

## **Colby Eagle golfers** place first in league

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Colby Free Press The Colby Eagle golf team had a profitable day on Friday as they claimed the Northwest Kansas League title in Oberlin. The boys collectively shot 319, which was a record at the Oberlin Country Club for high school teams.

Coming in second behind Colby was Atwood with 324 strokes and Goodland with 329. Hoxie finished with 342, while Oberlin had 368, Quinter finished with 380 and Oakley had 377.

In addition to taking first place, several of the golfers medaled individually including a third place finish for Christopher Finley with 78, fourth for Deni Wieland with 79, and seventh for Jared Helin with 80. Sean Mengel tied for tenth place by shooting 82, but lost in the play-off to fin-

ish eleventh.

"I am very happy for this bunch of guys," said head coach Ray Higley. "They seem to be peaking at the right time."

This is the third win in a row for Eagle golf team who competed in the regional tournament today in Pratt. The Regional tournament will determine who will qualify for the State tournament at Buffalo Dunes in Garden City to be played May 26. The top two teams will qualify as well as the best five scores posted by players who are not a member of one of those two teams.

"We had our best performance of the year thus far at the League golf tournament," Higley said. "We are really hitting our stride at the right time going into the Regional tournament in Pratt."

# **College** baseball department still busy

This weekend the Region VI playoffs rolled on, a few more of our sophomores decided where they will play next year, and the National College Athletic Association Division II playoffs started.

After we bowed out to Pratt last week, the Beavers went on to defeat Hutch, and eventually lose to Cloud County. That set up a rematch from earlier in the tournament between Garden City and Cloud for the West Sub-Region championship. Garden City beat Cloud 11-5 and along with Seward County advanced to the Region VI playoffs against Cowley County and Neosho County.

Even though Seward was beat in the tournament, they advanced because they were the regular season champions of the West. Cowley won the tournament in the East, and advanced with regular season champion, Neosho.

The Region VI tournament took place in Liberal, but had to be delayed until Saturday because of the storms and the tornado that tore through the town on Thursday night. Garden City opened with Neosho

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Team All-Jayhawk West honors

both seasons at Colby and averaged

11 points per game and 8.1 re-

bounds per game this past season.

He had 8 double-doubles his sopho-

more campaign and recorded two of

them in the Region VI Tournament

including a 25 point and 17 rebound

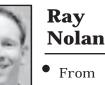
performance in the Trojans victory

over Neosho County in the Region

Quarterfinals. Spooner is Colby's

all-time record holder with 152 ca-

season.



the Dugout

Saturday morning and lost 7-3. Seward then defeated Cowley 3-2, but lost to Neosho later in the day 9-6 in 11 innings. Cowley eliminated Garden City that afternoon with a 10-5 decision.

Sunday Seward had to face Cowley for the right to take on Neosho. Neosho had to be beaten twice. Results were not in when I submitted this column.

In Trojan news, three more of our sophomores have decided where they will play next season. Lefthander Casey Wernke of Alliance, Nebraska will attend Southeast Missouri State along with infielder Keith Wollis, who signed with Southeast Missouri State in the fall. Casey struck out 44 in 65 2/3 intwo seasons with Southeast Missouri State will likely be drafted.

Brent Suing, a right-handed pitcher from Omaha, will attend Hays along with infielder Ian Mabb, who is from Hays. Brent had a 5.86 ERA and struck out 31 in 51 1/3 innings of work. Ian started the year at second base before finding a permanent home at third. Despite some drawbacks during the season, he was solid in the playoffs. He had a .500 on base percentage during our playoff run in El Dorado.

As far as baseball around the state, Fort Hays State, who beat Southern Colorado for the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference championship last week, hosted one of eight Division II regional tournaments this past weekend. The winners of the eight regional tournaments advance to Montgomery, Alabama and the campus of Valdosta State University, for the Division II World Series.

At Hays this past weekend for the West Regional Tournament were nings and posted a 3.73 ERA. He is Sonoma State University and the is complete.

a professional prospect and after University of California at Davis from California, and Western Oregon University. Rex Peters, the brother of former Colby CC head baseball coach and current Air Force head coach Reed Peters, is in his first year as head coach of UC Davis.

Fort Hays beat Western Oregon 9-8 in their opener, but was no-hit by UC-Davis 3-0, and was eliminated by Sonoma State 4-3. The Tigers finished their season at 45-15.

Finally, if any of you are interested in personal baseball lessons for your son or daughter, I offer lessons at very affordable rates. Please make an appointment by calling the college and asking for me. I also want to wish the Colby High School team good luck as they head into playoffs this week.

