

# Trojan bandwagon already rolling

It's back to school again! This year the Trojan basketball bandwagon will get an early start! In fact, I would say we are rolling! We held our Fourth Annual Benefit Golf Tournament at the Colby Country Club on Tuesday, Aug. 28.

The tournament is loaded with some great sponsors. We have a record number of hole sponsors for this year's tournament, (they are listed below)

It is a four-person scramble with a shotgun start beginning at 11 a.m.. There is still room for players and teams. The entry fee is \$60 per player and that includes a terrific lunch. We will also hold an auction immediately following the golf tournament. We have some valuable auction items (KSU football tickets, KU basketball tickets) this year so be sure to make it out for the auction around 5 p.m.

Last season we made some very significant strides with our program (including wins over Hutch and Barton County). If you're not already a Trojan fan I encourage you to jump on the bandwagon, it's going to be a fun ride!

Speaking of ride I could have used one Saturday morning. I, along with our 16 players, completed our four-mile run. I am proud to say that I did finish ahead of two players.

My time was approximately 42 minutes, so I concluded that 14 of 16 players passed our first "mental toughness" test. Our next few runs will be timed. One, two, and three-mile runs will take place during the next two weeks. We will also begin our weight lifting program.

### Jottings

- The guys that deserve much of the credit for this year's golf benefit are: Daryl Strecker, Keith Downing, Rodney Ryan, and Todd Barrows. These guys did an awesome job contacting hole sponsors. Thanks guys!
- Three of our players from last sea-



## Power Sports

• Brian Ostermann

son are enrolled at National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I universities. Lou Chapman is at UNC-Wilmington; Larry House is at Creighton and Jarman Sample is at Oregon State.

• Geoffrey Brown, who was dismissed from our program for repeated violations of team rules has resurfaced at Sheridan Junior College in Wyoming. Geoffrey has several Division I scholarship offers including the University of Wyoming, Long Beach State, Nevada-Las Vegas and others. We all wish Geoffrey the best and hope he can turn things around. One coach told me he thought Geoffrey has a chance to one-day play in the NBA.

• Rich Epp has once again started his sports talk radio show. Be sure to check it out. on Mondays from 4-5 p.m. on KQLS 100.3 FM.

• Good luck to Gina Chvatal, our new volleyball coach, and the 2001-2002 volleyball Trojans! Upcoming home Volleyball matches: September 8,11,12!

• I loved Tom Drieling's take on this year's sports. Let's truly make this "the year of the fans!"

• The NW Kansas football preview show with host Rich Epp airs Friday at 7:00 p.m. on KLBY TV.

• I would like to wish the Colby Eagles and coach Mike Gottsch the best on a great season!

• I pick the Vikings and Denver to be in the Super Bowl. My vikes took a tough loss when Korey Stringer died.

• In the coming weeks I'll get all my football picks. I will say K-State will

finish ahead of KU. Going out on a limb.

• Last season we recorded 15 wins overall and six conference wins, team bests since joining the Jayhawk five seasons ago.

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## Tournament play



PATTY DECKER/Colby Free Press

Jeff Jennings with the First National Bank team released a pitch during the championship playoffs Sunday at the Amateur Softball Association's State Co-ed West Tournament held at the Colby ball diamonds. The First National Bank team ended up in third place against Chitwood Lawn from Oberlin. Stephens Construction, another Colby team, won the tournament. According to C.W. Cheney, recreation director, there were seven teams represented with four from Colby and one each from Oberlin, Garden City and Hoxie.

# Volleyball team looks for success

By JAY KELLEY

Colby Free Press

The Colby High School volleyball team should have a good season, according to head coach Lesley Wagoner.

Wagoner said the comparative youth of the team, with only two seniors, wouldn't hold the girls back.

"I really expect to do well this year," said Wagoner.

"These girls have a lot of dedication and a good attitude."

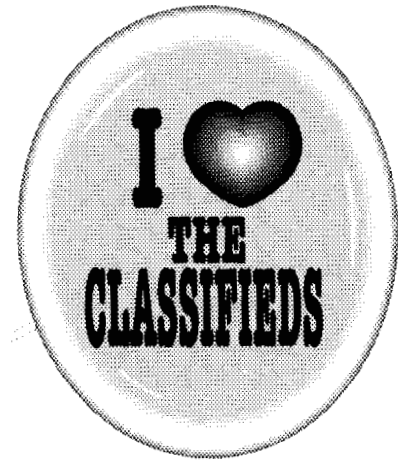
Seniors Megan Blatt and Kylee Hunter, a transfer student from Guymon, Okla., will provide the leadership for the Lady Eagles.

Colby will have to be very good in the Northwest Kansas League, as they will face some stiff competition.

"Goodland will be very good again," said Wagoner, "Atwood should be tough and Oberlin is always competitive."

"We should be one of the better teams (in the league)," she added.

The Lady Eagles open their season by hosting Burlington, Colo. on Aug. 30 and will have their sports drink scrimmage Friday night at the high school gym.



# Colby Country Club takes home fourth title

Colby Country Club claimed their fourth straight KLOE-KKCI-KWGB Classic 12 Golf Tournament at the Sugar Hills Country Club in Goodland on Saturday.

Jim Stanley shot a 71 for par on the 18-hole course to lead the Colby team.


Atwood's Kevin Finley and Oberlin's Dick Ahlberg also parred the course, but Stanley garnered the medalist award after winning the playoff.

The Colby team had little trouble in winning a record fourth title.

Runner-up Atwood was back by six strokes, followed by host Goodland another two strokes back.

The rest of the pack were, in order, Norton, St. Francis, Hoxie, Oakley, Oberlin, Benkelman, Tribune and Sharon Springs.

Behind Stanley were Lonnie Melvin, 72; David Pool, 73; Kevin Taylor, 74, Miles Ladenburger, 77; Scott Focke, 78; Bob Harper, 78; Justin Krey, 79; B.J. Melvin, 79; Jay Roulter, 82; Max Mountford, 82; Tom Barlow, 91. Taylor also won the shootout on Saturday.



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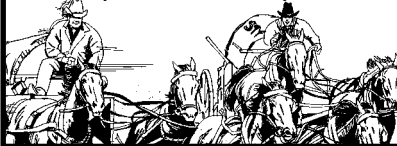
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