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Colby's Brittany Kersenbrock (left) did not beat the throw to first base during Colby's game with Ulysses Tuesday in Colby. Colby won both games of a doubleheader, 17-0, 10-0. Colby pitcher Logan Wark gave up three hits between both games. As a team, Colby has 19 hits between both games. "It's really good to get one under out belts," said Colby coach Jack Elliott. Colby's first game last week was postponed. Colby plays 4 p.m. Monday at Garden City.

Trojan track members set personal, team records

Colby Community College track members competed at various meets March 30, 31 and April 1 across the country.

Coch Jeff Becker said the results from those meets varied too.

"We had a busy weekend as we had athletes competing in meets on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Overall we had a great weekend with a lot of season and personal bests. The only bad part was that we had a few injuries. Hopefully we will be able to get over these and continue with our great season.

Friday March 30 at FHSU Distance Festival in Hays

800m: Amy Hoff- 2:37.53*; Kalie Smith- 2:46.91*; Onesmus Too, 1:58.18*; Mark Porter, 2:07.90*; Kerry Barnett, 2:11.24*; Carlo Figlio, 2:12.89*; David Barnum, 2:23.47*

5,000m: Mary Nyambura, 21:57.85*; Tiffany Thomas, 22:23.01*; Sandino Nero, 16:03.37*; Juve Chavez, 17:29.85*; Anton Sandoval, 18:15.34*; Lance Clark- 19:23.28*

*= Season Best

Saturday March 31 at Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, Calif.

5000m: Betty Rotich, 16:27.74*, School Record/ Top Time in the NJCAA by 30 seconds

*= Personal and Season Best Time

Sunday April 1, Alex Francis Classic at Hays

100m: Amanda Daugherty, 13.56*; Wilson Mwago, 11.24*; Brenden Files, 11.26

200m: Lauren Kaiser, 27.69*; Vicmari Prospero, 28.03*; Amanda Daugherty, 28.71*, Sherry-Ann Baggoo, 29.26; Brenden Files, 22.58* 1st Place/ 8th All Time @ Colby; Wilson Mwago, 22.99*; Mark Naron, 24.03*

400m: Sherry-Ann Baggoo, 1:01.63*, 9th All Time at Colby; Onesmus Too- 52.19*; Mark Naron- 52.96*; Carlo Figlio- 57.79*

4 x 400m: Brenden Files, Mark Porter, Wilson Mwago, Onesmus Too- 3:30.78

High Jump: Kaitlyn Stapp, 1.42m*

Pole Vault: Robert Binning, 3.96m*

Long Jump: Loree Siruta, 4.83m*

Triple Jump: Loree Siruta- 10.40m*, 3rd All Time @ Colby; Shanice Johnson, 10.19m*, 6th All Time @ Colby

Discus: Erin Henke, 29.20m*; Megan Pope, 23.71m*

Hammer: Erin Henke, 28.74m*; Megan Pope, 26.45m*; Ivan Guel, 36.15m

Javelin: Erin Henke, 30.29m*; Megan Pope, 29.95m

*= Season Best

Tumbleweed Tumblers place at meets

The three members of the Tumbleweed Tumblers traveling team placed first at the Beach Bash 2007 meet last weekend in Great Bend.

Members of the squad include Danielle Foster, Kami Miller and Phoebe Pfeifer. The squad placed fourth at Manhattan and third at Salina this season.

Individual honors for the girls include a first place in the all-around competition for Foster and second place in the all-around for Pfeifer in the 10-11 year-old bracket.

In the 9-year-old bracket, Miller placed second in the all-around.

The girls will compete in the state meet April 28-29 in Wamego.

SportsBriefs

By The Associated Press

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

CLEVELAND (AP) — After a nine-year title drought, Tennessee and coach Pat Summitt are NCAA champions.

The Lady Vols captured an elusive seventh national title, beating Rutgers to the ball for second and third shots in a 59-46 win to reclaim their customary place above all other programs.

Candace Parker scored 17 points to lead the Volunteers (34-3), but the smooth All-American got plenty of help from Shannon Bobbitt and a supporting cast of less-heralded teammates, who too often this season stood around and watched her.

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Gail Goetseniors is leaving Duke to coach the Texas women's basketball team, a person with knowledge of the decision told The Associated Press.

The 44-year-old coach won seven ACC coach of the year awards and compiled a career record of 396-99. The move was not a big surprise — she was widely considered the top candidate to replace Conradt after the Longhorn's coach suddenly resigned last month.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Coach Dana Altman will return to Creighton a day after being hired as coach at Arkansas.

