## Eagles take on Hoxie tonight

### Home opener at Dennen Field

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The 0-1 Colby Eagles put their experience to the test tonight as they host the 1-0 Hoxie Indians at Dennen

Colby is coming off of a character-building 33-14 loss on the road at Atwood last week, while the Indians beat Goodland at home 26-14.

The Eagles have five all-league seniors returning this year, including Brent Deibert, who plays on the offensive and defensive line, running backs Ryan Arensdorf and Brent McCoy, quarterback Jared Cranston, and wide receiver Jordan

"Hoxie lost some guys from last year," coach Brad Wildeman said. 'But they are still a good team.

"We're going to really have to play with some discipline this week, staying home and covering our assignments."

The Indians, who return only four seniors this year, have two all-league lineman with senior Justin Cooper and junior Alex Gaede blocking for running back Doug Campbell.

"They'll try to get tricky on us," misdirection.'

Colby experienced some breakdowns defensively last week in



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The Colby Eagles will charge onto Dennen Field tonight at 7:30 p.m. to take on the Hoxie Indians.

Wildeman said. "They use a lot of Atwood, but Wildeman said that the Dennen Field. team worked hard on those this week in practice.

Game time is set for 7:30 p.m. at Field.

The Colby Booster Club is hosting a tail gate party at 5:30 at Dennen

## Wildcats have one more tune-up

of Kansas State's three-game tuneup for its first real challenge of the year against USC on Sept. 21.

For the Division I-AA Panthers, who lost 61-36 to Hawaii on Aug. 31 in their season opener, it may be a long Saturday afternoon.

So far in their three-week parade of patsies, the Wildcats (2-0) have crunched Western Kentucky 48-3 and leveled Louisiana-Monroe 68-0.

Does anyone think the Eastern Illinois game will be any different?

"I expect it to be a fast-paced game," said quarterback Marc Dunn, who threw three touchdown passes against the woefully overmatched Indians of Louisiana-Monroe. "Defensively, we're going to have to execute very well to win this game."

Outmanned Division I-AA foes get a healthy paycheck for visiting Manhattan every September to get their brains beaten out by the Wildcats.

It's a long-standing policy of Kansas State coach Bill Snyder to pack the pre-conference schedule with pushovers. It pads the victory column and provides his young players and second-teamers with plenty of opportunity for growth.

But it also brings criticism from those who say the Wildcats have outgrown their need for easy early wins.

"We are trying to get better and we're trying to identify exactly where we feel like we're not good enough and put some real emphasis on those areas,"

MANHATTAN (AP) — Now though the lower-division schools they try to get you in a position where comes Eastern Illinois, the final piece must be kidnapped and brought to you might get people out of their re-KSU Stadium.

> "It is not our intent to go find I-AA schools. We would have all I-A schools if we could get them on our schedule,"

Snyder said. The Panthers, considered one of the better I-AA programs, are not without

Ohio Valley Conference player of the year last season.

And junior Andre Raymond had 335 all-purpose yards, one short of the school record, against Hawaii.

"Romo is a very fine quarterback," Snyder said. "He can throw the ball extremely well. Their offense is a little more like what we played this last week. They're a formation offense and

sponsibilities by making incorrect adtive offense."

justments. They can be a very produc-Nevertheless, it's doubtful the Panthers have ever seen a defensive player

in the Ohio Valley with the talent of Terence Newman. The Wildcats' senior cornerback, a Quarterback Tony Romo was the Big 12 track champion, scored last week on both offense and special

> "Terence is a tremendous athlete," said Dunn, who threw him a 51-yard TD pass against Louisiana-Monroe. "He can do so many different things with the ball. He's a great asset. He is incredibly fast. When you talk about Terence Newman, you talk about

## Jury to decide who gets to keep Barry Bonds' 73rd homer

speed."

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A jury Pacific Bell Park — and Patrick will decide who gets the ball Barry Hayashi, who grabbed the ball amid Bonds hit for his record 73rd homer.

