

# Colby beats every quad foe but mighty Hoxie

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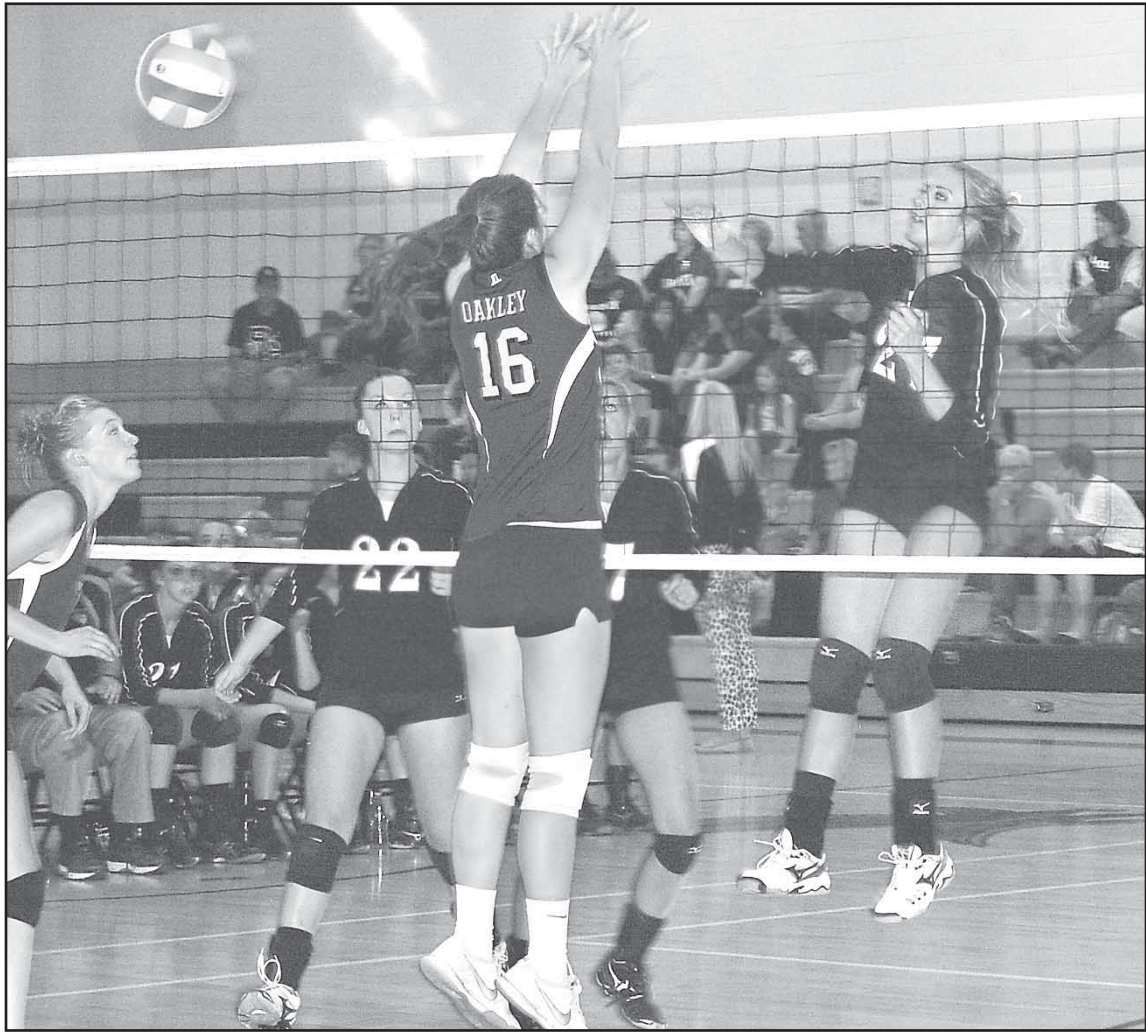
What was being served certainly didn't sit well with Scott City or Oakley during Thursday's Colby varsity volleyball quadrangular. Senior lefty Morgan Mengel's "menu" became disturbing enough as she sent several ace points plummeting past Oakley defenders. When classmate Haileigh Shull took over the serving duties, Scott

City Beavers would have been better off just running for cover. With her teammates providing plenty of flavor, Shull tallied 11 consecutive points that closed out Colby's second consecutive sweep of a tough area foe. The Eagles (7-4 record overall) dished out 25-17 victories over Scott City after stuffing Oakley 25-9, 25-17. "We played well. Our first two matches were very well done," coach Jerry McKee confirmed. "We didn't get (a win over) Scott

City last year, so that was very good. And Oakley has a nice team, we just got on a roll." Feasting on good passes also became a popular activity for Colby hitters. Seniors Karly Shull, Haileigh Shull, Mengel, junior Hannah Strange and sophomore Brenly Terrell all clobbered kills past these two beaten foes. "(Seniors) Tatym Rundel and Abby Friesen are coming in and doing a great job as well," McKee said.

