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Colby senior Sarah Lamm maintained sharp focus on the fuzzy ball during Colby High's home invitational at Fike Park earlier this month.

Eagles take on 10 teams

Every Colby varsity tennis player placed in a tough Lindsborg tournament on Saturday. Senior Madison Rogers' seventh-place finish at No. 2 singles led the Eagles, while sophomore Julie Schroeder took ninth against top players from 10 other teams. Senior Sarah Lamm and No. 1 doubles partner Samantha Lindberg also earned ninth place. Colby's No. 2 doubles team of junior Tresta Urban and sophomore Rachel Browne placed 10th. No other details were available from Saturday's tourney. The Colby varsity tennis girls quickly return to action today at Scott City. Opening matches are set for 3 p.m. The Colby junior varsity tennis girls play at Liberal on Tuesday (also 3 p.m.).

Colby spikers get revenge on Ulysses

Eagles win two other matches at Liberal

A 5:30 a.m. departure started Colby High's busy five-match volleyball Saturday in the Liberal Tournament.

Yet no Eagle was looking drowsy when their rematch against reigning Great West Athletic Conference champion Ulysses arrived.

The Tigers had swept Colby Tuesday evening in a quadrangular at this same Liberal location.

Ulysses conquered the first set again, 25-21, but momentum soon changed after senior Hailiegh Shull's kill started an 8-2 run during set two.

The Eagles went on to build a 20-12 lead on junior Hannah Strange's lethal shot and eventually took their own 25-21 victory.

Believe it or not, Ulysses never lead again during the final decisive set. Sophomore Brielle McKee's ace serve ignited a 5-1 Colby start that also featured two tough serves from classmate Lara Stephens.

Ulysses drew as close as 21-20, but Eagles always delivered the right answer.

Junior Hannah Strange's kill kept a tie from ever happening. Libero Brooklyn Bange also halted some potential Ulysses points by playing great defense.

In fact, Bange was a kill-stopping force throughout almost every tournament match.

Ulysses became frustrated enough to commit a hitting er-

ror which created match point for Colby.

Moments later, another Haleigh Shull shot clinched the Eagles' 25-21 win.

It was huge highlight as Colby eventually finished fifth at the elite Kansas tourney.

Only narrow defeats to larger-school Emporia and Dodge City prevented the Eagles from placing even higher.

Coach Jerry McKee's team did score two more triumphs over Southwestern Heights and Meade. The Eagles improved their season record to 10-6 overall.

Highlights from these other tourney matches:

Emporia edges Colby 25-23, 25-23

The Eagles soared ahead 4-0 on two more early kills from Haleigh Shull. Senior Karly Shull's stuff block created an even larger advantage of 10-4.

Though Emporia suddenly rallied to take an 18-14 lead, Colby never stopped battling and forced a 20-20 deadlock on Strange's blast past tall defenders.

Still tied 23-23, Emporia only escaped thanks to an Eagle tip that just barely sailed out of bounds. A rare Colby serve-receive error sealed the first-set win, and Emporia won an equally tough second set.

Colby sweeps Southwestern 25-19, 25-12

The 1A Southwestern Heights

squad brought a strong 6-2 record into Saturday's tourney.

However, Colby erased some early deficits as leaping sophomore Brenly Terrell slammed down several big kills.

"She's got some spring in her legs, that's for sure," one Colby radio announcer remarked.

Colby pulled away and finished the first set with Stephens' ace serve.

The second set was really not close, partly because Bange again was digging potential points just inches from that Liberal court.

Another Hailiegh Shull kill completed the one Eagle sweep of this tourney.

Dodge City downs Colby 25-23, 25-17

Perhaps a long wait between matches contributed to Colby's slow start, but the Eagles still rallied from 15-9 behind in that first set.

