

## Taking care of St. Francis



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Deke Elliott of the Colby K-18 baseball team pitched to a St. Francis batter during the first game of Monday night's doubleheader. Colby won the first game 13-1 in five innings, and took the second game 13-

8. The team is now 9-1 on the season, and plays in McCook Wednesday night, Oakley Thursday night, and travels to Hays this weekend for the big Hays tourney.

## Lakers looking ahead to fourth straight title

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers have all but dismissed the New Jersey Nets and the rest of these NBA Finals. In their eyes, a third straight title is simply a formality at this point.

Irritated by the perception that Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant could lead any team to a championship and tired of the gripes lingering from their win over the Sacramento Kings, the Lakers have moved on and set their sights on another goal — four consecutive NBA titles.

"Most of our criticism comes from jealousy at our success and sour grapes," Lakers forward Rick Fox said. "I guess it's difficult to be a good loser. All this talk, it only lights a fire under Shaq and Kobe to work harder this summer and come back and have an even better year next year and win a fourth title."

First they have to win a third title, and they can do that with a victory in Game 4 on Wednesday night. The Lakers, up 3-0 in the best-of-seven series, are in position for their first Finals sweep.

"There is not very far to go in this season," Fox said. "Just to the podium to accept our trophy. But we already see one more on the board."

The only thing looming for Los Angeles is another round with the Kings, who took the Lakers to overtime of the seventh and deciding game in the Western Conference finals.

Since beating Sacramento, the Lakers have grown weary of remarks from the Kings and coach Rick Adelman that contend O'Neal received favorable treatment from the officials and imply the Kings are really the better team.

It's motivated the Lakers to end this series with New Jersey and start readying for next year.

"We're just looking forward to finishing the job here and then addressing all the comments next year," Fox said. "We understand the jealousy, but it's starting to upset us."

Not helping matters was New Jersey coach Byron Scott's assertion that

O'Neal could take the Memphis Grizzlies to the NBA Finals.

Of course, Scott meant it as a compliment and even went so far to say the only way to stop O'Neal was to clone him. But the Lakers took it as another jab, a slap that insinuated they'd be just a regular team — not a budding dynasty — without O'Neal.

Perhaps there's some truth to that. O'Neal has dominated the series, posting 111 points and 39 rebounds in three games. The Nets have no idea how to stop him and have never seen anything like him.

"I don't think there's any comparison," said Nets guard Jason Kidd. "I mean, you're talking about the most dominant player to play the game at this point." Kidd credits Michael Jordan and Wilt Chamberlain for changing the game during their eras — something he thinks O'Neal is on the verge of doing.

"When it's all said and done, I think he probably will go down as the best to ever play," Kidd said. "He's comparable to Wilt in the aspect of changing the game. The rules were changed for Wilt to try to slow him down. It didn't work."

"They've tried to change the rules because of Shaq's dominance, and he's just shown all aspects of passing, making free throws and doing what he does best. So, I think there's no comparison."

And perhaps there's no comparison to the tandem of O'Neal and Bryant. Bryant had a breakout game Sunday night with 36 points, making a 10-footer with 19.1 seconds left to give Los Angeles a four-point lead, spawning talk that he and O'Neal are among the greatest pair of teammates in NBA history.

"After this year, they have to be considered pretty close to the top," Lakers guard Derek Fisher said. "You look at Michael and Scottie, Magic and Kareem, but these two guys are definitely somewhere in there."

"You can't compare eras, and you have to respect those who came before us, but Shaq and Kobe — man, they're something."

## Yankee rookie homers on first pitch in major league

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Yankees rookie Marcus Thames, promoted from the minors before the game, hit a home run on the first pitch he saw in the majors — off Randy Johnson!

Thames launched a two-run shot

against the four-time Cy Young winner, becoming only the second player in Yankees' history to homer in his first at-bat.

John Miller did it in 1966. Thames became the 17th player ever to homer on his first pitch.

## Rod Smith back to work for Denver Broncos

DENVER (AP) — Denver Broncos teammates teased Rod Smith Monday after his rehab for an injured ankle, but he shook off the heckling and ran some of his trademark pass patterns on the first day of mini camp.

"The guys saw me with my helmet and cleats and started laughing at me — calling me an overpaid player-coach," said Smith, who played in 15 of 16 games last year despite a sprained left ankle.

In a 90 minute workout in pads and

shorts, Smith ran the sharp, precise pass patterns he has been known for in his seven NFL seasons. He showed no signs of the old injury on two abrupt stop-and-go moves.

"Sure nice to get Rod back," coach Mike Shanahan said. "Rod hasn't run any routes since end of the season, and so it is good to get him back showing the things he can do."

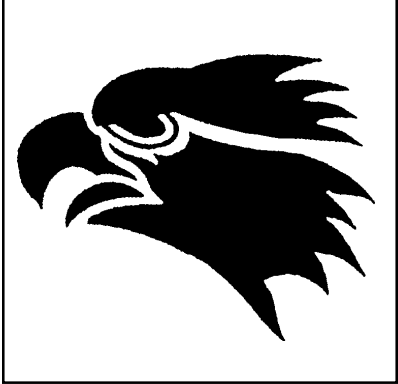
Smith spent much of the offseason limited to a stationary bike and treadmill.

## Training camp set for Eagles

The Colby Eagle football camp will be from July 22-25 this year. 7th and 8th grade camp will be from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and the high school squads will work out from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Registration deadline is June 30. For sign-up forms or more information, contact head coach Brad Wildeman at the high school weight room form 6 to 9 a.m. or 6-9 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays or call him at 462-7815.

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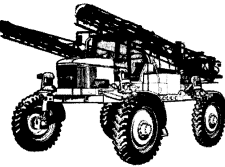
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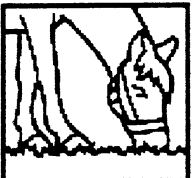
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