In a decision received by lawyers, Judge James J. McBride rejected the whether Popov actually controlled the claims of both Alex Popov — who ball in his glove, and that a jury should briefly got a glove on the ball before a determine the answer. The ball is now mob tackled him in the bleachers of in a court-monitored safe.

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### Besides, Snyder said, it's not as Dale Jr., Chevrolet have entered the space race

I don't know if you got to watch the Busch race last Friday night or were busy with your local school football team. If you were able to take in the Busch race, I hope you enjoyed watching Dale Earnhardt Jr. in his #8 Monte Carlo drive away from the entire field. And at one time he had a 15 second lead on the second place car. Man, that Chevy, was a real rocket! Now ya'll know me, and man, watching that race was just, TOOO FINE, it was like dejavu, and my Earnhardt brethren know what I mean. (And women too) A little B&D thrown in there to be sure I get all the bases covered. Anyhow, while I was enjoying the

race, I said to myself, self, the Busch officials will be all over Jr's. hot rod trying to find out why that Chevy is such a rocket. And they didn't find anything at all except that it was a CHEVY, and an EARNHARDT driving, OOOH YEAH. OK,OK,OK, I'll tell you how Jr's.

car was so fast. Are you ready for this? It's balance, that's right, and I'm not jerking your chain either. And you say, how can that be? Well I'll try to explain to the best of my ability. As we have been hearing about how

NASCAR is changing some rules con-

cerning location of the body in relation

to the chassis. At present NASCAR



Don Fosdick Life in the

Fast Lane

allows teams some freedom on where and how body panels are positioned on the chassis, and this also involves the front and rear caps. So with this in mind, that's why you hear teams talk about speedway cars, down force cars, or a variation of the two types of cars. Take my word on this, I could write for two days trying to explain in some detail as to all of the variations that race teams can do to a body in relation to hanging it on the chassis.

As I've stated in past articles, the only stock parts on a Busch or Cup car your favorite driver and his team talk is hood, roof, and trunk lid, also the front and rear caps are molded by the manufacturers, but they're not stock stock, they have the front lower valance added that the street cars don't have, and I'm sure other minor modifications. NASCAR has made changes in these rules starting in 2003, and I'm not for sure just how they are doing this, but they have a new set of tem-

plates for all of the manufacturers that will locate the body on the chassis in one spot. These new templates for the Cup cars are enough of a change that all the teams will need to change or rehang every body on every car that they have now and plan to use next year. That's a ton of work, and expense, so that's one reason we're hearing about teams building all new cars for 2003.

By now your saying, what does this have to do with Jr. and his Busch car? Well the Busch officials have had this type of template and use it on all of the Busch cars. So when Dale Jr. and his merry band of crew members hung the body on their one and only hot rod, they got the balance of the car just perfect.

That means that when Jr. mashed the go pedal, that everything worked together just right at the right time, and took a fast car and turned it into uncatchable rocket. So when you hear

about adjusting on their car to solve a loose or a push problem, balance is what they're trying to find. With balance there is no loose or push, it's just hooked up to the track, or it's a rocket, and that's all you hear. I know, I know, I can just hear you, well, that's as clear as mud. Or if I'm lucky, you'll say, oh okay I understand what ole Fosdick is trying to tell me.

Okay I've tried to get by without saying anything about the Cup race, and I think I'm strong enough now to handle it. This is for all of my Ford buddies. Matt Kenseth driver of the #17 DeWalt FFFFFFoorrd won the Monte Carlo 400 at Richmond last Saturday night. How's that Jeff, Kevin, & Jon, man I got to go and brush my teeth or gargle with gasoline or some-

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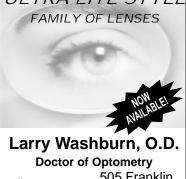
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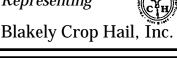
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