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Colby High senior Andrea Barton drives a ball with maximum effort through the gusty winds at Meadow Lake Golf Course on Monday. The Eagles finished third at their home tournament.

Eagle golfers take third, aim to manage damage

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Ouch! Stepping in a hole and falling on your camera can often be very painful.

Yet driving, chipping or putting around holes also can become rather uncomfortable, and something the Colby High golfers are determined to minimize after Monday's home tournament.

"I felt like we could have done a better job defending our home course," coach Rick Williams said about his varsity team taking third overall in this nine-hole event.

Colby totaled 222 to finish behind champion Goodland (191) and Ulysses (219).

Holcomb (227) and Hugoton (274) completed the five-team varsity field.

"It was a tough day out there with the (very windy) weather, but we have to get better at be-

ing tough and overcoming adversity," Williams added. "We will be working on minimizing the damage and trying to eliminate the big numbers on a hole by playing smarter."

Williams was pleased with how top varsity players Andrea Barton, Miranda Kern and Haley Mengel all recovered from "really big numbers" on various holes.

However, none were able to earn a top 10 varsity medal. Kern came closest (11th/51) as she lost a playoff for 10th place with Kyla Bendel, who was representing St. Francis.

An eight-stroke hole No. 1 hurt Kern's chances, though she rallied to hit a three on her ninth and final hole. Bendel overcame a dreaded "10" on hole No. 5.

Mengel finished 15th overall (54) while Barton was just stroke off that pace (55). Both needed nine strokes to finish that tough

No. 1 hole, and later delivered tourney-low fours on No. 8.

Freshman Isabelle Rosales (62) and junior Jenna Crampton (68) were other Colby varsity golfers who battled through the windy Monday.

"Again, we have the potential to do some great things this year, but we have a lot of room for improvement," Williams concluded. "We are hitting the ball okay. We will spend more time on playing smarter to score better."

Jessica Ast from Cimarron fired a round of 42 to win the tournament. She scored five or lower on every hole except No. 3 (six strokes).

Garden City's Torrey Olson won the junior varsity tournament (48) with Colby junior Brooke Wark finishing fourth (63).

Colby returns to the golf course on Thursday at a Holcomb tournament (1 p.m. start).

Colby tennis players take Scott City titles

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They traveled different paths through a wildly windy Monday, but two Colby High Eagles never wavered from their ultimate goal. Undefeated tournament champions!

Senior Madison Rogers and sophomore Julie Schroeder both went 4-0 while topping the top two singles players from every team competing at the Scott City tourney.

Schroeder basically breezed to her second No. 1 singles championship season. She lost only five games all day (to go with 24 wins) and swept her Liberal finals opponent 6-0.

Rogers saw Trego's No. 2 singles opponent win five games alone in their title match.

Neither the pressure of powerful winds nor a tense tie-breaker set could prevent Rogers' first varsity tourney championship.

She finally defeated the Trego top challenger 6-5 (7-4).

Rogers and Schroeder powered the Eagles to a strong third-place finish (23 points) in conditions that almost blew out of control.

"I think the tournament on Monday was the windiest we have ever played," Colby coach Jennifer Rall said. "In fact, they were going to play out through eighth place, but decided to just play through fourth so teams could get back on the road and hopefully avoid the blowing dirt."

Colby's top two doubles teams would have played for fifth place if weather permitted.



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Colby High senior Madison Rogers has made steady improvement since the Colby Invitational on Sept. 7, and she captured her first varsity championship at Monday's Scott City tourney.

Junior Samantha Lindberg and sophomore Rachel Browne played their first No. 1 doubles varsity tourney together.

Junior Olivia Wetter joined classmate Tresta Urban to deliver some success at No. 2 doubles.

"Both of the doubles teams were mixed up Monday because we had one varsity player who was sick," Rall explained. "None of them had played together before."

Liberal, Trego, Tribune, Garden City, Scott City Blue and Scott

City White were the other teams participating.

