

College volleyball team hands Barton large loss

The Colby Community College Lady Trojans defeated Barton County Community College in five sets on Thursday at the Community Building, bringing the Lady Cougars' undefeated conference season to an end. The Lady Trojans are now 10-3 in the conference and 25-12 overall. Barton falls to 11-1 in the conference and 23-11 overall.

Colby lost the first and second set with scores of 22-25 and 22-25.

"We really struggled mentally the first two sets," said Head Coach Carey Jones. "We looked drained and we were not functioning as a team. Losing the first two games was an eye opener for everyone and we spent our 10-minute break deciding who we wanted to be for the rest of the night."

The Lady Trojans battled back to win the third set 25-18, the fourth set 25-19 and the last set 15-8.

"We all knew we had nothing to lose (Thursday) and we needed to play like it. Coming into the third set, I saw the team that I've always known could accomplish anything. They never left the gym after that. We have come a long way and we still have a ways to go, but this win is the boost of confidence we needed

going into post season."

The Lady Trojans had also defeated Cloud County Community College on Tuesday in Concordia. Colby won in three sets: the first was 25-19, the second was 25-15 and the third was 25-19.

Jones said her team had another reason to be excited prior to its game against Barton.

"Going into the match we had a lot to celebrate as we had two sophomores, Ana Calito and Elzbieta Klein, who were being honored," said Head Coach Carey Jones. "These two girls have done a lot to help make our program so successful this year. Ana is the only true sophomore on our team and we have been through a lot together. Her dedication to Colby volleyball has been constant and we have come to count on that."

"Although Ela has only been here this year, she found a way to fit in immediately. Ela has worked really hard on the court and she has a very bright future ahead of her."

Jones recognized the fans for their support of the program.

"We have a great atmosphere at home and the crowd is definitely a big part of our success this year," she said. "We appreciate the support

of our friends, family, community and college. You won't find a better group to play in front of anywhere else in the conference."

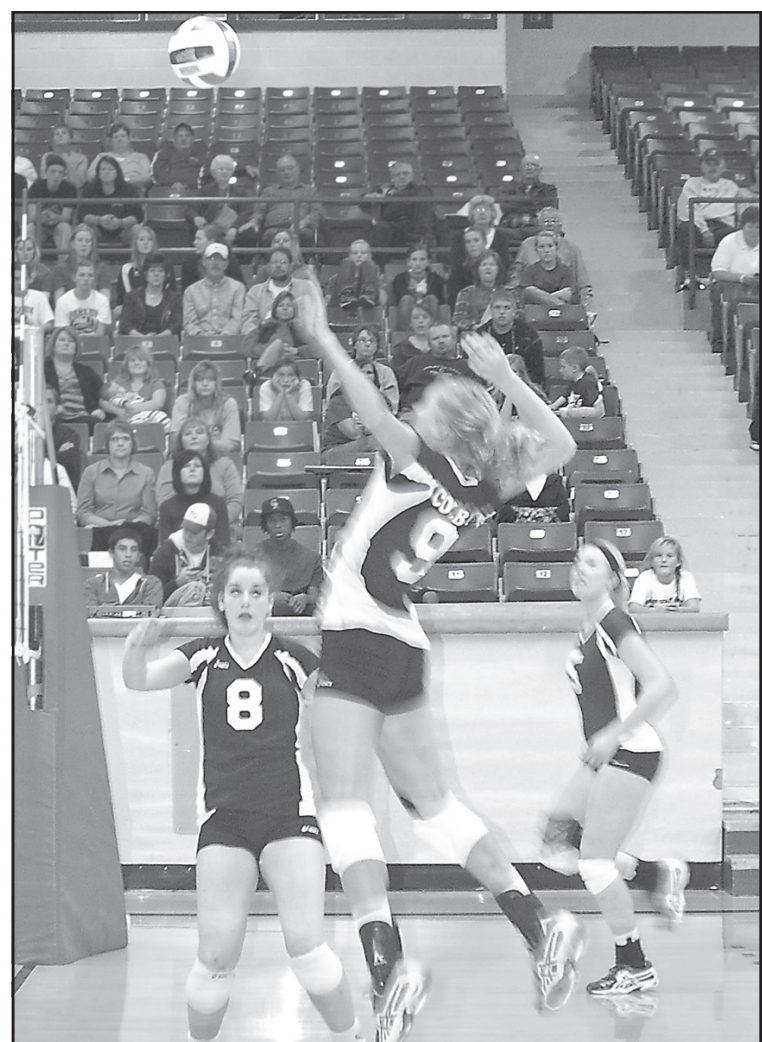
Colby then traveled to Colorado Springs to compete in a two-day tournament hosted by Air Force Prep on Friday and Saturday. The Lady Trojans were defeated by Otero Junior College in four sets with scores of 25-27, 20-25, 25-19 and 22-25.