Nolan is an assistant coach for the Colby Community College baseball team. His column appears in Monday's edition. He plans to continue sharing his baseball knowledge with the readers each week, although the college's season

## Local sports calendar

Today - regional golf tournament at Pratt Park Hills Golf Course, 8:30 a.m.; regional tennis tournament at Pratt Walter Blake Tennis Complex, 8:45 a.m.; regional baseball tournament at Larned; regional softball tournament at Larned.

Tuesday - high school football parent and player meeting in the high school commons area for players in grades 9 to 11 this year, 7 p.m.

### High school basketball coach to hold kids camp this June

and girls in third grade through eighth grade will be held at the Colby High School gym on Monday, June 9 to Thursday, June 12.

The camp will have two sessions. The first session, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. is for those in the third to fifth grades. The afternoon ses-

A Kids Basketball Camp for boys sion, from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. is for those in the sixth to eighth grade. Colby Eagle boys head coach, Derek Bissitt will be instructing the camp. The cost for registration will

be \$40 and will include a t-shirt. Deadline to sign up is Tuesday, May 27. For information, call 462-

#### Trojan sophomores sign to play at four-year schools Conference-USA.

Colby Community College Eric Fowlkes (Milwaukee, Wisc.) has signed with Oral Roberts The Colby Community College Men's basketball team as enjoyed University in Tulsa, Okla. A highas much success in the past two sealight reel waiting to happen, sons as any two in the schools his-Fowlkes averaged 9.5 points per tory, and four Trojans have been game, 4.5 rebounds per game and rewarded for their success signing 3.6 assists per game. Fowlkes had to play at four-year schools next a career high 29 points at Hutchinson during his freshman Dedric Spooner (Milwaukee, season when he converted 10 of 12 Wisc.) signed to play next season at field goal attempts. Fowlkes shot the University of North Carolina at 51.9 percent from the floor. Oral Charlotte. Spooner earned third Roberts plays in the Mid-Continent

Conference. Joseph Williams (Kansas City) has signed with Minnesota State University at Mankato. Williams was a spot starter and a top reserve his two seasons with the Trojans. He had a career high 19 points against Hutchinson at home and scored 15 in the Trojans victory at Seward County ending the Saints 33-game home winning streak. Williams averaged 5.6 points and reer block shots. Charlotte plays in 3.3 rebounds per game. Williams

was named one of two Super Subs for the Trojans during 2002-2003. Minnesota State University at Mankato is National College Athletic Association Division II and competes in the prestigious North Central Conference.

Jason VenJohn (Ingalls) has signed with Southwestern College in Winfield. VenJohn played a reserve role for the Trojans the past two seasons. He had 9 points and 9 rebounds against Sterling College and 8 points and 6 rebounds at McCook in two Trojan victories during his freshman season. Southwestern College is National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division.

Michael Wolters (St. Francis) and Stuart Keltner (Hays) have not officially decided where they will attend school next season, however, both will play basketball.

Wolters was second on the team in three-point shots made with 30 and scored a career high 20 points

against Newman University. Wolters shot 34 percent from beyond the three-point line and averaged 4.1 points per game.

Keltner was sidelined much of his sophomore season with a broken hand suffered in mid-December, but played key minutes during his two seasons with the Trojans. Keltner's career highs came as a freshman when he started 16 of 31 games. He scored 16 points during his freshman season in back-toback games in the Jayhawk Shootout against Johnson County and Labette County.

Coach Ostermann commented on the six Trojan sophomores, "Our program benefited in many more ways than winning basketball games the past two years. These young men were terrific students and exemplify the kind of people we want in our program. We will miss them and we thank them for two great years. They will always have our support and best wishes."

### Trojan wrestler signs with Hays

Fort Hays State University wrestling team, recently announced the signing of a national letter of intent by Colby Community College's David Nordhues.

Cody Bickley, head coach of the ing injury that kept him from competing.

Despite his limited time in the Colby line-up, he was able to achieve success. Nordhues placed second at the 2001 Southern Colo-Nordhues is a product of Greeley, rado Open and fourth at the 2001 Neb. where he was a three time high Fort Hays State University Open. He also earned a victory over Nordhues joined Steve Lampe's against Labette in his only dual meet outing in two seasons for the Trojans. Nordhues is felt to have tremendous potential and was considered to be a legitimate National Junior College Athletic Association Allfor the 2002-2003 season, but again American candidate in each of his BUSINESS DIRECTORY

school state champion.

squad for the 2001-2002 season, but was forced to take a medical redshirt after undergoing seasonending surgery to repair a torn triceps muscle.

Nordhues then rejoined the team was the recipient of a season-end- seasons at Colby.



