

If the darn sweat shirt fits, wear it

When people ask me these days what my favorite team is, I don't really have an answer for them. If it's football we're discussing, I might say the Broncos. If I'm wearing my Kansas City Chiefs sweatshirt, I might fib and say the Chiefs. It's easier than explaining that someone gave me that sweatshirt, and it does a good job of keeping me warm.

Basically, I will wear anything



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On the Ball

that fits, regardless of what team or clothing company it represents. I haven't had an overwhelming loyalty to a franchise since the Los Angeles Rams changed its uniform colors from blue and white to yellow and blue. I'm not exactly sure which year that was, but it was around 1975 or 76. To me, as a ten-year old kid, those blue and yellow uniforms were the ugliest things around. It's possible that there are a whole lot of other issues wrapped up in that time-period for me, but that's what sticks out in my memory.

Anyway, to make a short story long, I participated in the ADAC tournament Saturday in Goodland. At 9 a.m. in the middle of September in western Kansas, it's liable to be cold.

It was cold. I was dressed for late-season golf, which means layers that you can take off as the day progresses, and I had an extra sweatshirt in my golf bag, just in case. One of my teammates, who I can only identify by his first initial, J, was not dressed for the occasion. Knowing that when we got out onto the course that he would be shivering, I offered my extra sweatshirt to him.

"Yes!" he said. "I will wear your extra sweatshirt!" You could see the gratitude in his eyes as I turned to pull out my KANSAS CITY CHIEFS SWEATSHIRT!

The screams were hideous. It was as though I had offered to shoot him point-blank with a compound bow and arrow.

"No thanks," he said, his teeth beginning to chatter from the cold. "I won't wear that." He literally would rather freeze than wear an article of clothing from the Kansas City Chiefs.

"Fine," I told him. I knew that when we got out to the back nine at Sugar Hills golf course that it was going to be in the low forties. And that's where we were starting the tourney from. If he wasn't going to wear it, I probably would.

Sure enough, we got out on the first hole that we were playing, and it was cold. Not as cold as last year at the ADAC tournament, but pretty darn chilly.

'J' was freezing. He wanted my sweatshirt. I made him wait four holes before I gave it to him. It's amazing what freezing your buns off will do for brand loyalty.

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Let's face it folks—the Chiefs are cursed. I should know. I cursed them. Back in 97-98 when Rich Gannon got them a bunch of wins in a row, and Marty benched him in favor of Elvis Grbac, that's when I cursed them. I cursed long and loud, like I had been taught to curse when I was in the Navy.

They should be 0-2. A bonehead play got them a victory against the Browns, and yesterday they collapsed in the fourth quarter.

In the spirit of journalistic objectivity (of which I really have very little, since I didn't go to journalism school) I am hereby lifting the curse on the Chiefs.

When they go 1-15 this year, it won't be my fault.

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Eagle quarterback Jared Cranston got tackled after tossing the ball in Friday night's action against the Hoxie Indians.

Hoxie Indians squeak by Eagles, 28-20

By DARREL PATTILLO
Colby Free Press

The Hoxie Indians capitalized on turnovers and a Colby secondary determined to stop the run Friday night on the way to a 28-20 victory over the Eagles at Dennen Field.

Hoxie passed for two touchdowns in the first half, both times as Indian receivers got behind the Colby defensive backs. "We bit at the run a couple of times," head coach Brad Wildeman said.

Hoxie scored after a fumble recovery in the first quarter, and the Eagles answered with a fumble recovery of their own, and Ryan Arensdorf scored late in the second quarter to make it 8-8. Hoxie scored

again with just a few seconds left on the clock to take a 14-6 lead into the locker room at the half.

With six minutes left in the third quarter, Hoxie got a man open again to score on a pass play, going up 22-8. Arensdorf scored again with 13 seconds left in the third quarter to pull Colby to within 8, 22-14.

With 9:42 to go in the game, Hoxie intercepted Eagle quarterback Jared Cranston, and promptly scored on 15-yard run by Doug Campbell, to go up 28-14.

The Eagles drove back down the field, getting a key reception from Jordan Harris at the Hoxie 22-yard line to keep the drive alive. With four minutes left, Cranston hit Harris for a 13-yard

touchdown to make the score 20-28.

Colby's defense stepped up and got the Eagles the ball back with 2:09 left in the game.

That was when Colby's third fumble of the game happened. Hoxie was able to run out the clock from there, sending the Eagles to 0-2.

For the Eagles, Ryan Arensdorf rushed the ball 26 times for 180 yards and two touchdowns. Jordan Harris had 4 catches for 57 yards and 1 touchdown. Brent McCoy had 8 tackles to lead the Eagle defensive effort.

The Eagles host the Yuma Indians Friday night at Dennen Field for Homecoming.

Brewster Bulldog runners open season

By DOUG STEPHENS
The Goodland Daily News

The cross country coach at Brewster said he isn't worried too much about results this year, he's just happy he can field a team.

The Bulldogs have two runners for the girls, both of whom ran last year, and five boys, including four freshmen, all of them rookies to the sport.

Last year no boys went out for the team at all, said second-year coach Danny Traub.

The runners competed in their first meet Thursday at Quinter.

The only person to run in a varsity division was Senior Erin Carney, who ran 2 miles in 15 minutes, 40 seconds, good for 33rd.

The other girl, Sophomore Andrie

Baird, ran in the junior varsity division, finishing her two-mile run in 18:43, placing fifth.

On the boys' side, Freshman Mark Karman placed sixth in the boys' junior varsity five-kilometer course with 21:25. Mark Luckert, the only sophomore, finished three seconds behind, earning sixth. Scott Carney ran it in 22:00 for 12th, Jonathan Collett 22:28 for 14th and Aaron Horinek 28:40 for 35th.