Schroeder scored her victories over Tribune 6-1, Garden City 6-3 and Scott City White 6-1 before her 6-0 sweep of Liberal.

Rogers started with a 6-0 win over Scott City White, beat Tribune 6-4 and Garden City 6-1 en route to the No. 2 title match.

The championship efforts begin a busy tennis week. Colby's varsity plays next on Thursday at the Russell Tournament (1 p.m. start).

Colby football team wins 22-0

Colby High's C football team trounced Ulysses, 22-0, to get the sports week started right Monday afternoon at Ulysses.

No other details were obtained, except the Eagles' junior varsity team dropped a 30-0 decision to those Tigers.

Tuesday featured the Colby JV tennis squad competing in a Liberal tournament.

Juniors Natasha Besser and Jenilee Gray led the Eagles as they earned second place among No. 1 doubles.

Colby's top two singles players

— No. 1 Morgan Sanguinetti and No. 2 Makayla Brackett — both tied for fifth place in their respective divisions.

Area sports action continues tonight highlighted by the Jayhawk League-leading Colby Community College volleyball team hosting Garden City College at 6:30 p.m. in the Colby community building.

The Trojans are still undefeated in league play (4-0) and have an overall record of 12-4.

Other upcoming sports:

Thursday

Tennis: Colby at Russell, 1 p.m.

Golf: Colby at Holcomb, 1 p.m. (Garden City)

Cross country: Colby, Brewster at Hill City Invitational, 5 p.m.

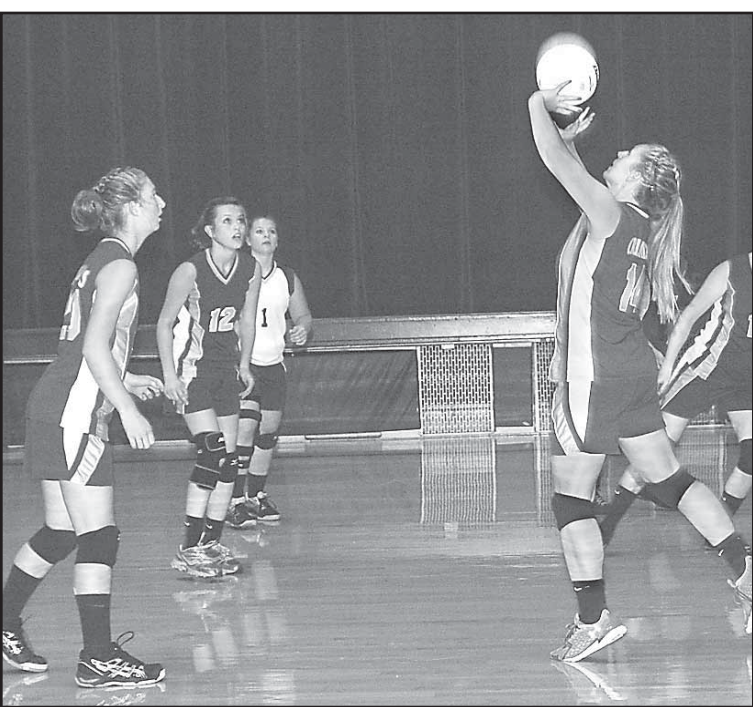
Junior high football: Colby at Holcomb, 4 p.m.

Junior high volleyball: Colby at Hays Triangular, 4 p.m. (8th grade)

Junior high volleyball: Northern Valley at Brewster, 4 p.m. (Winona)

Junior high volleyball: Heartland at Cheylin, 4 p.m. (Bird City)

Junior high football: Northern Valley at Brewster, 5:30 p.m.



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Senior Kirsten Bandy set up the ball for Heartland Christian teammates Quinlee Niblock, left, and Brittany Bear during a recent Crusader volleyball match at Colby Community Center.

Heartland spikers win one, but lose two

Scrappy teams from Derby and Manhattan created trouble for Heartland Christian during Saturday's Flint Hills volleyball tournament in Manhattan.