Altman has coached the Bluejays for 13 years and said he decided to return to the Omaha, Neb., school after talking to his wife and Creighton's athletic director Bruce Rasmussen, who agreed to take him back.

Altman had been hired to replace Stan Heath, whom Arkansas athletic director Frank Broyles fired last week. South Florida hired Heath on Monday.

NEW YORK (AP) — Michigan hired John Beilein to coach its men's basketball team, a week after he led West Virginia to the NIT championship.

Beilein told his players of the decision at a team meeting in Morgantown, W.Va.

Beilein, who took a downtrodden program to two NCAA tournaments in five seasons, takes over a Michigan team that hasn't made the tournament since 1998.

There will high expectations at Michigan, which fired Tommy Amaker in mid-March after the Wolverines went to the NIT for the third time in four years.

PRO BASKETBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Knicks coach Isiah Thomas was fined \$50,000 by the NBA for questioning the treatment Stephon Marbury is getting from referees.

Correction

The San Francisco Giants assigned Colby native Jared Cranston to its single A minor league team the Augusta GreenJackets, not Keizer-Salem, Ore., as was reported in Monday's *Colby Free Press*. The Green Jackets home is in Augusta, Ga.

Cranston a 2003 Colby High graduate, played college baseball at Seward County and the University of Nebraska before being drafted by the Giants as a pitcher. Augusta starts its season Thursday at the Rome (Ga.) Braves.

Augusta plays in the South Atlantic League which includes 16 teams from Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Maryland.

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Spring sports previews

Eagle tennis needs to play

By John Van Nostrand
Colby Free Press Publisher

Colby High boy's tennis team has the numbers. Now, it just needs the experience.

Of the 22 who joined the team, 17 return from last year. But of those 17, only five are seniors.

"There is not much varsity experience, but there is experience," said coach Jordan Sharp. Sharp takes over the helm from Kory Koch. Sharp was an assistant coach last season.

That experience will continue Thursday when Colby starts its season at 3 p.m. at Cimarron.

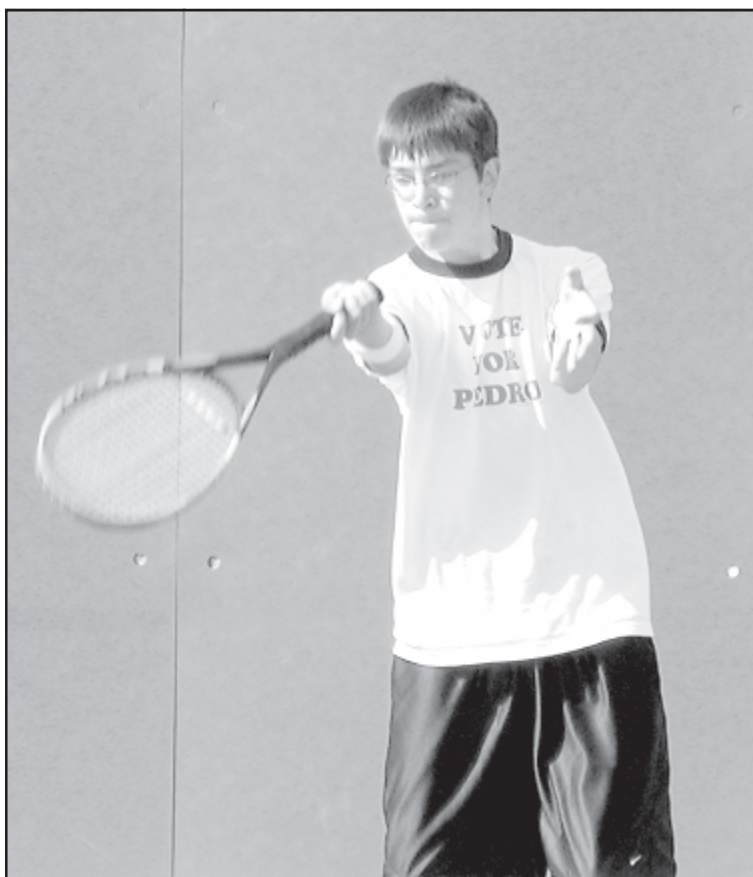
Three of the five seniors with the most varsity experience are Matt Hildebrand, David Kinderknecht and Wesston Talsma. Sharp said many of the underclassmen are either new to the sport or just have played one year.

Practicing at the Fike Park tennis courts has been another challenge with team that size. With a limited space, Sharp is trying to figure out the best practice routines so everyone has some legitimate playing time, and experience.

"We have had a hard time with practice," Sharp said.

With a majority of the team having limited playing time, Sharp said he is stressing the fundamentals of the game.