Junior libero Brooklyn Bange and sophomore Brielle McKee added good floor defense to Colby's winning recipe. Perhaps the only Eagle setback was Haileigh Shull ripping some skin off one hand while diving to keep a ball in play. Yet Shull had that hand bandaged and was ready to help Colby take its best shot against undefeated Hoxie.

Like Colby, the Indians (11-0 record) needed just two sets to dispose of Oakley and Scott City. Their third match seemed destined to go three sets. Another Mengel "ace" kept the first set close at 8-7, only to see Hoxie's powerful front row take control. Seniors Kristina Farber and Natasha Allmer, both 5'10", blasted several big points along with 5'8" junior Lexi Shamberger. The Indians took set one, 25-16. Colby kept pace for quite awhile during the second set. Senior Karly Shull even broke a 10-10 tie with an over-the-shoulder tip that landed perfectly past some



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Colby High's Karly Shull won this showdown of 5'10" seniors as she sent a kill past Oakley blocker Laura Dennis. The Eagles also won Thursday's match by scores of 25-9, 25-17. Other Colby players pictured include senior Morgan Mengel (22).



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Junior Allie Friesen (48) made an over-the-shoulder pass while sophomore Gabby Wilson (11) backed up this play during Colby High's junior varsity volleyball action Thursday. Junior Darby Sager (53) is also ready to keep the ball moving if needed.

## Eagle earns JV title

Junior Olivia Wetter captured another championship for Colby High tennis this week as she won No. 1 singles at the Hays junior varsity tourney on Thursday. Colby's team took second overall behind two strong doubles performances. The good combinations of Natasha Besser-Jennilee Gray (No. 1 doubles) and Morgan Sanguinetti-Makayla Brackett both placed second.

Wetter's title follows a varsity No. 1 singles victory from sophomore Julie Schroeder at Ulysses Monday afternoon. Meanwhile, Colby's JV team won two of three matches at the home quadrangular. The Eagles beat Oakley and Scott City before losing to Hoxie. The C volleyball team went to Wheatland, Colo., and beat Goodland after losing to Wheatland and Hays.

## Colby driver wins Great Plains Series

The final race of the Dirt Track Central Great Plains Series presented by Goodland Machine was held recently at Thomas County Speedway as part of the Jeff Hartwell Memorial race and championship night. With 21 stock cars on hand and \$600 on the line, the competition was stiff. Mike Nichols was the winningest driver with four feature wins on the series, but with a did not finish and another unfortunate finish following a crash, Jeff Tubbs from Colby captured the series championship. "The level of competition was way up there I thought," Tubbs commented on the series. "Just proud to win it. Can't wait until the banquet." Tubbs became the series first repeat winner midway through the race schedule picking up both wins at WaKeeney Speedway over

Memorial Day weekend. The key for Tubbs was his ability to elude bad luck and inconsistency. He never finished outside of the top 10. Lance Borgman, Rogers, Scott Granzella and Lippelmann also picked up series race wins, which was a difficult feat with a 28 car season average. "It was nice to have a series to compete in that had an average of 25 to 30 cars a night. It gave us opportunities to race with cars we normally don't get to race with," Tubbs said. "It also let us compete at tracks we don't race at." The series, which was heavily followed by western Kansas drivers, raced at five different Kansas tracks throughout the summer. The tracks included RPM Speedway (Hays), WaKeeney Speedway, Liberal Fair Ground Speedway, Thunderhill Speedway (Mayetta) and Thomas County Speedway.

## Colby cross-country runners reach Hays' top 10

Colby High cross-country runners and teams both reached the top three at a Hays Cross Country Invitational on Thursday. Sophomore Andrea Browne's third-place finish helped the Eagles also take third overall (88 points). Meanwhile, Aaron Faber represented a good Colby boys' effort as he took 10th (19:12) among varsity runners. The team wasn't far from its own top three placing, earning

fourth with 105 points. Colby's other varsity placers for the boys were senior Jaden Morrison (21st, 20:28), freshman Ernie Lieja (29th, 21:25), junior Alec Onstad (31st, 21:37) and senior Luke Cox (34th, 22:05). "Jaden Morrison ran his best race of the year and was much more relaxed," coach Chris Giersch said. "Ernie Leija also continue to improve, especially late in the race by making up positions. Luke Cox and Alec Onstad looked much stronger, but will need to improve some on the beginning part of races." While Browne set a fast pace again (16:49), another trio of Colby girls reached the meet's top 25: sophomore Sydney Stephens (17th, 18:06), senior Emma Kleist (21st, 18:40) and junior Taylor Lemman (25th, 18:44). "Sydney ran much stronger throughout the race and finished just four seconds behind

the medal placers," Giersch observed. "Emma Kleist ran her first race for us and did well enough to place in the top 25 and be our team's No. 3 finisher." Junior Bridget Bickner's effort was also impressive considering she passed four girls in the final 75 meters to place 34th (19:40). Freshman Cassie Berndt (41st, 23:09) and sophomore Makayla Hoffman (42nd, 23:26) completed Colby's varsity contingent at Hays.

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