The Crusaders opened against Lawrence-based Christian school Veritas, who didn't enjoy similar late-game success as those beloved Kansas Jayhawks.

While KU kicked a last-second field goal to beat football foe Louisiana Tech, Heartland's volleyball team took charge late and defeated Veritas 25-16, 20-25, 25-13.

Senior Kirsten Bandy delivered 55 assists with classmate Brittany Bear blasting six kills.

Bear also served two aces to match senior Savannah Sullivant's two. In fact, they only missed one of 23 serves during this entire match.

Amy Myers, Allie Mollendor,

Emily Delzeit, Ashley Miller and Bear teamed to achieve 100 percent with their serve-receives.

Heartland's momentum didn't quite carry over to those other two matches.

Derby scored a 25-20, 20-25, 25-18 victory over the Crusaders despite Heartland serving 100 percent in that final set.

Myers clobbered five kills and Bear smashed three. Yet the third set featured just five Crusader kills as a team compared to seven hitting errors.

"That just doesn't make it hard enough for the other team," coach Amy Regier said. "We have to hit harder, pass more accurately and cut down our ballhandling errors to be effective against a scrappy team that gets a lot balls up off the floor."

Heartland's final match against

Manhattan Chief, a home-school cooperative team, featured better Crusader serving and passing.

Yet Manhattan still prevailed 25-22, 28-26.

Myers and Bear both delivered four kills during that longer-than-usual final set. However, some other hitting errors and struggling serve-receiving negated Heartland's strong middle play, accord-

ing to coach.

"We'll get back to practice this week to sharpen our skills and get ready for the next time we meet these teams," Regier concluded.

The Crusaders returned to action at another Golden Plains Quadrangular in Rexford Tuesday evening. Scores from those matches will likely be featured later this week.

Denver saves picker from brutal 0-for-week

Besides it being another birthday for him today, *Free Press* couch potato R.B. (Really Big) Eater Headley knows his days are numbered when it comes to a lofty college football pickin' record.

"I don't see Bethune Cookman or Savannah State or Colorado Buffaloes anywhere on upcoming Top 25 schedules," Rarely Brilliant noted after improving to 50-6 in picks this season while remaining one game ahead of Associated

Press football writer Ralph Russo (49-7). "Maybe at least we could convince these schools to form another new conference with my beloved Minnesota Yike!-ings."

Oh yes, the Yikes! took their nickname to another new level while falling against those winless-no-longer Cleveland Browns. The same Browns who traded their best running back and had scored one touchdown total in two previous games.

"I'd be really bummed, except I see the blueberry syrup from my birthday pancakes has blended perfectly into my blue dress shirt," he said. "Things always have a way of working out if you stay positive. Go, Yikes! Go to London this weekend (where they play equally Pittsburgh) and don't come back."

Anyhoo, Rarely Brilliant didn't even pick the Yikes!-Browns debacle. He did miss on Green Bay

over Cincinnati, San Francisco over Indianapolis, Pittsburgh over Chicago and Washington over Detroit. Thankfully, those mighty Denver Broncos routed da Raiders Monday night.

"I almost took a Raiders upset," Rumbly Bumbly admitted. "So much for age bringing wisdom."

Watch out for picks on big games like No. 6 LSU at No. 9 Georgia and Oklahoma-Notre Dame this weekend.

Royals suffer staggering setback at Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — When Seattle's Justin Smoak hit a three-run home run in the fifth inning Tuesday night, the Kansas City Royals' chances for a win and perhaps a

postseason appearance were in big trouble.

Smoak hit an 0-2 fastball from Bruce Chen (8-4) for his career-best-matching 19th home run, and

the Mariners went on to a 4-0 victory, creating a bleak playoff picture for the Royals.

Time is running out -- just five games remaining -- with much

distance to be covered.

The Royals' three competitors for the two American League wild-card spots -- Tampa Bay, Texas and Cleveland -- all won.

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