

Local sports calendar

Today - Volleyball parent and player meeting at the high school commons area, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday - Varsity tennis at Great Bend, 9:30 a.m.; 7/8 grade track at Hoxie, 3 p.m.; C team golf at Scott City, 3 p.m.; Varsity and junior varsity baseball at Lakin, 4 p.m.; Colby Community College baseball with Pratt at home, 1 p.m.
Friday - Varsity track at Goodland, 3 p.m.; Junior varsity baseball with Goodland at home, 4 p.m.; Golden Plains and Brewster High School track teams at Quinter Invitational, 3 p.m.
Saturday - Colby Invitational Tennis Tournament, 9 a.m.; Varsity golf at Atwood, 9 a.m.
Monday - Varsity golf at Hays-TMP, 9 a.m.; 9/10 grade track at Atwood, 3 p.m.
Tuesday - Varsity golf at Oakley, 3 p.m.; C team golf at Norton, 3 p.m.; Junior varsity doubles tennis at Russell, 3 p.m.; Varsity track at Garden City, 3 p.m.; Varsity tennis at Hoisington, 3 p.m.; Varsity baseball at Plainville, 4 p.m.; Varsity softball with Plainville at home, 4 p.m.; Junior varsity softball with Ellis at home, 5:30 p.m.

Eagle varsity tennis competes in first tourney

By MICHELLE L. HAWKINS
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The Colby High School varsity tennis team finally beat the odds of the weather as they were able to compete for the first time this season on Monday at Ulysses.

With all of the scheduled tournaments so far this season postponed due to bad weather, head coach Mike Sprenkel was happy to get the boys on the courts for some competition.

Both singles teams placed second in the tournament and the doubles team brought home a second and a third.

"We are still experimenting with different combinations," Sprenkel said. "We found out that we have a



lot of work still to do."

In the number one singles slot, Doug Hurrut finished the day with a record of 2-1 and a second place finish. Hurrut defeated Matthias Goodley of Goodland by 6-1 and Alan Anton of Southwest Heights by 6-2. In the finals Hurrut lost to Jesse Humphreys of Ulysses by 6-

2.

In the number two singles position, Rusty Helin also came in second with a record of 2-1. Helin took two wins over Matt Hurst of Goodland and Brandon Turner of Southwest Heights by final scores of 6-0 and 6-1 respectively.

The number one doubles duo of Joey Melnyk and Brett Dempewolf finished the tournament in third place with a record of 1-2 for the day. Melnyk and Dempewolf lost their first match to the Goodland representation 6-0. They came back in match two with a win over Southwest Heights by 6-5 and 7-5. In their final match, Melnyk and Dempewolf lost to the Ulysses pair 6-0.

Tanner Glad and Reed Shoaff finished second in the number two doubles position with a record of 2-1. Glad and Shoaff won their first two games to Goodland, 6-3 and Southwest Heights, 6-0. In the finals they lost to Ulysses 6-0.

"I have been mildly surprised at the amount of improvement from last year," Sprenkel said. "They guys have been playing during the off-season which is a key to success for any tennis program."

Sprenkel also said he feels the players have been becoming over aggressive in pressure situations and are making too many mental mistakes, but is encouraged that by situational drills during practice this will be corrected.

Kansas City Royals lose to Red Sox, 7-2

By JIMMY GOLEN
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Tim Wakefield has a strange pitch. Bill Lee was a strange pitcher. Now they're in the record books together.

Wakefield pitched six strong innings to help Boston beat the Kansas City Royals 7-2 on Tuesday night, earning his 94th win with the Red Sox to tie the "Spaceman" for 11th place on the team's career list.

"I've been here for nine years, and when you're here that long eventually you're going to catch somebody on the all-time list," the knuckleballer said.

"I really feel honored I was able to tie Bill Lee, and hopefully I can keep it going."

Lee won 94 games in Boston from 1969-78 during a major league career in which he went 119-90. But he is better known for his off-the-wall antics and wacky presidential candidacy, in which he campaigned against guns and butter: "both can kill you."