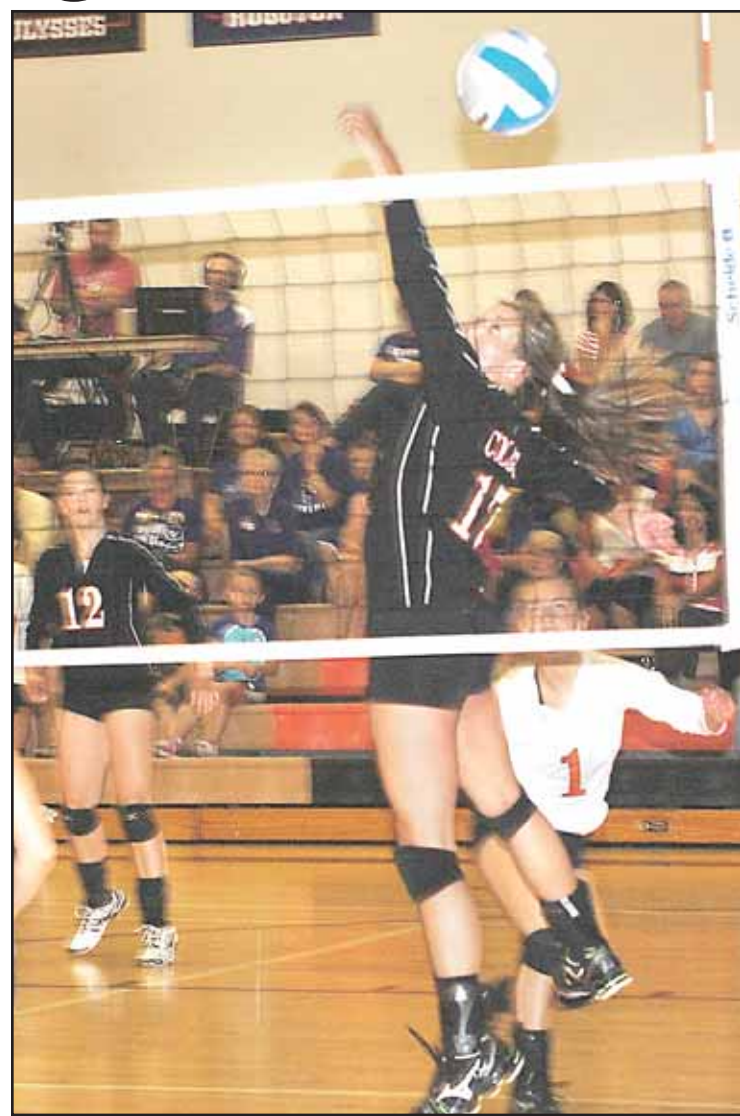
Senior Morgan Mengel' serving helped the Eagles close within 23-22, and a sizzling cross-court Hailiegh Shull took that Dodge City lead again down to 24-23.

Dodge City finally scored the winner, though, and then took set two.

Colby over Meade

A final score was not available. Colby did rally to win three sets with the last set being 25-21.

Terrell's last kill of the tourney closed out this win and an 11-match week for the Eagles.



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Colby High senior Hailiegh Shull went for the kill during Thursday's home quadrangular. She drilled the clinching point during Saturday's three-set win over defending Great West Athletic Conference champ Ulysses on Saturday. Also pictured for the Eagles are juniors Hannah Strange (12) and Brooklyn Bange (1).

Broncos battle Oakland tonight without top tackle

DENVER (AP) — Ryan Clady hasn't missed a game since being selected 12th overall by the Denver Broncos in the 2008 draft, and he's been a key member of an offensive line that has helped quarterback Peyton Manning begin 2013 on a record-setting pace.

That will change Monday night when Denver hosts the Oakland Raiders, who will attempt to

contain Manning while playing without one of their top defensive backs.

Clady, a three-time Pro Bowler, signed a five-year extension with \$33 million guaranteed in July after allowing one sack as Manning attempted 583 passes last season.

The left tackle, though, has been lost for the season due to a Lisfranc tear in his left foot suf-

fered in Sunday's 41-23 victory over the New York Giants. Chris Clark will start in Clady's place against an Oakland defensive line that is tied for the NFL lead with nine sacks.

"Stepping up into a role like this, it's not going to be hard for me to adjust," Clark said. "It's not about filling a guy's shoes for me. It's about me creating my legacy,

just helping the team the best way I can and doing my job."

Clark has made six career starts at tight end but none at tackle. Clark, though, said watching Clady should make it easier for him.

"You try to mimic those things because he's been a great player, and those things will help me a lot," he said.

Clady's injury is another blow

to an offensive line that lost center Dan Koppen to an ACL injury during the summer. Manny Ramirez has filled the role nicely, though.

"You want your quarterback to feel comfortable when he's back there, knowing that the person that's responsible for that is going to make the right calls and the right adjustments," Clark said.





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