

Eagle golf starts year in Norton

Colby High School junior varsity golfers went to the Norton Invitational Tournament, a varsity match, on Friday.

Colby's golfers finished last with a combined 198.

William Higerd had a 48, Derek White had a 49, Jared Helin had a 50 and Devlin Dempewolf had a 51.

The varsity golf team is in Goodland today and will be in McCook on Tuesday at 3 p.m.



Pittsburgh legend dies of stroke

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The Family has lost its patriarch.

Hall of Famer Willie Stargell, who led the Pirates to two World Series victories with his tape-measure homers, died of a stroke at age 61.

He had been in failing health for several years with a kidney disorder, according to officials at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, N.C.

The Pirates unveiled a 12-foot bronze statue of the man known as "Pops" on Saturday at PNC Park, where they played their first game only hours after Stargell died.

Stargell was a dynamic leader on the field and a fatherly yet forceful presence off it. One of the greatest home run hitters ever, in volume and in distance, Stargell hit 475 homers. With Stargell batting cleanup for most of his 20-year career, the Pirates won World Series championships and NL pennants in 1971 and 1979 and six NL East titles from 1970-79.

In 1979, he made an unprecedented three-way sweep of MVP awards, sharing the NL award with Keith Hernandez of St. Louis and winning it in the playoffs and World Series — a feat still not matched. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1988.



Cowboy QB calls it quits; cites injuries

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Troy Aikman's NFL career ended with the Dallas Cowboys after all.

The three-time Super Bowl champion announced his retirement at a news conference at Texas Stadium, where he starred for 12 seasons.

Aikman suffered four concussions in his last 20 starts — giving him 10 in his career — and has a degenerative back problem.

Aikman said the competitor in him wanted to continue, but his family weighed in his decision.

Aikman set nearly every team passing record and was among the best postseason quarterbacks in NFL history. After losing his first 11 games, he led Dallas to Super Bowl titles after the 1992, '93 and '95 seasons. Only Joe Montana and Terry Bradshaw have won as many Super Bowls.

Aikman's 90 wins in 1990s are the most by any quarterback in any decade. He also won his first seven playoff games and 10 of his first 11, and he was the MVP of his first Super Bowl.

While his numbers aren't gaudy, they're still impressive: 2,898 of 4,715 passing (61.5 percent) for 32,942 yards, 165 touchdowns and 141 interceptions in the regular season and 320-of-502 (63.7 percent) for 3,849 yards, 23 TDs and 17 INTs in the postseason.

Area Schedule

Wednesday, April 11
Colby Community College baseball at Dodge City at 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 14
Colby High School varsity tennis at McPherson at 8 a.m.

Colby Community College baseball hosts Butler County at 1 p.m.

Outdoor track at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Ready to play



JAY KELLEY/Colby Free Press

Matt Murray waited for his teammates to get warmed up at a Colby High School tennis practice last week. The tennis team is in WaKeeney today and will host the Colby Invitational on April 17.

Former Chief signed by Redskins

ASHBURN, Va. (AP)—The Washington Redskins, down to one receiver who had caught a pass in the NFL, signed free agent Kevin Lockett to a two-year, \$2 million contract Monday.

Lockett spent his first four seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs, who drafted him in the second round in 1997. He has 87 career catches for 1,164 yards, including 33 catches for 422 yards last season.

He joins Michael Westbrook as the only two Redskins receivers with pass-catching experience, and Westbrook is still rehabilitating a knee injury.

The restructuring of Westbrook's contract last week allowed the Redskins to afford Lockett under the NFL's salary cap guidelines.

Lockett's contract includes a \$500,000 signing bonus, and he can earn an extra \$1.8 million in incentives over the two years, according to agent Jim Steiner.

Steiner said Lockett, who played for new Redskins coach Marty Schottenheimer in Kansas City, felt signing with the Redskins would offer the best chance to become a starter.

Washington needed help at receiver after free agents Albert Connell and James Thrash signed with other teams. The Redskins also cut Irving Fryar to help get under the salary cap.

Area Briefs

- The Colby Striders track club will begin practice on Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Dennen Field. Informational packets and meet information will be handed out at the first practice. The club is open for ages 6-18. There will be no rain date. Contact Deb Hudson at 462-2890.
- Bethany College is sponsoring their Fifth Annual Boys and Girls 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on April 21 for grades 3-12. Deadline is April 14 and cost is \$40 per team. Call Clair Oleen at 785-227-3380 ext. 8176

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