Wakefield is less of a character but more of a challenge for opposing hitters unfamiliar with the knuckleball. With three more wins, he'll pass Bill Monbouquette and Tex Hughson and move into the top 10.

Nomar Garciaparra was 3-for-4 to help the Red Sox rally from a two-run deficit and send the Royals to their second consecutive loss.

The Royals have lost two straight — matching their longest losing streak of the season. They have also

lost three of their last four after winning 16 of their first 19 games — the best start in franchise history.

"We're human," manager Tony Pena said. "They're not going to be able to do the job every single day."

Kansas City lost a franchise-record 100 games last year. The Royals had four two-game losing streaks in April alone, and eight for the year.

They also had nine three-game slides, three that were six games long and two lasting eight.

"We're going to probably lose more than two in a row this year," said Chris George (3-2), who pitched five good innings before running into trouble in the sixth. "But we're still playing pretty good baseball."

Wakefield (3-1) allowed two runs on seven hits, including an inside-the-park homer by Carlos Beltran and a conventional one by Mike DiFelice. Wakefield also struck out six and walked one.

George allowed three runs on six hits and a walk, striking out three in 5 1-3 innings. He shut the Red Sox down for four innings before giving up a hard-luck run in the fifth and then running into real trouble in the sixth.

Beltran hit his second career inside-the-park homer when Nixon dove for his line drive to right field and it bounced over the outfielder's head.

DiFelice made it 2-0 in the fourth with a homer into the new seats above the Green Monster.

Shockers overpower the Jayhawks 7-2 on the road

LAWRENCE, (AP) — Wichita State held Kansas to only three hits Tuesday night and the Shockers beat the Jayhawks 7-2.

Starter Steve Uhlmansiek (6-1)

allowed all three Kansas hits and two runs, one earned, in six innings. Reliever Mike Dennison pitched the final three innings for his 10th save.

Right fielder Drew Moffit was 3-for-5 with an RBI and Phil Napolitan was 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI for Wichita State.

The Shockers (32-18) broke a 1-

1 tie with four runs in the top of the fourth.

Kansas starter Josh Duran (3-3) allowed six hits and four runs in 3 1-3 innings for the loss. Reliever Don Czyz allowed seven hits and three runs in 5 2-3 innings.

First baseman Ryan Baty was 1-for-1 with a double and two walks for the Jayhawks (32-19).

Stephens signs to Friends University

Lady Trojan basketball standout Andrea Stephens of Colby has recently signed a letter of Intent to play basketball at Friends University in Wichita.

"A great sign for the Friends Lady Falcons," said head coach Gayla Soye. "Andrea will be a great addition, bringing to our program a lot of versatility from running the floor, shooting the three, and scoring in the post. Stephens is definitely a blue chip player who will make an immediate impact in our conference."

I feel very fortunate to have Andrea in our program."

Stephens, was dead from the three point range during her two years. She shot 41.5 percent (61/147). In the 37-year history of Colby Community College, Stephens is only the 27th player to



Stephens

break the 500 point barrier in a career.

When asked about Stephen's strengths, Colby Community College women's basketball coach Tom Stephens said, "Andrea is a very good shooter. She was very consistent from long range, the free throw line and this past year ran the floor well, thus she also scored in transition."

Stephens averaged 10 points and 5.2 rebounds per contest during 2002-2003.

Sports Briefs

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The Minnesota Wild were fined \$25,000 by the NHL for their part in a brawl at the end of Game 2 of their playoff series against the Vancouver Canucks.

But Wild defenseman Willie Mitchell wasn't suspended despite returning to the ice after being sent off for roughing.

Mitchell was assessed a game misconduct at the 20-minute mark of the 3-2 Minnesota victory that evened the best-of-seven Western Conference semifinal series at one game apiece.

Wild general manager Doug Risebrough said he viewed the

league's decision as a warning.

MIAMI (AP) — Florida Marlins right-hander A.J. Burnett won't pitch again this year, and he might miss next season, too.

Burnett underwent reconstructive elbow surgery after renowned orthopedist Dr. James Andrews found the ulnar collateral ligament in Burnett's throwing arm fully torn. A full recovery is expected, but it's projected to take 12-to-18 months.