In its next match, Colby defeated Air Force Prep in four sets with scores of 25-16, 18-25, 25-14 and 25-10. The third match was cancelled.

The next match for the Lady Trojans is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, at Pratt.

Colby will be the host team for a first-round playoff match for Region VI, Division I at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at the Community Building.

To accommodate the playoff match, the college's men's and women's basketball teams will not play Lamar on Nov. 1 in Colby. The Lady Trojans will travel to Lamar, Colo. on Nov. 1. The Colby men's basketball team will play Lamar on 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at the Colby Community Building.



KAYLA CORNETT/Colby Free Press
Bailey Pfortmiller prepared to spike the ball Thursday in a game against Barton County Community College at the Community Building. The Lady Trojans won the game in five sets.

Triplains-Brewster wins big at Grinnell

By Bonnie Holm
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After losing to Wallace County last week, the Triplains-Brewster junior high Titans came back roaring on Oct. 13, defeating the Thunderhawks of Wheatland-Grinnell by a score of 51-22.

The Titans kicked off first, and the Thunderhawks returned the ball to their own 33-yard line. On the next play, the Thunderhawks fumbled, and the ball was recovered by the Titan's own Skylar Hanson.

On the first play from scrimmage, Coleton Rogge caught a pass from Ryan Gfeller, and ran 22 yards for a Titan first down. A couple plays later, Ryan Gfeller pitched out to Eric Gfeller on the option play, and the Titans scored their first touchdown. Eric Gfeller successfully crossed the goal line for the extra points, giving the Titans the lead, 8-0.

The Titans' defense held the Thunderhawks on their first offensive drive, with great tackling by Taylor Stramel, forcing a punt on fourth down. The punt was blocked by a host of Titans, and the ball was spotted on the 30-yard line of the Thunderhawks.

After a couple rushing plays, Ryan Gfeller completed a pass to Eric Gfeller, who scored the Titans' second touchdown. Takoda Turner carried the ball into the endzone for the extra points, and the Titans led 16-0.

The Thunderhawks marched the ball down the field and scored both a touchdown and the extra points, narrowing the Titan's lead to 8.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Thunderhawks tried an onside kick, which was recovered by the Titans on their own 39-yard line. Ryan Gfeller plowed over the

defenders, as he ran into the end zone for the touchdown. The extra point attempt fell short, but the Titans remained in the lead 22-8.

On the second play from scrimmage after the kickoff, the Thunderhawks tried a lateral pass, which was deflected and recovered by the Titans. The Thunderhawks stepped up on defense, and regained control of the ball after the Titans were unable to convert a first down.

It looked like the Thunderhawks also had their offense on track, until Rogge intercepted a pass and ran the ball back to the 20-yard line. Rogge escaped numerous tacklers, and was eventually brought down by all six of the Thunderhawk team.

On the first play from scrimmage, Ryan Gfeller passed the ball to Rogge, who pitched out to Eric Gfeller, gaining 11 yards and a first down. On the next play, Ryan Gfeller scampered into the end zone to score another Titan touchdown. The extra point attempt fell short, and the Titans headed off the field at halftime with the lead, 28-8.

The second half saw the Titans' passing game come alive, as Ryan Gfeller completed a pass to Eric Gfeller for a 32-yard gain. Turner crossed the goal line for another Titan touchdown, increasing the lead, 34-8. Turner also scored the extra points.

The Thunderhawks answered with a touchdown of their own, narrowing the Titan's lead 36-16.

Once again, the Titan's passing game dominated, with passes from Ryan Gfeller to Rogge to advance the ball to the Titan 36-yard line. On third and long, Ryan Gfeller completed a pass to Tad Holm for a 9-yard gain. Turner took the handoff from the quarter-

back, rushing 26 yards for a Titan first down. Eric Gfeller caught a pass from Ryan Gfeller from 2 yards out, scoring another Titan touchdown. Turner scored the extra points, and the Titans increased their lead to 44-16 with 2 seconds left in the third quarter.

The fourth quarter saw action by younger Titan players, who showed a great defensive effort. Jaden Schmidt penetrated the backfield of the Thunderhawks, sacking the quarterback. Holm, Ismael Ornelas, J.B. Felzien, Hudson Stramel and Justin Schmidt also had key tackles, allowing the Thunderhawks just one more touchdown in the game. Holm blocked the extra point pass attempt to hold the Thunderhawks to 22.

