

# Eagles in top five at home

Colby High tennis players were top five finishers in three of four divisions during their varsity tournament at Fike Park and Colby Community College on Tuesday.

Sophomore Julie Schroeder continued to be a force among No. 1 singles players in most area tourneys.

She's already won two championships this season and added a second-place finish Tuesday afternoon.

Sophomore Rachel Browne stepped into No. 2 singles and clearly showed she can compete. The first-year varsity player battled through two long matches while eventually earning fifth place.

Seniors Madison Rogers and Sarah Lamm also enjoyed some victorious moments in their first No. 1 doubles varsity tournament together. They teamed to place fifth while Colby's No. 2 duo of juniors Olivia Wetter and Tresta Urban took sixth.

Unfortunately, complete individual and team results were not available for today's *Free Press*. It was known that several area teams competed.

The Eagles hold a junior varsity invite on Saturday (9 a.m. start).



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Colby High sophomore Rachel Browne unleashed plenty of strong serves during Tuesday's home tournament at Fike Park and Colby Community College. Browne battled through some marathon No. 2 singles matches to earn a top five finish.

# Trojans coach admits some 'tails got kicked'

Despite a top two placer, the Colby Community College men's cross country team was looking for more at Saturday's Oklahoma State University Jamboree.

"As a team we got our tails kicked," coach James Ortiz said. "There's no nice way to put it. I'm not upset with the results as long as we learn from this. If we can stay injury free the rest of the season, I promise we will get better. I'm not worried."

The men finished sixth in the team standings.

They were led by Speaks, who placed second overall in a field of more than 150 runners.

The Trojans faced and finished behind three nationally-ranked junior colleges.

No. 2-ranked Allen County led the way by finishing second in the team standings while No. 6 El Paso placed third and No. 8 Garden City finished fifth.

NAIA program Oklahoma Baptist University won the team title.

Here are the top five individual placers since times appearing in Monday's *Free Press* were not correct:

1. Oklahoma Baptist's Adam Godwin (25:38.02), 2. Speaks (26:06.27), 3. Gustavo Escobar of St. Gregory's, Okla. (26:27.53);

4. Colton McNinch of Southwest, Kan. (26:32.29); 5. Isaac Placencia of Lubbock Christian, Tex. (26:38.77).

Other Colby runners to score were Gunner Hays (28th), Gabe Johnson (38th), Josh Quiroga

(41st) and Omar Trevino (44th).

The Trojans were also without one of their top runners, who sat out of the competition for disciplinary reasons.

They'll run next at the Fort Hays Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 12.

# Colby women's team gaining confidence

The Colby Community College women's cross country team placed 16th among 20 teams at Saturday's Oklahoma State University Jamboree in Stillwater, Okla.

"We started the morning with a two-and-a-half hour rain delay," coach Crystal Berndt said. "The race was originally set for 8 a.m. and we finally got to run at 10:30 a.m. It was still fairly wet and chilly when we began, but again the ladies got out really well at the start."

"I'm seeing a lot more confidence in these runners. Two of the three sophomores who ran this meet last year improved their times by almost one minute," Berndt added. "We have four weeks until our region meet and

the ladies are finally getting to the point where I want them to be."

Sophomore Emily Chestnut was the top runner for the Lady Trojans.

She finished with a time of 21:38.

Chestnut was followed by sophomore Heather Schneider (22:20), freshman Joyce Korir (23:00), freshman Dolvine Serem (23:09), sophomore Sierra Besmer (23:16) and freshman Christina Bedore (25:33).

The Lady Trojans will not be competing next weekend.

The next event will be on Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Fort Hays State University Tiger Open in Victoria.

Complete results can be found on [ksmilesplit.com](http://ksmilesplit.com).

# Men team for victories

Results from the Men's Night two-man scramble at Meadow Lake Golf Course last week. The format featured three holes of scotch, three holes of best ball and three holes scramble.

First names for top placers

were not available.

Flight one: 1. Flanagan-Vaughn, 2. Suter-Stromburg. Flight two: 1. Gabel-Gabel, 2. Molstad-VanHorn.

Another 2-man scramble is set for 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

# Colby runners build on last week's titles

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Fresh off topping Hill City's entire invite field five days ago, Colby High cross country runners

looked even stronger during the Oberlin Invitational on Tuesday.

"The boys and girls continue to run very well. All but one runner ran a faster time than what was ran at Hill City," coach Chris Giersch said. "They all exceeded individual race distance goals in the meet."

Junior Aaron Faber and sophomore Andrea Browne brought their 'A' games again while leading Colby's varsity contingent.

Faber finished third among varsity boys with his 18:23 time.

Meanwhile, other Eagles continue to form a faster pack as junior Alec Onstad (13th/19:32) and senior Jaden Morrison (14th/19:34) both earned top 15 medals.

Senior Luke Cox took 21st overall (20:58) and classmate Marc Bremenkamp placed 333d (24:42). The Colby boys scored 68 points for third overall, very close to Colby girls' team total of 64.

A typical Browne top five finish (third/16:26) led the girls to third

place as a team.

Junior medalist Taylor Lemman (13th/17:36) was closely pursued by teammates Sydney Stephens (16th/17:43) and senior Emma Kleist (17th/17:53).

Junior Bridget Bickner (23rd/18:55), sophomore Makayla Hoffman (332d/21:23) and freshman Cassie Berndt (36th/21:49) were the other Eagle varsity finishers. Senior Maura Hansen earned a top 10 junior varsity medal (10th/23:12).



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Freshman Donte Whitfield (11) sliced through the Hugoton Eagles during Colby High's junior varsity football game at Dennen Field Monday afternoon. The Eagles scored two touchdowns but still fell short 44-16.

# Colby C girls take three wins

The Colby C volleyball team's sweep through Goodland highlighted another busy Tuesday for Eagle teams.

Colby's success even carried into two states thanks to an opening 25-5, 25-16 sweep of Wray, Colo.

The Eagles delivered a more dominating win over host Goodland, taking 25-12 and 25-5 victories.

Beavers from Scott City gave Colby its feistiest challenge all day.

In fact, Scott City captured a 27-25 triumph to force the decisive third set.

However, Colby regained its dominant form with a 15-5 win. The Eagles conquered that opening set with Scott, 25-15.

Besides varsity tennis and cross country mentioned above on today's sports page, the Colby varsity golfers competed in a tourney at Ulysses.

Not many details were available except that Miranda Kern medaled (sixth) and Colby finished fourth as a team.

Junior varsity football on Monday featured Colby tallying two touchdowns against visiting Hugoton at Dennen Field. Yet the visitors enjoyed their own offensive success en route to a 44-16

victory.

A glance at upcoming contests, tournaments and other sports events throughout the area:

**Tonight**

College volleyball: Dodge City at Colby, 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday**

JV golf: Colby at Syracuse, 3 p.m.

C volleyball: Colby at Grainfield Quadrangular, 3 p.m.

Junior high football: Scott City at Colby, 4 p.m.

Junior high volleyball/football: Brewster at Grinnell, 4/5:30 p.m.

Junior high volleyball: Healy/Heartland at Golden Plains, 4 p.m.

Watch for weekend schedule of events in Thursday's edition.

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