

Colby girls split with rival

The Colby Middle School eighth-grade volleyball girls earned a win over Grant Junior High School from Goodland Saturday afternoon.

This latest win adds to a season that so far has also featured victories over Scott City, Oakley, Liberal and Wray, Colo.

Here is a recap of Colby matches so far this season:

Eighth grade

Sept. 7: Colby wins 15-8, 15-8 over Scott City; and 17-15, 15-11 over Dodge City.

Sept. 12: Colby rallies to beat Oakley 19-21, 15-8, 21-1.

Sept. 14: Colby sweeps away Wray 15-10, 15-13.

Sept. 19: Colby takes brooms to Oakley 21-8, 22-20 on Oakley's home court; then also sweeps past Scott City 21-15, 21-17.

Saturday: A rematch doesn't help Oakley as Colby triumphs again 21-8, 21-14; and also sweeps Grant 21-13, 21-13.

Grant did get some payback when Colby traveled to Goodland Tuesday afternoon. The hosts scored 25-18, 25-15 victories.



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Colby Middle School's Rayanna Schmidt passed the volleyball for teammates Stacia Oren (5) and Anna Giersch (3) during eighth-grade volleyball play at Goodland on Tuesday.

Overall, the Colby eighth-graders have won 19 sets this season and dropped 17.

They were playing in another tournament against teams from Hays and McPherson among others on Thursday.

No scores were available before press time.

Seventh grade

Colby Middle School's seventh-grade team has won six sets this season, including two over Grant Junior High. The other wins have

come against Oakley, Holcomb and Burlington, Colo.

Colby's most recent match featured a 26-24 first-set victory against Grant. However, the hosts rallied to take 25-21 and 15-9 decisions.

Colby golfers medal twice at Holcomb

Colby High's Andrea Barton and Miranda Kern both earned top 10 medals to lead the varsity golfers in a Holcomb tournament on Thursday.

Barton shot 98 during the 18-hole tourney to claim seventh place while Kern's 106 claimed 10th place.

It was almost a second Top 10 finish for Kern this week, as she

took 11th at Monday's Colby Invitational.

The Eagles finished in a three-tie for fourth among seven teams competing with a total score of 446.

Goodland (383) won another tourney followed by Syracuse (417), Holcomb (444), Ulysses (446), Lakin (446), Colby and Cimarron (466).

Middle school 'Dogs improve in close loss

By Arianna Camacho

Golden Plains Middle School

The Golden Plains Middle School football team played a tough game at Grinnell-Wheatland on Thursday, Sept. 19.

Although the Bulldogs lost 38-32, they were tied for most of the game, scoring back and forth after seventh-grader AJ Camacho scored on the second play from scrim following a GP score on the second play from scrimmage.

"Our offense improved a lot from last week," eighth-grader Jeron Schutte said. "Working to blow off the line helped us to get our touchdowns."

The Bulldogs also improved on defense, especially when they

were attacking blocks downfield.

"More determination got us off the line quicker," Camacho explained. "We still have to get more tackles and in order for us to do that we need to work on wrapping our arms around the opposing team to get them down."

The football team still has errors that need to be worked on, especially cutting down penalties. The Bulldogs did have two touchdowns called back which affected the outcome of the game.

Golden Plains Middle School played its first home game against Logan-Damar on Thursday afternoon.

Details will likely be featured next week.

College Saturday should deliver surprises

By Ralph D. Russo

The Associated Press

Finally, a college football weekend with real potential to reshape the rankings and shake up the national championship race.

The fifth Saturday of the season features four games matching ranked teams, highlighted by No. 6 LSU at No. 9 Georgia. Eight more ranked teams play road games of varying degrees of difficulty.

And with today's deadline rapidly approaching, Free Press football couch potato R.B. (Rancid Beef) Headley also brings his 50-6 season record to this pickin'

party — a winning percentage that's sure to drop.

Editor's note: Russo's picks published in the Free Press are 49-7 this season.

No. 6 LSU at No. 9 Georgia
Russo: Les Miles and Mark Richt have split four meeting between Tigers and 'Dawgs. **LSU 35-28. RB: Georgia 34-31.**

No. 21 Mississippi at No. 1 Alabama

Russo: Tide has won nine straight against Rebels. **Alabama 30-17. RB: Alabama 37-20.**

No. 24 Wisconsin at No. 4 Ohio State

Russo: Buckeyes' depth chart lists QBs Braxton Miller and Ken-

ny Guiton as co-starters. **Ohio State 28-20. RB:** Watch out for Ohio State at Northwestern next week. **Buckeyes 31-24.**

No. 14 Oklahoma at No. 22 Notre Dame

Russo: Irish averaging only 114 yards rushing. **Oklahoma 24-17. RB:** Oklahoma has struggled against elite teams recently, but I don't see Irish as elite. **Oklahoma 30-21.**

Upset special?

No. 12 South Carolina at UCF

Russo: Blake Bortles might be best QB Gamecocks face this season, and their pass defense has been shaky. **UCF 31-24. RB: Gamecocks 33-28.**

R.B.'s upset No. 5 Stanford at Washington State

RB: I love saying Wazzu and coach Mike Leach's due for one wacky victory. **Washington State 27-24. Russo: Stanford 35-21.**

No. 20 Florida at Kentucky

Russo: Florida 28-13. RB: How many times can Gators lose before it's not an upset. But then again, we're taking Kentucky football. **Kentucky 19-17.**

No. 2 Oregon over California, No. 3 Clemson over Wake Forest and No. 16 Washington over Arizona.

NFL picks include Broncos over Eagles and Chiefs over Giants.

Quinter edges Bulldogs

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains junior varsity girls played a very close volleyball match with Quinter to start their Bulldog quad on Tuesday in Rexford.

They started with a commanding 15-5 lead before allowing the Quinter Lady Bulldogs to close the gap to 25-16 by the end of that first set.

In the second set, the Quinter

girls found their footing and challenged the girls from Golden Plains throughout the game with Quinter claiming the 25-22

Going into the third game of the set, both teams worked hard but the Quinter team won 15-11.

"We worked hard throughout the whole game, but at the end, it just didn't go our way," freshman Morgan Ritter said. "We know what we can do to fix our mistakes, and we will work hard to make ourselves better."





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