TORONTO (AP) — The Blue Jays sold out against the Texas Rangers after offering \$1 tickets in an effort to show Toronto remains vibrant despite SARS.

The sellout was announced before the World Health Organization lifted its warning against nonessential travel to Toronto, saying it was satisfied with local measures to stop the spread of severe acute respiratory syndrome.

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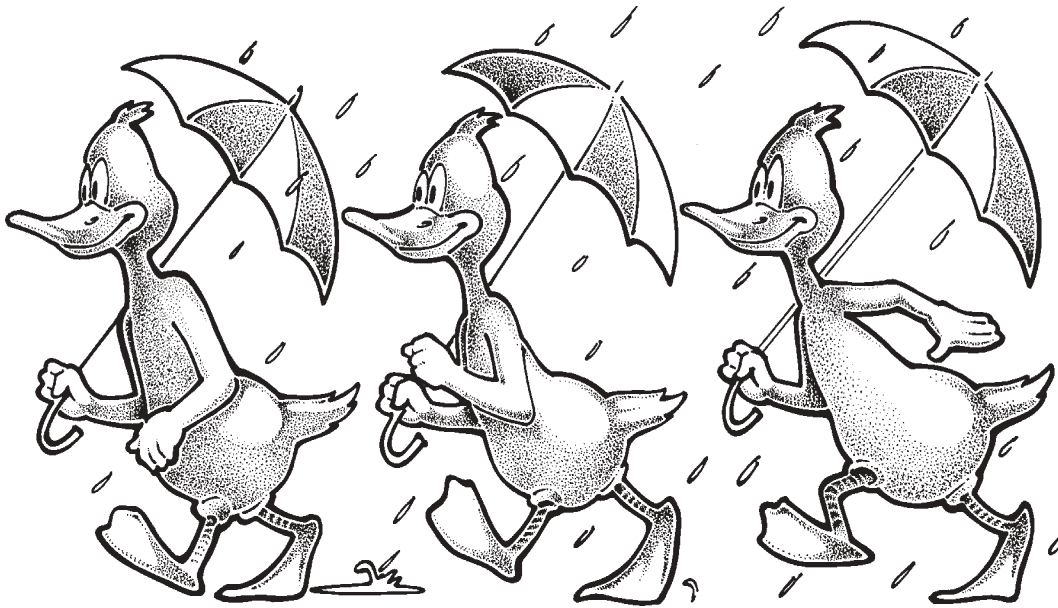
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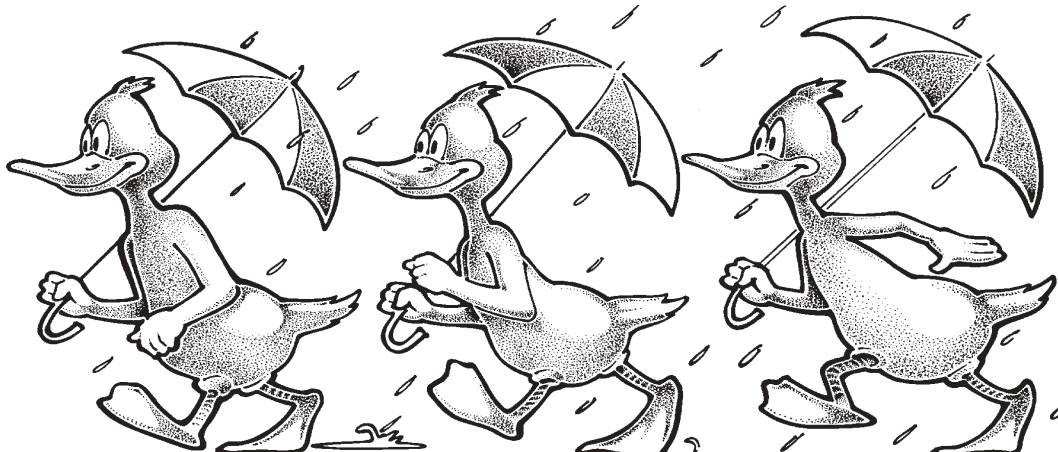
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