Wheatland-Grinnell again attempted an onside kick, which was recovered by Hanson on the Titans' 35-yard line. The Titans' final touchdown was scored on a pass to Jaden Schmidt from the 15-yard line. Fred Shertz successfully kicked the ball through the uprights for the extra point.

The young Titans defense held the Thunderhawks on the next drive, and the game ended with the Titans at 51 and the Thunderhawks at 22.

The Triplains-Brewster Titans played their last game of the season Thursday in Winona against the Dighton Bulldogs in League action.

Tebow rallies Broncos past Miami in overtime

By Steven Wine
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MIAMI — Tim Tebow lingered on the field after the game, sharing congratulatory hugs with teammates and handshakes with opponents. He was the last player to head for the locker room, and when he finally departed through the tunnel at a trot, a small cluster of remaining fans gave him one more ovation for a job well done.

Making his first start of the season, Tebow showed his characteristic flair for the dramatic and knack for winning Sunday. He overcame lots of ragged moments by throwing two touchdown passes in the final 2:44 of regulation to help the Denver Broncos beat the winless Miami Dolphins in overtime, 18-15.

"That's Tim," said Dolphins center Mike Pouncey, who was Tebow's college teammate. "You saw what he can do today."

The Broncos appeared beaten when they trailed 15-0 with 5:23 left and took over at their 20. At that point Tebow was 4 for 14 for 40 yards, and Denver was 0 for 10 on third-down conversions.

"It's my fault that we were in that position in the first place," Tebow said. "I just have to play better in the first three quarters so we don't have to make that comeback."

In the frantic final minutes of

the fourth quarter, Tebow led TD drives of 80 and 56 yards sandwiched around a successful onside kick. He scored a 2-point conversion standing up with 17 seconds left to tie the game.

In overtime, Denver's D.J. Williams sacked Matt Moore to force a fumble and recovered it at the Miami 36. Three plays later Matt Prater clinched the win with a 52-yard field goal.

The Broncos (2-4) became the first to rally from a deficit of at least 15 points in the final three minutes since at least 1983, according to STATS LLC. Miami (0-6) extended the NFL's longest losing streak to nine games, leaving the status of embattled coach Tony Sparano even more tenuous.

The Dolphins lost for the 12th time in their past 13 home games. Some Miami fans have started rooting against their team, hoping for a shot at Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck in next year's draft.

"My Fins almost had it," former Dolphin Ricky Williams tweeted. "All that 'Suck for Luck' chatter can't be good for morale."

Tebow started for the benched Kyle Orton, and through much of the game the Broncos sputtered. Tebow was sacked seven times as he struggled to identify blitzes, and several throws landed nowhere near a receiver.

As he walked to the sideline after one short series stalled, spectators chanted his name in derision, and Dolphins linebacker Jason Taylor gestured to the crowd for more noise.

"He's a polarizing figure," Taylor said.

"When you get knocked down, you've got to keep getting back up," Tebow said.

That's what he did. With the Broncos on the verge of being shut out for the first time since 1992, he led an eight-play touchdown drive that got them back in the game.

Then came the onside kick. Miami receiver Marlon Moore leaped to catch the ball but bobbled it and the Broncos' Virgil Green recovered at their 44 with 2:31 left.

"They made the play. I didn't," Moore said.

After the recovery, Tebow drove Denver to the 3. Then on second down he fooled the Dolphins by rolling left and throwing back to the right to Daniel Fells, who dived across the goal line for a 3-yard score.

Denver still needed a 2-point conversion to stay alive, and Tebow kept up the middle to score.

"I'm so proud of the guys," he said, "and I'm very blessed that they believed in me for more than 60 minutes."

Colby football team loses at Clay Center

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The Colby High School varsity football team started out strong at Clay Center on Friday, but too many turnovers led the Eagles to a 7-32 district loss.

Colby (1-7) had forced a turnover on the Tigers' first drive, and the Eagles were able to capitalize on their first drive.

On the second offensive play, junior running back and linebacker Beau Brown rushed for 44 yards for Colby's only touchdown of the game. A successful extra point kick brought the Eagles to a seven-point lead.

The game went downhill from there for Colby as it had six turnovers, including 2 interceptions by

sophomore quarterback and safety Luke Cox.

Clay Center (4-4) finished the game with 169 total passing yards and 136 total rushing yards. The Tigers had 5 touchdowns and 1 fumble on the night.

"The kids played hard and they played well, it's just those six turnovers..." said Head Coach Chris Gardner.

Brown had an outstanding night despite the loss, rushing for 204 yards and 1 touchdown.

Another bright spot in the game was junior wide receiver and corner back Dustin Reed, who had one fumble recovery that led to Brown's touchdown.

The Eagles play their final regular season game at 7 p.m. Thursday against Russell at Dennen Field.

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