

Direct hit!



Crystal Herschberger, a junior at Colby High School, connected with the ball on Tuesday evening as the Lady Eagles played the Scott City Beavers. Colby defeated Scott City 11-7 and earlier in the day lost to Russell, 4-0.

Colby baseball finishes 1 and 1

The Colby Eagle baseball team picked up a win and a loss on Tuesday as they lost to Russell 16-2 and ended the night with a 10-0 win in five innings against Scott City. Pitcher Jared Cranston pitched a no-hitter, the first in Colby baseball history. Complete results will appear in Thursday's edition of the Colby Free Press.

Kansas State finished with controversies

MANHATTAN (AP) — There won't be any quarterback controversies this spring. For the first time in two years, Kansas State quarterback Eli Roberson won't have Marc Dunn breathing down his back. This year he is safely atop the depth chart entering spring practice. Coach Bill Snyder said Tuesday that backup Jeff Schwinn could put pressure on the senior signal-caller, but there won't be any debate. Roberson's 2002 season has put any such discussions to rest. After two years of inconsistent play, Roberson replaced Dunn as the starter in the fourth game last season. He made eight starts and his ability to both run and pass led the Wildcats to a win over Arizona State in the Holiday Bowl. Roberson finished the season with 1,032 rushing yards and 16 touchdowns. He also completed 52 percent of his passes and threw for 1,506 yards and seven touchdowns. As for the rest of the team, the Wildcats lost key contributors on defense. Snyder must replace All-American cornerback Terence Newman and linebacker Terry Pierce, who left early for the NFL draft.

Kids wrestlers place ten at state

By MICHELLE L. HAWKINS Colby Free Press There were 25 Colby Kids Wrestlers who qualified to compete in the state tournament held last weekend in Topeka. Ten of the wrestlers finished the tournament in the top six of the state. Dustin Reed, Konnor Kriss and Cole Garcia brought home the championships in their respective

Sports Briefs

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Matt Doherty resigned as basketball coach at North Carolina, ending a bumpy three-year run marked by his failure to lead a storied program back to national prominence or even the NCAA tournament. The Tar Heels failed to make the tournament in two of his three seasons. He leaves with three years left on a six-year contract that paid him \$855,000 a season. Doherty's resignation came after athletic director Dick Baddour held a series of meetings with players and parents, some of whom complained about the coach's intense practices and drastic mood swings. Three players transferred last season and others talked about it this year. In 2001, the Tar Heels went 26-7 and Doherty was The Associated Press' coach, but North Carolina slipped to 8-20 last season — the worst record in the program's history. This year, his young team finished 19-16. NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Piazza's suspension for charging the mound in spring training was reduced to four games, and the New York Mets' All-Star catcher will start serving the penalty Wednesday. The decision to shorten the ban by one game was made by Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer. Bob Watson, baseball's vice president in charge of discipline, originally issued a five-game suspension and \$3,000 fine after Piazza charged Los Angeles reliever Guillermo Mota during an exhibition game March 12. Piazza, who had been hit by a fastball, later went into the Dodgers' clubhouse looking for the pitcher.

age and weight divisions. Hunter Olson and Taylor Moeder took second place. Kalen Rasmussen and Brent Luedke both placed third, while Ethan Stickel was fifth. Both Trenton Powell and Adam Weber ended the tournament in sixth place. Those who qualified in the 8-and-under division were: Dustin Reed (43 pounds), Konnor Kriss (55 pounds), Trek Keck (67 pounds), Dalton Snyder (70 pounds) and Sadie Bolze (70 pounds). In the 10-and-under division, those who qualified were: Taylor Moeder (61 pounds), Kalen Rasmussen (82 pounds), Torey Taylor (82 pounds), Ethan Stickel (90 pounds) and Adam Weber (100 pounds). Qualifying in the 12-and-under division were: Nathan Reed (64 pounds), Brandon Harlow (68 pounds), Cody Wark (72 pounds), Bryan Brewer (84 pounds), Hunter Olson (96 pounds), Tanner Kriss (100 pounds), Mikel Ladenburger (110 pounds) and Breck Arnberger (120 pounds). In the 14-and-under division, the six wrestlers who qualified were: Brent Luedke (85 pounds), Trenton Powell (90 pounds), Cole Garcia (135 pounds), Kyle Withington (140 pounds), Austin Green (145 pounds) and Michael Jueneman (160 pounds). Taylor Finley (120 pounds), qualified in the 16-and-under division.

Local Sports Calendar

**Wednesday** - Colby All-Sports Booster Club meeting at high school commons area, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday** - Track meet scheduled in Hays has been canceled; Wrestling Awards Night, 7 p.m. in the commons area  
**Friday** - Dance Team Awards Night, 6:30 p.m. in the commons area; JV baseball at Colby, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday** - Varsity and JV track meet at McCook; Golden Plains Powerlifting meet  
**Monday** - JV tennis at Garden City, 8:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday** - Varsity and JV baseball with Ulysses and Burlington, 3 p.m./5 p.m./7 p.m.; Varsity and JV softball with Ulysses, 4 p.m.



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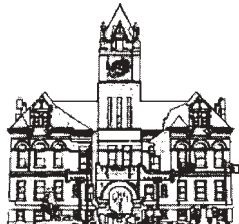
Hurry in...deadline is May 1st!!!



The Colby Free Press is now planning the Senior Graduation Tab and will be giving parents a chance to put a baby picture in along with a short message from the family.

We will feature each senior from the three high schools individually, but this will be your chance to put in a baby picture to show how much *your* senior has changed over the years!

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