

It’s a little chilly, coach...



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Colby Community softball coach Carl Adams looked on as Amber Lane (center, with headband), and Kayla Hansen hit balls to their teammates. The Trojan softball squad heads to Liberal Thursday to take on Seward County in Jayhawk West conference play.

Eagle  
sports  
this week

Thursday, April 4  
JV/Varsity softball @  
Ulysses  
Varsity baseball  
@Ulysses  
7/8 grade track @  
Norton  
Friday, April 5  
Golf @ Norton  
Track @ Norton  
Varsity baseball @  
Plainville

Kids wrestling club places 10  
at state tourney in Topeka

Colby Wrestling Club placed ten out of twenty-four wrestlers at the 2002 USA Kansas Kids State Wrestling Championship at the Kansas Expocentre in Topeka, KS., finishing 13th out of 219 clubs in the state of Kansas. Colby had four in the championship finals, the most in club history.

Taylor Moeder and Eric Luedke are State Champions. Taylor has wrestled for five years and is a two-time State Champion, placing four out of five years. He wrestled at 8 and under 55 pounds. Taylor will be competing in Reno, Nev. this weekend.

Luedke brought home his seventh state championship title. He has wrestled in the State Championship

Finals for 10 consecutive years, and this was his last year of being eligible for the Kids State program. He also has been a Sub-District Champion and a District Champion for 10 consecutive years. He wrestled in the 16 and under, 135 pound competition.

Tanner Kriss and Daniel Tibbles also wrestled in the championship finals. Tanner captured second place at 10 and under 95 pounds. This is his 6th year of wrestling for Colby and his 3rd time placing at the State Tournament.

Also placing second was Daniel Tibbles at 16 and under, 95 pounds. Tibbles has wrestled for Colby for 10 years and has placed for 7 of those years.

CWC had 3 wrestlers in the Conso-

lation Finals. Winning the consolation finals for 3rd place were Dustin Reed, 8 and under 40 pounds; Breck Arnberger at 10 and under 110 pounds; and Schuyler Sharpe, 16 and under 145 pounds.

Placing sixth were Tracer Hudson at 10 and under, 90 pounds; Brandon Harlow in the 12 and under division at 60 pounds; and Cole Garcia in the 14 and under; 115 pound division.

Other CWC wrestlers competing at the state tournament were Konnor Kriss, Nathan Reed, Cody Wark, Bryan Brewer, Dalen Schlageck, Brent Luedke, Hunter Olsen, Josh Dack, Mitchell Tuma, Jonathon Schmidt, Lincoln McClure, Austin Green, Ross Wright, and Tucker Olsen.

Barry Bonds hits  
two homers on  
opening day

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After hitting a record 73 homers last year, Barry Bonds opened 2002 with his first multihomer game on an opening day.

Bonds hit No. 1 of 2002 on his second swing of the season, a three-run shot off Kevin Brown in the second inning that gave the San Francisco Giants a 5-1 lead over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Tuesday.

Bonds had a run-scoring single in the fourth, then hit a solo homer off Omar Daal leading off the seventh to make it 8-2. Bonds, who became just the 10th player to reach the loge level at Dodger Stadium, has 57 multihomer games, including 10 last season.

Jack Nicklaus  
withdraws from  
Masters action

NEW YORK (AP) — Jack Nicklaus, the most dominant player at Augusta National with six green jackets won over 23 years, withdrew from the Masters because of lingering back problems.

It will be only the second time since 1959 that Nicklaus has missed the Masters. He also skipped in 1999 when he was recovering from hip replacement surgery.

While the 62-year-old Golden Bear has expressed concerns about competing against players half his age on an Augusta National course that has added nearly 300 yards, it was a back injury that has plagued him for nearly a year that forced him to withdraw.

Nicklaus also withdrew from this week’s Legends of Golf on the Senior PGA Tour.

Wildcats looking  
to improve on  
the 2001 season

MANHATTAN (AP) — Like always, Kansas State coach Bill Snyder is concerned about replacing players he lost from last season.

But when spring practice begins today, the Wildcats will focus even more on two players the Wildcats didn’t lose.

The Wildcats will attempt to rebound from a 6-6 2001 season — Snyder’s worst in 9 years. The team has two returning starters at quarterback. Unfortunately for Kansas State, neither junior Eli Roberson or senior Marc Dunn excelled last season.

“I don’t see how they can’t get better,” Snyder said. “If you’re committed to it, I think you will.”

Roberson, who started 10 games last year because of an ankle injury, rushed for 643 yards, but had difficulty finding open receivers. Dunn saw action in nine games and threw for 635 yards and four touchdowns.

Snyder hopes next season that one player will take the bulk of snaps. That process begins with spring drills. Both quarterbacks go in deadlocked for the starting position.

“There is never going to be animosity between us,” said Dunn. “Competition only helps you. We’re all hungry. We’re out to bring this program back to excellence.”

Kansas State also is looking for starters at eight other positions, including wide receiver and running back.

“In the next 20 days, we’ve got to get better and that encompasses everything,” Snyder said.

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