

Bulldogs bring brooms to Heartland

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Golden Plains and Heartland Christian went a combined 5-0 against other foes during the Heartland Quad Tuesday night in Colby.

Yet all five wins together probably couldn't match the spirit of Tuesday's decisive contest.

Players and coaches both were jumping off the bench with almost every point when host Heartland met Golden Plains.

Actually, these teams know each other all too well, since many played together as "kids" and/or attended volleyball camps.

The Crusaders have enjoyed victory, like during last year's run to a Kansas Christian Athletic Association state tournament spot.

Yet Golden Plains continues to rise above almost every challenger so far this fall.

The Bulldogs broke away again Tuesday night for a 25-15, 25-16 sweep of Heartland Christian.

It capped a second quadrangular sweep in barely one week, as coach Orba Smith's experienced team also scored three wins during its home quadrangular last Tuesday.

The rematch with Heartland was clearly Golden Plains' closest match at Colby's Community

Center.

Golden Plains had blasted past Greeley County 25-10, 25-6; and pounded Healy 25-7, 25-8.

Heartland Christian started fast with seniors Amy Myers, Kirsten Bandy and Brittany Bear leading the net attack.

However, Golden Plains stars like senior Kylie Jones often rose above the rest.

Jones knocked down several big kills, while seniors Jordan Christensen and Hailee Spreser provided their own great spark.

Meanwhile, libero Macayla Easton — another Bulldog senior — kept a lot of potential Crusader points from hitting the floor.

Heartland Christian did recover to sweep the quad's final match over Healy 25-21, 25-17, which ended right about 10 p.m.

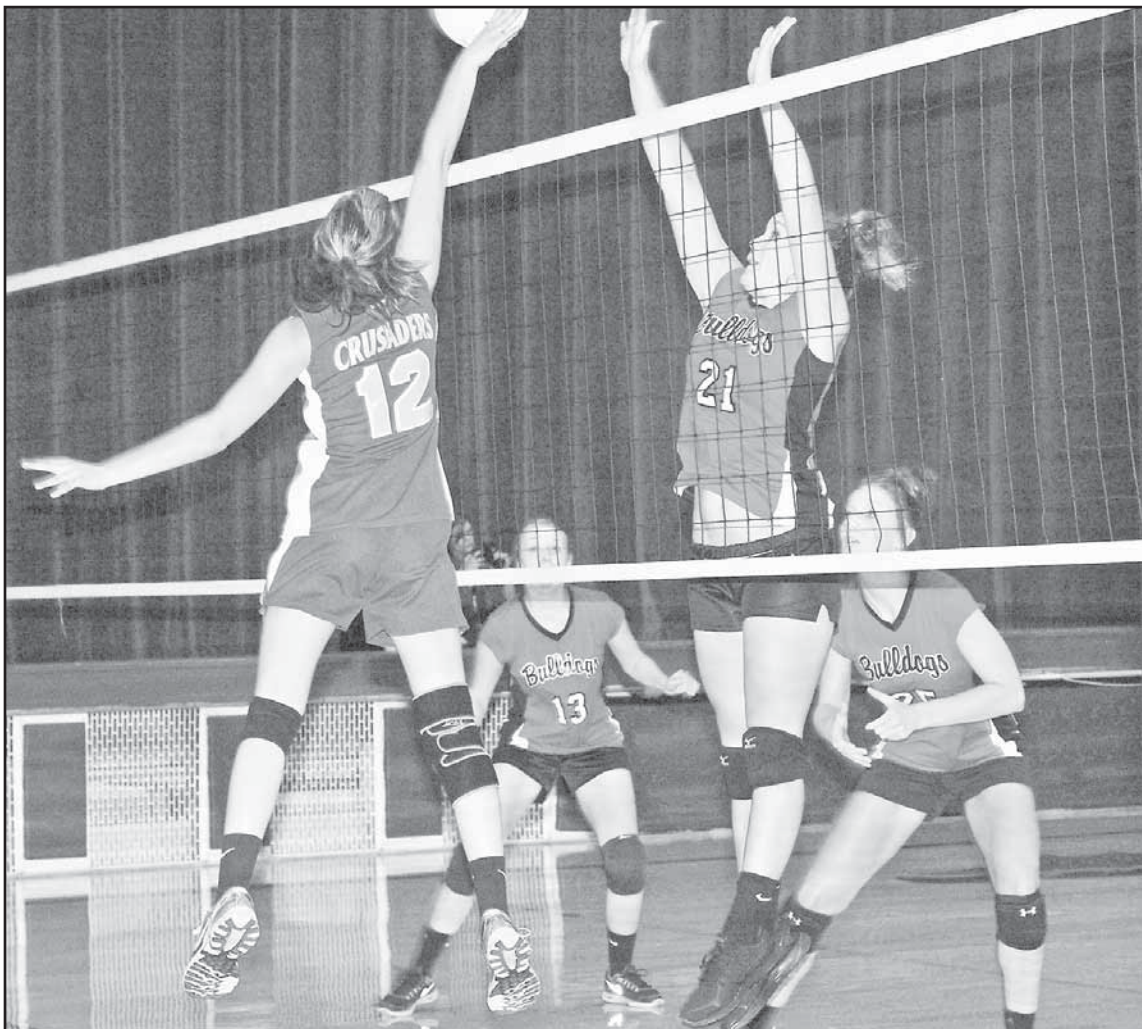
Healy was leading that second set, 15-12, until the Crusaders decided they weren't allowing this match to run any later.