Traub said he's pleased with the way his runners performed in their first match.

"Most of them are pretty young," he said. "They don't have a lot of experience."

Carney is the veteran runner, Traub said, but she didn't get a lot of practice

last year. She was sick most of the season and only ran in about one meet. Baird, who makes up the other half of the girls' team, this year and last, is the only other runner with experience.

All the boys are newbies to the sport, Traub said.

Most of them didn't want to play football, he said, and sort of gravitated to the cross country team.

"I'm glad to have them," the coach said. "It's nice to have a full team in a 1A school. I was the coach at Utica for about seven years, and I never had a full team."

Traub, who is also a track coach, said he'll probably run the boys in a few junior varsity matches, and then see who's ready to run varsity.

"I think some of them will mature into really fine runners," he said.

The next meet will be at 4 p.m. Central Time Tuesday in Oakley.

Eagle runners finish near the top at Wamego

By DARREL PATTILLO
Colby Free Press

The Colby Eagle cross country teams were at Wamego this weekend, where freshman Jessica Stephens set a school record and the boys finished 7th out of 19 teams, while the girls finished 9th out of 17 teams.

"We had an excellent performance by our cross country team at Wamego on Saturday," coach Bob Mannebach said. "Our boy's team especially ran well as a team."

The Eagles had four runners in the top 30. "Our medalists," Mannebach said, "Jessica Stephens, Erika Erickson, Shane Stover, and Nathan Harter really had a great run. With our performance on the state course, we can run with the best in the state. Stephens was just outstanding with a time of 12:35 which was the best for us on this course. It was just her second cross country meet of her high school career and she really displayed how much talent she has."

The cross country squads will split up for Tuesday, with the junior varsity traveling to Leoti and the varsity in Oakley.

VARSITY BOYS RESULTS			
Shane Stover	26	18:19	
Nathan Harter	28	18:26	
Landon Stover	43	19:00	
Derek Elliott	48	19:08	
Carson McKee	50	19:10	
Matt Augustine	72	19:46	
Eric Luedke	121	23:03	

GIRLS VARSITY RESULTS			
Jessica Stephens	5	12:35	CHS record
Erica Erickson	28	13:30	
Jami Williams	56	14:14	

Lauren Kaiser	62	14:30
Breann Hart	63	14:30
Marcia Kaus	64	14:31
Emily Sloan	72	14:46

BOYS VARSITY RESULTS		
Baldwin		55
Clearwater		107
El Dorado		129
Mill Valley		146
Hugoton		170
Wamego		186
COLBY		195
Goodland		205
Hayden		227
Bonner Springs		247
Chapman		272
Clay Center		283
Concordia		303
De Soto		366
Ulysses		370
Abilene		388
Marysville		452
Council Grove		464
Andover		515

GIRLS TEAM SCORES		
Baldwin		74
Clay Center		99
El Dorado		108
Wamego		146
Concordia		157
Clearwater		181
Hayden		181
De Soto		197
COLBY		214
Hugoton		253
Mill Valley		254
Eudora		319
Abilene		362
Ulysses		373
Chapman		413
Council Grove		424
Bonner Springs		443

Lady Trojans go 3-2 at home

By DARREL PATTILLO
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The Colby Trojan softball team hosted a tournament over the weekend. Colby went 3-2, getting victories against Garden City, Western Nebraska, and Cloud County. Coach Carl Adams said "Overall we player solid defense. Our offensive needs to become more consistent. Our defense have improved over the last week. We had some players step up and get some key hits this weekend to win games."

The Lady Trojans travel to Nebraska Saturday and Sunday for tournament action.

"Next weekend is a big test for the team," Adams said. "We'll be playing four-year schools at the North Platte Tournament. This tournament will give us a good indication of where we are and what we need to get better at." The Lady Trojans are in action next Saturday and Sunday in North Platte, Nebraska.

Game times are: Saturday 1:45 p.m. against Augustana; 5:15 p.m. against York, NE; and 7 p.m. against Univer-

sity of Nebraska at Kearney. Sunday will begin tournament play.

Game #1 Colby 0 McCook 1
Losing Pitcher - Erin Wagoner 5H, 2K, 1BB, 1R, 1 ER 7IP

Leading Hitter - Abby Nighswonger 1-2 Team Hits - 3

Game #2 Colby 1 Cloud County 0
Winning Pitcher - Lindsey Kastanek 4H, 6K, 4BB, 7IP

Leading Hitter - Miranda Bloesser 2-3 Alisha Liess 1-1 (pinch hit)

Team Hits - 4
Game #3 Colby 9 Western Nebraska 5

Winning Pitcher - Miranda Brown 4H, 1K, 1BB, 2R, 4IP Miranda Bloesser 3H, 2K, 0BB, 3R, 3IP

Leading Hitter - Amber Lane 1-2 3 RBI's Kindra Smith 1-2 Lindsey Kastanek 1-2 1 RBI Team Hits - 5

Game #4 Colby 7 Lamar 10
Losing Pitcher - Miranda Brown 6H, 0K, 1BB 3R, 3IP Erin Wagoner 2H, 2K, 6BB, 6R, 3IP Lindsey Kastanek 1H, 1K, 0BB, 1R, 1IP

Leading Hitter - Kindra Smith 3-3 1 RBI Cody Pettibone 2-3 1 RBI Alisha Liess 1-1 2 RBI's Team Hits - 6

Game #5 Colby 5 Garden City 3
Winning Pitcher - Kastanek - 6H, 7K, 2BB, 3R, 3ER, 7IP

Leading Hitter - Dominique Palser 3-4 (HR) 1 RBI Alisha Liess 2-2 Dani Wolf 1-2 2 RBI's Team Hits - 10

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