

Ready to be tarred and feathered

I have created a monster. I talk about poor ole Jeff Gordon, and look what happened, he won at Darlington. As I'm writing this column I'm heating up the tar, and I have a big bag of feathers. Man, one of these days I'm going to learn, not to go there. I've delayed writing this week thinking that I would hear something on where the #28 and Havoline would end up for the 2003 season, but no luck so far. It was announced today that



Don Fossdick Life in the Fast Lane

Paul Andrews, crew chief for the #1 Pennzoil Monte Carlo owned by DEI, left the team and joined the #99 Citgo Ford owned by Roush Racing. It was reported that Paul and DEI parted under a friendly terms, but with Paul landing at Roush with the #99 team immediately. It would be safe to say that Paul was doing some looking, or Jack Roush offered Paul a deal he couldn't refuse.

I was waiting for something to change with that team, since they had resigned Steve Park for the 2003 season. As we all have seen that team really struggled for a while. Now I know most of you are thinking, what about Frank Stoddard? Well at the present moment, Frank is considering several management options that Roush Racing has offered him within the company. Don't be surprised if Frank shows up at some other race team in the near future.

I don't know whether you heard or not, but the deal between Andy Petree Racing, and Jerry Jones, owner of the Dallas Cowboys, has fell through. From the information that I've come across, I guess Andy Petree was selling the majority of his team to Jerry Jones. And from that Jerry was going to sponsor a second car using the Dallas Cowboys as the sponsor. Information hinted at the fact that since Andy couldn't land a marquee driver like a Ricky Rudd or a Jeff Gordon that Jerry didn't go through with the deal. As Andy had signed all the contracts and agreements and had sent them to Jerry Jones, well before last weekend.

I'm pretty sure that race fans know the amount of money that it takes to race today on any level. But it really gets my skirt blown up; when deals like the Petree and Jones try to come together. This is due to the fact that every few of these deals ever last longer than a few years. Racing is a passion, and sometimes it makes money, but most of the time it's a way of life, period.

These millionaires, and billionaires that have came into NASCAR over the last fifty years, they never last, because after the new wears off and they see what it really takes to keep a race team like DEI, RCR, Roush, and Robert Yates Racing at the top, they just see their money going out and very little coming in, and THEY don't like that. These people have become accustomed to investing money in something and seeing double digit profits coming back in, and that's what they think their investment in racing should do. It seems that these people also think that they are going to come in with all their money and control the sport and get the attention like they do in other avenues, such as movie making, or sport teams, and such, if you catch my drift.

So after a few years and their race team is being beat by some mom & pop operation, or by some under-funded team on a regular basis, and that NASCAR rule makers won't bow down to them. They act like someone has licked all the red off of their candy, and that to be on top in NASCAR, it's going to take a whole different mindset, and years to build a winning team, along with tons of their money, and they decide to get out and to go back and play in a sandbox where they can be the big dog again, and they're out of there faster than when they came in.

Racing, to real racers, is a passion, a mindset; moneymaking profits are not their main priority. Racing to win is their priority, and as long as there's enough money to get their car to the next race, and be competitive, and enough to live on, they're happy. As racing is all they want to do, period.

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DARREL PATTILLO/Colby Free Press

Trojan freshman Desiree Coleman recorded one of her seven kills Thursday against Pratt Community College.

Trojans dominate Pratt

The Lady Trojans Volleyball squad looked impressive Thursday Night defeating Pratt three games to none in its conference opening victory. Colby was also hosting its first match of the young season. Amy Nichols led the Lady Trojan attack recording 14 kills. Ashley Blickenstaff and Desiree Coleman added 12 and 7 kills, respectively.

After a subpar pass efficiency performance in their opening tournament in Hutchinson, Colby rebounded Thursday to have a much better outing.

Junior varsity tennis team gains experience at Scott City

By DARREL PATTILLO

Colby Free Press

The Lady Eagle JV tennis team competed in the Scott City JV tournament Thursday and placed fifth, out of eight teams.

Coach Bill Weber pointed out that five of the six girls are new to the team. "We gained valuable match play experience," Weber said. "Now we know what needs to be done to improve ourselves as a team."

Weber also had a confidence booster for the team: "The girls may not recognize it, but they have improved tremendously from the beginning of the year."

The junior varsity will play at Trego on Sept. 12 and Norton on Sept. 14.

#1 Singles Robyn Wilson (tournament record 1-3, place: 7th of 8): match 1 loss 3-6 Shannon Johnson (Goodland); match 2 loss 4-6 Lesli Taylor (Scott City); match 3 loss 4-6 Julia Von Witzendorff (Garden City) match 4 win 6-4 Sherri Voeltz (Cimarron).

#2 Singles Justine Kropp (tournament record 0-4, place 8th of 8): match 1 loss 1-6 May Davis (Goodland); match 2 loss 0-6 Miranda Appel (Scott City); match 3 loss 0-6 Camille McDermott (Garden City); match 4 loss 0-6 Kim Burns (Cimarron).

#I Doubles Rachel Funk/Shea

Trojan softball tourney is this weekend

The Colby Trojan softball team hosts its first fall tournament this weekend. Games get underway Saturday morning at 10 with Colby taking on McCook.

All games will be played at the softball field at Colby Community College.

Saturday, Sept. 7: 10 a.m., Colby vs. McCook; 2 p.m., Colby vs. Cloud; 4 p.m., Colby vs. Western Neb.; Sun day, Sept. 8, 12 p.m., Colby vs. Lamar; 2 p.m., Colby vs. Garden City.

