

## Sweat + tears = toughness



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The Colby High School football team is well on its way toward the opening of the 2004 season. Here is a familiar practice scene as a struggle between "them" and "us" ensues. The team will hold its video scrimmage at 7 p.m. on Saturday (a change from the school calendar) at Dennen Field. The first game of the season will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3 in Atwood.

## SportsLine

### Trojan golf event on Tuesday

A reminder was issued today of the Colby Community College Trojan "Basketball Golf Tournament and Benefit Auction" on Tuesday at the Colby Country Club. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. A social hour (free to the public, good-will offering accepted) will be held at 5 p.m., with the benefit Auction at 5:30 p.m. Prizes galore, outstanding auction items. Also, former NBA All-Star Otis Birdsong will be on hand. Four-person scramble and the cost is \$60 per person (includes cart, lunch hors d'oeuvres). Call assistant Trojan basketball coach John Woods at 462-3984 ext. 317 for additional particulars, or to sign up. This has been a popular fundraiser with good community support.

### 'Drive Fore Sobriety' set

The fourth annual "Drive Fore Sobriety" golf tournament, sponsored by the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council, will be held Sept. 11 at Sugar Hills Country Club, Goodland. Registration begins at 8 a.m. (MDT) with tee-off at 9 a.m. (MDT). If interested in becoming a hole sponsor, forming a team or making a donation, call (785) 462-6111.

### Chamber tourney deadline

The 11th annual Colby/Thomas County Chamber Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sept. 2 at the Colby Country Club with tee-off at 12:30 p.m. This is a four-person scramble (men and women). The entry fee is \$50 per person/one free entry with hole sponsorship. A buffet dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. Registration appreciated no later than Thursday of this week to Colby

Chamber of Commerce, 350 S. Range, Colby, Kan. 67701, or call 460-3401.

### Latest Colby sports updates

Here are the latest updates for fall sports programs in Colby: High school football, parent/player meeting on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., high school commons. The football 'Video' soap scrimmage, scheduled for Friday on the school calendar, has been moved to Saturday. Time the same: 7 p.m., Dennen Field. The volleyball 'Sports Drink' scrimmage. will be held on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the high school gym. Cross country parent/player meeting will be held Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Fike Park.

### Hunter Course is this week

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Colby volunteer instructors and the Colby Recreation Department, have scheduled a "Hunter Education Course" in Colby. It will take place at the Colby Community Building on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-9:30 p.m., and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Range activity will be from 1:30-3:30 p.m., weather permitting. This will be the only class in Colby before the "Youth Outdoor Skills Day." Students must attend all sessions. Anyone born on or after July 1, 1957 must take and pass a Hunter Education Course before they can hunt in Kansas. Students must pre-enroll at The Pirates Den, Southwind Plaza, Colby.

For more information, call (785) 462-6631, 462-7602 or 462-3367.

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## Sports Briefs

### OLYMPICS

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Justin Gatlin ran the race of his life, barely holding off the field to win the 100 meters in 9.85 seconds.

Francis Obikwelu of Portugal got the silver in 9.86 and defending champion Maurice Greene won bronze in 9.87. A third American, Shawn Crawford, was fourth in 9.89.

Five runners broke the 10-second mark, and another — world champion Kim Collins — finished in exactly 10 seconds.

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Nicolas Massu won his second gold of these Olympics, beating American Mardy Fish 6-3, 3-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 in an error-strewn men's singles final that went four hours.

Chile had never won a gold medal in any sport until Massu and Fernando Gonzalez won the doubles title in a match that lasted more than 3 1/2 hours and ended in the wee hours.

Gonzalez won the singles bronze, beating Taylor Dent of the United States.

### GOLF

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Stewart Cink closed with an even-par 70 to beat Tiger Woods and Rory Sabbatini by four strokes at the NEC Invitational, becoming the first wire-to-wire winner on the PGA Tour this year.

Cink made a 15-foot birdie putt on 18 to finish at 11-under 269. He earned \$1.2 million, the largest payoff of his career.

Sabbatini make a 20-foot birdie on the 14th hole to trail by two shots, but bogeyed two of the next three holes for a 68.

Woods finished with a rare birdie for a 69, and continued his streak of never finishing worse than fifth at Firestone. He also will keep his No. 1 ranking for another week — 263 weeks in a row — after Vijay Singh shot a 70 to tie for 32nd and Ernie

Els both closed with a 72 and tied for 65th.