"We have to improve the fundamentals. To become a good tennis



JOHN VAN NOSTRAND/Colby Free Press
Colby High tennis player Wesston Talsma returned a volley during practice last week. Colby tennis starts its season Thursday.

player, you have to be consistent," he said.

Last year's team placed fourth at two different meets, Goodland and Ulysses. That was the highest the

team placed all season.

Sharp also coaches Colby High girl's tennis team which plays in the fall. Three girls qualified for the state meet last season.

Trojans lose slugfest to Butler

In a battle between the top two teams in the Jayhawk West, Butler County was able to win two high scoring games Monday over the Colby Community College Trojans

Butler won game one 23-17 and game two 12-8.

In game one, the Trojans played well offensively but struggled with pitching and defense. The Trojans committed six errors and pitchers

allowed 15 hits and 8 walks.

Kris Jiggitts picked up the loss for the Trojans by allowing nine runs in two innings of work. Jason Chatwood was 4-4 with a walk and four runs scored.

Aaron Dunsmore homered and drove in 4 RBIs, Marshall McDonald was 2-5 with four RBI's and Patrick Farrell hit two home runs and also drove in four runs.

The Trojans fell behind early in game two, as starting pitcher Dan April allowed four first-inning runs. The Trojans were unable to recover and lost 12-8.

Patrick Farrell hit a three-run home run and Jason Chatwood had three hits, one of which was a double.

Colby (20-12) plays 1 p.m. today at Pratt.

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~ League Bowling Results ~

March 27th - Early Bird Ladies League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
www.strike	29	11	1
44 Fun	27	13	2
Bowlerettes	23	17	3
NW Vacuum	19	21	4
Van's Merry Four	18	22	5

First high Individual game: Dee Hovda, 176
First high Individual series: Dee Hovda, 505

March 26th - First Nighters League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Sparky's Fireworks	82	44	1
7-Up	79	47	2
Parking Lot Maintenance	73	53	3
Fire XStrikers	71	55	4
Frontier Equity	62	64	5
Grinnell Furniture	59	67	6
Seismic Land Mgmt.	53	73	7
Woofers Well & Pump	52	74	8
Schlick Construction	50	76	9
Discount Repair of Oakley	49	77	10

First high Men Individual game: Doug Beckman, 246
First high Men Individual series: Dobb Beckman, 666

March 30th - Ten Pin League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Us & Barton Concrete	8	0	1
Cal Williams	7	1	2
ChiX w/ Balz	6	2	3
Comfort Inn	2	6	4
CMC	1	7	5
Colby Bowl	0	8	6

First high Individual game: Bobbi Barton, 226
First high Individual series: Bobbi Barton, 544

March 29th - King Pin League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Colby Bowl & Fun Center	124	86	1
5 Pony Men	117	93	2
Morgan Construction	113	97	3
Orschlens	111	99	4
Colby Automotive	108	102	5
Thunderballs	99	111	6
www.visitcolby.com	94	116	7
T - J's Tire	74	136	8

First high Individual game: Arron Rondeau, 279
First high Individual series: Brent Menges, 675

March 27th - Pinbusters League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Colby Automotive	100	68	1
United Commercial Travelers	100	68	2
Mufflers Plus	96	72	3
Killer Bees	93	75	4
Donelan's Jewelry	83	85	5
Colby Bowl	78	90	6
MC Auto	70	98	7
Taylor Motors	52	116	8

First high Individual game: Alan Focke, 255
First high Individual series: Brent Menges, 669

March 28th - Ladies Nite Out

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Golden Harvest Seeds	11	1	1
Twisters	8	4	2
Straightline	8	4	3
Strike-Outs	6	6	4
Camouflage Lawn Care	6	6	5
Dbl U Trkn	5	7	6
Don's Electric	2	10	7
Stock Realty & Auction	2	10	8

First high Individual game: Jennifer Phillips, 196
First high Individual series: Jennifer Phillips, 549

March 28th - Powderpuff League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Weiser	31	13	1
Service Oil	21	23	2
Farm Credit	20	24	3
The B-Hive	14	30	4

First high Individual game: Kelly Horinek, 231
First high Individual series: Kelly Horinek, 572

March 25th - King & Queen

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Lee-Nelson	38	18	1
Norman - Keiser	33	23	2
Schissler-Koehn	30	26	3
Phillips - Carmen	29	27	4
Swartz - Barnett	28	28	5
Barton - Kreutzer	26	30	6
Krebs - Barnett	18	38	7
Bally - Llamas	12	12	8

Men's First high Individual game: Dan Carmen, 236
Men's First high Individual series: Aaron Keiser, 603
Women's First high Individual game: Jennifer Phillips, 173
Women's First high Individual series: Jennifer Phillips, 481

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