

Blocking a punt



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Colby players Alex Zimmerman (left) and Dante Whitfield teamed up to block a Bluejay punt Thursday night as the Colby eighth-grade football team displayed aggressiveness and endurance, beating the Norton Bluejays 28-0. This improves their record to 4-2 with one game left in their season Thursday at Phillipsburg. The seventh grade will play at 4:30 p.m., and the eighth grade will follow.

Cross country boys take fourth at meet

By Kayla Cornett
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The Colby High cross country team competed in Phillipsburg Thursday and the varsity boys finished in fourth place with 89 team points.

Norton took first with 55 points, Phillipsburg came in second with 73, Lincoln third with 79, Plainville fifth with 112, Hill City sixth with 125, Stockton seventh with 149 and Ellis eighth with 188.

John Faber was the lead runner for the boys, taking seventh with a time of 18 minutes, 27.64 seconds. Aaron Faber, John's brother,

finished in 17th with 19:01.79; Alec Onstad followed in 18th with 19:29.23; Michael Schiferl 23rd with 19:47.47; Blake McNinch 35th with 20:25.46; Brad Schroeder 42nd with 21:17.89; and Marc Bremenkamp 44th with 21:24.33.

The varsity girls didn't place as a team in Phillipsburg. The Norton girls were first with 36, Lincoln second with 71, Hill City third with 80 and Plainville fourth with 85.

The Lady Eagles were led by Andrea Browne, who took second with 16:33.75. Bridget Bickner was 17th with 18:00.83; Taylor Lemman 18th 18:15.25; Makayla

Hoffman 42nd with 21:54.50; Katie Elias 46th with 22:46.91; Maura Hansen 47th with 24:10.56; and Cameron McLaughlin 48th with 24:20.96.

The Colby boys junior varsity had five runners compete at the meet. Wiatt Binder came in fourth with 20:42.20; Austin Rogers 12th with 22:46.96; Matt Dickman 14th with 23:07.49; Josh Lemman 17th with 23:55.61; and Connor Schwanke 26th with 25:44.64.

Colby will be the site of the Great West Activities Conference league cross country meet on Saturday. The meet will begin at 11 a.m. at Meadow Lake Golf Course.

Middle school teams struggle on the road

By Hailee Spresser
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Middle School volleyball team traveled to Damar to play against Damar and Logan.

The A-, B- and C-teams all gained experience throughout the day on Sept. 20.

The A-team started out playing Damar. Coming out strong, the Lady Bulldogs slipped by Damar, 26-24. In the second set, Damar took control and won the match 25-15. The Lady Bulldogs couldn't get the momentum back in the third set, letting Damar fly by, 15-4.

Next, the A-team played Logan. Golden Plains played a close first match, but triumphed over Logan, 25-22. Finding it hard to get the ball back, Golden Plains was defeated in the second and third sets, 25-15 and 15-4.

The B-team had two very successful games, playing Damar and Logan. Against Damar, in the first set, the Lady Bulldogs fought hard, but couldn't quite pull off the match win, losing 25-21. Determined as ever, the B-team came back in the second match to get the win 25-23. In the third match, Golden Plains shut down Damar, 15-11.

Pumped from the previous win, the B-team destroyed Logan in the first match, 25-12. Both teams fought hard for the win in the second match, but Logan came out on top, 26-24. The B-team ended their day on a good note in the third match, 15-12.

The C-team only had one match against Logan. Even though they couldn't quite pull off the win, 25-15, they all gained some valuable experience.

"Overall, I thought the girls did a very good job of setting up the ball and serving as well," Head Coach Mindy Fleckenstein said, "but we couldn't quite pull out the win in the third set."

Women's golfer ties for fourth

Colby Community College Lady Trojans golfers competed Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 at the Coffeyville Country Club in the Women's Jayhawk Conference Designated No. 2 Tournament held in Coffeyville. Jaly McCauley, St. Francis, tied for fourth place

with a 27-hole total of 134. Kaylee Keck, Colby, finished 10th with a total of 141.

Taylor Gobin, Hill City, posted 147; Rachel Platt, Syracuse, 182; and Brooke Gattler, Topeka, 169. The women competed Monday in Hutchinson.

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