Bandy served her team into a 15-15 tie, and Meyers' stuff block soon put Heartland ahead 18-15.

Another Bandy "ace" made it 19-15 while making sure that Healy never really seriously threatened again.

Heartland Christian moves on to play at Saturday's Flint Hills Invitational.

Golden Plains will host another quadrangular on Tuesday (4 p.m.).



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Golden Plains senior Hailee Spreser goes for the block against Heartland Christian's Brittany Bear (12) Tuesday night at the Colby Community Center. Other Bulldogs pictured are Leea Juemann (13) and Jordan Christensen (25) as Golden Plains swept three quad matches.

Bulldog spirit leads to victory

Good senior leadership helped Heartland Christian top Tribune 27-25, 25-19 during Saturday's Tribune Quadrangular.

Senior Kirsten Bandy served four aces and delivered 16 assists, while classmate Amy Myers smashed three kills.

However, their value goes far beyond numbers.

"Kirsten is a spiritually mature young lady and she draws on that to overcome frustration," coach Amy Regier explained. "Both



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Heartland Christian coach Melissa Regier (left) instructs her team during a 2-1 effort at Tuesday night's home quadrangular.

Amy and (senior) Brittany (Bear) have the same qualities, and they chose to be leaders through that

second set." Bear, Quinlee Niblock and Emily Delzeit served 10-for-10.

Trojan golf team starts season

The Colby Community College Men's Golf Team competed in the first Jayhawk Conference tournament on Sept. 9 in Winfield.

The men played 36 holes at the Quail Ridge Golf Course.

Brazilian Luis Felipe Pujol finished in eighth place with a two-

round total of 148. First place in the tournament was Parker Miller of Johnson Community College, as he shot 142.

Colby golfer Ryan Hoover of Phillipsburg tied for 27th after finishing 161.

Cameron Medina of Montrose, Colo., and Colby native Tayte Query tied for 48th with scores of 177. Brad Ellis of Josh also finished the tournament with a total of 199.

Pigskin pickers tie for week 3

The third week of college football forecasting proved more challenging for *Free Press* couch potato R.B. (Round Belly) Headley and Associated Press writer Ralph

Russo. Both finished 14-3 in last week's published picks after Rarely Brilliant went 26-2 through the first two weeks.

Headley missed on Alabama-Texas A&M, Mississippi-Texas and UCLA-Nebraska as his beloved Bugeaters imploded after building a 21-3 lead.

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