Jenny Sramek led Colby with a pass efficiency rating of 2.6. Sony Frey was also impressive as she had a rating of 2.3.

Colby is now 3-4 overall and 1-0 in Jayhawk West Conference Action. They host their own tournament this Saturday with play beginning at 9:00 am at the Community Building. Colby battles McCook at 9:00 am, Dodge City at 11:00 am and Pratt at 1:00 pm in pool play action. The Semi-Finals are set for 4:00 and 5:00 with the Championship to follow at 6:00 pm.

McKee (tournament record 2-2, place: 4th of 8); match 1 win 6-4 Erin Abernathy/Jenna McGinley (Goodland); match 2 win 6-5 Baylee Hess/Jaycie Wiechman (Scott City); match 3 loss 5-6 Kelly Erwin/Tiffany Jerviz (Garden City); match 4 loss 2-6 Stephanie Kough/Jillian VanCampen (Scott City)

#2 Doubles Jamie Cox/Alisha Talsma (tournament record 3-1, place 2nd of 8) match 1 win 6-0 Kali Rietcheck/Megan Stefan (Goodland); match 2 win 6-5 Danea Latham/Nickole Vallejo (Scott City) match 3 win 6-5 Kayla Drake/Casey Johnson (Garden City); match 4 loss 2-6 Emily Howard/Jordan Miller (Tribune)

Eagles go first, second in Goodland

By DARREL PATTILLO

Colby Free Press

The Colby High School Cross Country teams opened the season in Goodland Thursday. Coach Bob Mannebach said the teams had a good performance for the first meet of the year.

"The girls easily placed first and the boys placed second," Mannebach said. "Our medalists, Jessica Stephens, Erika Erickson, Jami Williams, Shane Stover, Nathan Harter, Matt Augustine, led the Eagles in the first meet of the year."

Coach Mannebach continued: "I was pleased with the performance of both the boys and girls team. They ran well on a very challenging course. We needed a meet to see what we needed to improve on and what changes need to be made to make us a great team."

Colby will take the whole squad to Quinter on Thursday, Sept. 12, and the varsity teams to Wanego on Sept. 14.

2002 GOODLAND CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

NAME	PLACE	TIME
Shane Stover	5	19:05
Nathan Harter	7	19:29
Carson McKee	12	20:16
Landon Stover	13	20:23
Eric Luedke	21	20:58
Josh Houtz	24	21:14
Rocky Baalman	31	22:10
Brandon Williams	37	24:21
Chris Gordon	40	25:33
Jason Schwindt	41	26:38
Zach Baird	42	27:28



DOUG STEPHENS/Goodland Daily News

Colby sophomore Clarissa Unger ran the cross country course at Sugar Hills golf course in 17:00, good for 30th overall.

Todd Ohlrogge	49	30:34
JR./SR. GIRLS		
Erika Erickson	2	14:02
Jami Williams	8	14:51
Breann Hart	11	15:19

A. Seemann	14	15:29
Jamie Quenzer	18	16:36
Talitha Nye		28 18:25
Valerie Vanatta	30	18:57
FR./SOPH BOYS		
Matt Augustine	6	20:20
Derek Elliott	11	20:56
Jared Dinkel	12	21:09
Jordan Cranston	26	22:56
Jared Simmering	38	25:04
Pat Toth	42	27:19
Travis Powell	43	27:27
Stuart Aiken	44	27:42
Alex Marshall	46	29:32

FR./SOPH GIRLS		
Jessica Stephens	1	13:50
Lauren Kaiser	11	15:00
Emily Sloan	12	15:03
Marcia Kaus	14	15:09
Andrea Barker	25	16:29
Clarissa Unger	30	17:00
M. Dougherty	32	17:23
Shannon Oard	33	17:30

GIRLS TEAM SCORES		
Team	Place	Points
COLBY	1	45
Lakin	2	90
Ogallala, Neb	3	95
Goodland	4	104
Grant, Neb	5	126
Ulysses	6	126
Oberlin	NS	
Quinter	NS	
Imperial, Neb	NS	
Oakley	NS	

BOYS TEAM SCORES		
Team	Place	Points
Ogallala, Neb	1	52
COLBY	2	66
Imperial, Neb	3	106
Lakin	4	142
Quinter	5	158
Oberlin	6	167
Ulysses	7	172
Oakley	NS	
Goodland	NS	
Grant, Neb	NS	

Eagle golfers finish third at WaKeeney

By DARREL PATTILLO

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The Colby High School girl's golf team started the season at Trego Thursday, and brougft home a third place finish.

"We played well," coach Ray Higley said. "But have much room for improvement." Sara Nally and Kelsey Strickler led the Eagles with both shooting a 52.

"This tournament gave us some insight into what we need to work on as the season unfolds," Higley said. "I am confident that this group of girls can compete this year. With some hard work, several players on this team could qualify for state competition." The Eagle's next tournament will be Tuesday Sept 10 at Goodland. Tee-off

is at 3 p.m.

Individual results: Sara Nally 52, Kelsey Strickler 52, Lindsey Schafer 55. Regina Heier 64, Joanna Hawk 66. Team score: 223

Team Results: Large School Division

1st Goodland 197, 2nd Hays 213,

3rd Colby 223, 4th Garden City JV 239, 5th Scott City 240, 6th Dodge City JV 255, 7th Ulysses JV 259

Top three medalists: (combined small and large schools)

1st K. Crone, Lakin 42, 2nd J. Osborne, Goodland 43, 3rd M. Ridgeway, Lakin 44.

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