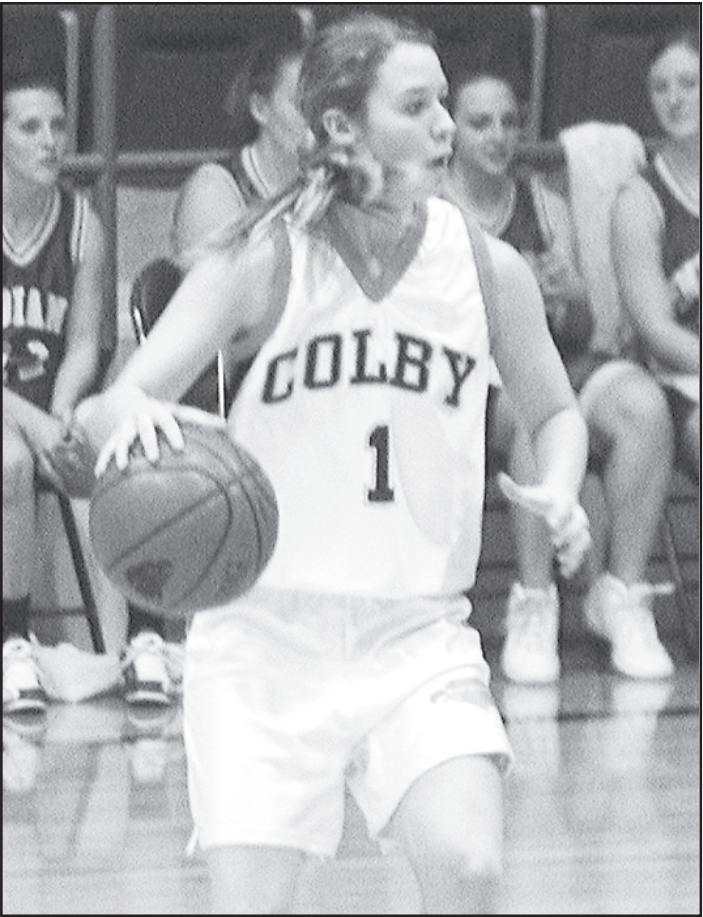


Back in action



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Colby High School Lady Eagle Rishonna Martin took the ball down the court during a recent game. The Eagles will be back in action Tuesday with a home game against Hays TMP. Varsity starts at 6:30 p.m. with the girls game, followed immediately by the boys game at the Colby Community Building.

Oklahoma earns victory in Holiday Bowl

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Adrian Peterson made almost as many mistakes as he did big runs, yet he was still good enough to help Oklahoma win the Holiday Bowl.

After being held to 8 yards in the first half, Peterson ran for 76 in the second as the Sooners defeated No. 6 Oregon on Thursday night.

The 2004 Heisman Trophy runner-up had reeled off performances of 146, 135, 108 and 237 yards in four games after returning from a sprained right ankle, scoring two touchdowns in each game. Given another month to rest, he was expected to be near 100 percent for the Holiday Bowl.

But Peterson needed a rugged effort for every yard he gained. He even ended up gashing his forehead by colliding with while celebrating his first big run of about 50 yards down the left sideline when he hit

his forehead on a teammates helmet. The run was negated by a holding penalty against Oklahoma's top lineman, Davin Joseph.

Peterson said he was looking at the JumboTron when he spun around and collided with a teammate.

He was on the bench while trainers tended to him, and returned to the game with a bandage covering almost his entire forehead. He said he expects to get stitches on the one-inch gash when he gets back to Oklahoma.

"It made me a little dizzy," Peterson said. "I was bleeding pretty bad."

He returned to rack up 36 yards on Oklahoma's next drive, including an 11-yard run when he started left then circled back to the right, and a 20-yard gainer when he ran through one tackler and dragged

two others for a few more yards.

"They're real good tacklers," Peterson said. "Like three or four times, I was almost gone and they stopped me."

Kejuan Jones ended the drive with an 8-yard run to put Oklahoma up 17-7.

After running for only 28 yards in the first half, the Sooners had 83 in the third quarter alone.

"We felt then that we would work Adrian and our running game more in the second half, and it worked," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "In the second half, we started establishing it."

"Whether they were fatigued or not, I'm not going to say that. It was our plan, and in the second half, we started to run it more."

Oregon coach Mike Bellotti said Oklahoma's halftime adjustments made a difference.

"Our entire front seven, front eight or front nine, depending on the formation, did a great job. What they did in the second half was run more laterally and created some gaps," Bellotti said. When they ran at us, we did a great job.

"Some of the biggest plays came when we stunted inside at the point of attack, and then reversed and we didn't quite stay alive as much as we talked about."

"That was part of the gameplan," Peterson said. "We wanted to spread them out and nick them here and there, and it worked."

Peterson's lowlight came when he fumbled at the 1-yard line trying to reach the ball across the goal line and give the Sooners a three-possession edge.

He was also unable to run out the final 3:30 for Oklahoma. He ran out of bounds on first down.

AP Briefs

BASEBALL
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Kevin Millwood signed his \$60 million, five-year contract and gave the Texas Rangers the legitimate No. 1 starter they had been seeking.

The 31-year-old right-hander signed a one-year deal with the Indians after being limited to 25 starts for Philadelphia in 2004 because of

elbow swelling. He went 9-11 with a 2.86 ERA that led the AL last year.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Right-handers Ramon Ortiz and Tony Armas Jr. agreed to one-year deals with the Washington Nationals.

Ortiz, who signed for \$2.5 million, was 9-11 with a 5.36 ERA in 30 starts for Cincinnati last season.

Armas, who will earn \$2.1 mil-

lion, went 7-7 with a 4.97 ERA for Washington in 2005, going 0-2 with a 9.75 ERA in his last three starts.

His final appearance came on Sept. 1, and he later had surgery on his throwing shoulder.

HOCKEY
ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Sandis Ozolinsh of the Anaheim Mighty Ducks has voluntarily en-

tered a substance abuse program, the NHL and the players' union announced.

The 33-year-old defenseman, who recently was selected for Latvia's Olympic team, has been out since Nov. 27 with a knee injury.

Ozolinsh, formerly of the Colorado Avalanche, joined the Ducks in 2002.

Bowl contest updated

After Wednesday's Alamo Bowl, when Nebraska defeated Michigan, there were three entries tied for first in the 790 KXXX and Colby Free Press 2005 Bowl Spectacular.

Jay Barnett of Colby, Aaron Sramek of Atwood and Bartleet Groin of Levant had the best entries.

Eight people, all from Colby,

were tied for fourth place; Bill Biel, Judy Epp, Vanessa Epp, Mike Fell, Mike Giesenhagan, Scott Haas, Steve Jueneman, Dale Plumisto, John Reinhardt and Haileigh Shull.

In the town town contest, Atwood leads followed by Levant and Colby. The winning town will receive a trophy.

Dungy back with Colts

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy rejoined his team, a week after his oldest son's death of an apparent suicide.

His return surprised and excited everyone, as did his announcement that he would coach Sunday's regular-season finale in Arizona.

Dungy left the team Dec. 22 when his 18-year-old son, James, died. A preliminary autopsy report indicated the teen took his own life, but the exact cause of death won't be

released until a toxicology examination is completed in four to six weeks.

Team president Bill Polian and owner Jim Irsay urged Dungy to stay with his family as long as needed while assistant head coach Jim Caldwell filled in. On Tuesday, players, coaches and team officials flew to Tampa for the funeral.

Dungy, the former coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, had coached the Colts to a long undefeated streak earlier in the season.

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