the Big Eight, the Big 12's predecessor. Its border contests with Kansas are part of one of the most storied — and oldest — rivalries in college sports, with conference affiliations that began more than a century ago.

Owens, Deaton and board chairman Warren Erdman kept their public remarks brief. Missouri athletics director Mike Alden, who joined the other three at a news conference announcing the decision, did not speak and declined comment afterward.



KAYLA CORNETT/Colby Free Press
Elzbieta Klein spiked the ball in a Colby Community College volleyball game Monday against Hutchinson Community College at the Community Building. The Lady Trojans are 5-2 in the Jayhawk Conference and 17-10 on the season.

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