### AUTO RACING

BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) — Greg Biffle drove to an easy victory, pulling away from Mark Martin at the end of the NASCAR Nextel Cup race at Michigan International Speedway.

Biffle, the only driver to win both the Busch and Craftsman Truck series championships, took the GFS Marketplace 400 for his second career Cup win. He has struggled through much of his second full season in the series.

FOUNTAIN, Colo. (AP) — Dario Franchitti shook off a poten-

tially dangerous pit mishap and used a caution midway through the race to make up ground. He wound up leading the final 63 laps of the IRL's Honda 225 at Pikes Peak International Raceway for his second win of the year.

Franchitti, who held the lead four times for a total of 128 laps, went into the pits on lap 85 for four new tires and fuel. As he started to pull out of the pits, fuel man Mike Miller had trouble getting the hose disconnected from the car and was clipped by the rear tire. Miller wound up with a twisted knee and Franchitti lost about 10 seconds, allowing three drivers to pass him.

## Fall & Winter Bowling Leagues



460-2672

### Openings

**Ladies:** Tuesday 9:00 A.M. (several individuals)

Wednesday 8:15 P.M. (4 ladies to a team)

**Men:** Monday 7:30 P.M. (5 men teams)

Thursday 8:00 P.M. (5 men teams)

**Mixed Leagues:** Sunday 7:00 P.M. (2 couples)

**Colby Bowl**  
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## Fall sports time at the college

The school year is upon us once again and that means volleyball and cross-country start competition soon.

First of all, volleyball begins their season on Friday when they travel to North Platte, Neb. to compete in North Platte Community College's annual tournament. First year coach Pedro Gonzalez, who was the assistant last season, is hopeful for a good year. He has an all conference setter in Kayla Pelton (Crawford, Neb.) and he thinks that some of his girls might join her on that All-Jayhawk team. Of course, Barton County and Seward County will be tough foes, but coach Gonzalez's knowledge and experience will hopefully be the deciding factor. The other sophomores are Kim Crossland (Otis, Colo.), Valerie Soehner (Idalia, Colo.), Kiri Oakley (Otis, Colo.) and Kellie Berg (Logan).

Cross-country will also get under way soon. Their first meet is in Great Bend on Sept. 2. Coach Jeff Backer's team returns many outstanding performers from last season including All-Conference and All-Region runner Audrey Brake (Greensburg) who finished 29th last season at the NJCAA's national meet. Other returning runners are Joy Zumbahlen (Bird City), Rocky Baalman (Colby), Andrew Bird (Selden), Daniel Culver (Ulysses), Jerod Kersey (Guymon, Okla.) and Felipe Longoria (Scottsbluff, Neb.). Longoria won the team's "male runner of the year award" last season.

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Along with the start of these two seasons, the men's basketball benefit golf tournament takes place Tuesday at the Colby Country Club.



### Ray Nolan

#### ● On Campus

It will be run the same as it has in the past, with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 10:00. For a \$60.00 entrance fee you receive a cart, lunch and hors d'oeuvres. Social hour will start at 5 p.m. and the benefit auction will begin at 5:30. There are several great items up for auction including K-State football tickets, Rockies tickets for their game against St. Louis when Larry Walker returns, and Broncos tickets, just to name a few. You do not need to play in the tournament to attend the social hour and auction, so everyone can come to the country club and enjoy an evening with the Colby Community College athletic department.

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Speaking of men's basketball, new head coach Brian Marso and assistants John Woods and Scepter Brownlee all ready have things well in order for a successful season. There seems to be no transition period for this staff, as they have picked the program up right where it was left last season.

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Don't forget to watch Trojan alumnus Daniel Cormier wrestling in the Olympics on Saturday and Sunday on CNBC. Wrestling will be televised on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 7-11 a.m. and on Sunday, Aug. 29 from 4-6 a.m. and 9-1 p.m.

Cormier won NJCAA national championships in 1998 and 1999 for Colby Community College. Wrestling coach Steve Lampe will be there to cheer him on.

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By the way, this column is taking the place of my usual "From the Dugout." Every Monday I plan to give the community updates on the activities of the Colby Community College athletic department. In addition, look for game stories to appear any time. Hopefully between this column and the game stories, you do not miss any Trojan sports information. Don't forget to also look at our website, colbycc.edu, for all Trojan schedules, rosters and game stories.

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