

**GOODLAND STAR-NEWS** 

Colby's David Kinderknecht watched one of his serves at the Goodland meet April 19. Colby placed in only one category at Ulysses Monday. Kinderknecht and Jeremy Harter took third in number-one doubles. "The weather was a big factor," said coach Jordan Sharp. "The wind affects everything." Colby hosts the Colby Invitational 9 a.m. Saturday at Fike Park.

## L teams: Character counts

chologist who helps NFL teams assess a draft pick's character shakes his head when a troubled player is chosen, then turns out to be nothing

"I've been telling teams for 25 years the same deal: You can't afford to take a guy like that," Robert from players is overblown. Troutwine said.

Teams are liste weekend, anyway.

Commissioner Roger Goodell's crackdown on player misconduct, and his new policy holding franchises accountable when things go wrong, likely will make teams squeamish about taking draft-day

Goodell made examples of Titans cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones and Bengals receiver Chris Henry. Jones got a season-long suspension, and Henry got an eight-game punishment for misconduct. Team executives got the mes-

"They're going to run the risk that the commissioner may carry a heavy hand when it comes to teams that draft people who have known character issues," said Floyd Reese, the former Titans general manager who drafted Jones last year. "As a franchise, you're probably putting yourself in harm's way if you draft somebody with character issues."

The Cincinnati Bengals are the best example of how draft-day risks can deflate a franchise. They had nine players arrested during a ninemonth span, six of them draft picks

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CINCINNATI (AP) — A psy- from the last two years. Two of them people with good character." - Henry and linebacker Odell Thurman — are suspended by the enough information.

> Bengals will look more closely at pline, arrests, court cases, driving character in this draft, but he thinks records and limited financial talk of teams being frightened away records. The checks are done on

> ffect the teams quite as much as available to teams people think it's going to," Lewis said. "I think it will affect the players, because they have seen NFL teams — the Colts, Patriots, (Goodell) deal with things swiftly and harshly.

close second to the Bengals in misconduct — six players arrested, including linebacker Steve Foley, who was shot by an off-duty officer and released by the team in tudes.

General manager A.J. Smith said Goodell's crackdown hasn't changed the way his team evaluates draft picks.

"It didn't affect us at all," he said. "Everything with us and our investigative process is extensive. We do understand why people overlook the best we can. We bring in good that."

They can't say they don't have

The NFL does background Coach Marvin Lewis said the checks that include school disciplayers invited to the league's com-"I don't know that it's going to bine, and the information is made

Teams use various other methods to get information. This year, six Eagles, Jets, Rams and Panthers are using Troutwine & Associates, The San Diego Chargers are a Inc., to develop profiles on players. Troutwine, an industrial psychologist, uses a 75-question assessment that provides insights into a player's temperament, judgment and atti-

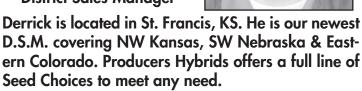
> Other teams use other psychologists or questionnaires to gain in-

'Character is important," said Troutwine, whose first NFL draft work came in 1985. "Ultimately, you win with those people. I don't

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## Colby grad directs A&M hoops

#### From Texas A&M University **COLLEGE STATION, Texas**

 Mike Rohn has been named director of basketball operations at Texas A&M, first-year head coach Mark Turgeon said April 17.

Rohn is a 1985 graduate of Colby High School.

"Mike is a tireless worker and is an unbelievably loyal guy," Turgeon said. "He'll be a great asset to Texas A&M basketball. He's highly organized, is a tremendous together so many years, he'll be like a right-hand man for me."

"I'm so excited to have the opportunity to come to Texas A&M and Administration and Coaching. continue working with coach

many good things about Texas (1990-91) after one season as an A&M and the community. This is assistant at his alma mater, the opportunity of a lifetime."

Rohn spent the last seven seasons at Wichita State. Prior to that, he served three seasons as head coach (1996-00) at Dodge City (Kan.) Community College, where he built a 55-38 record, including a 21-10 mark in 1999-00.

Rohn was an assistant coach at recruiter and because we've been Dodge City from 1993-96.Rohn was a graduate assistant coach at earning a master's degree in Sports

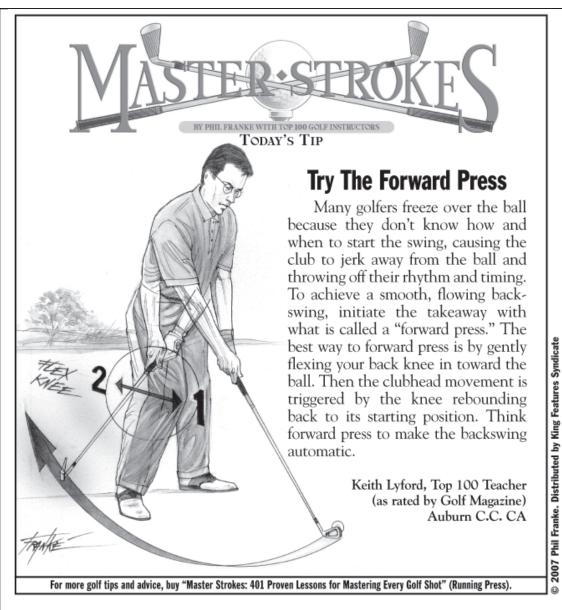
He also served as an assistant this story.

Turgeon," Rohn said. "I've heard so coach at Colby Community College McPherson College (1989-90).

Rohn earned a bachelor's degree as an assistant coach under Turgeon in physical education in 1990 from McPherson, where he was a twotime all-conference selection. He was named the league's newcomer of the year as a junior and was the conference player of the year as a senior. He also was named McPherson's Male Athlete of the Year in 1989.

Rohn transferred to McPherson Fort Hays State (1991-1993) while after playing two seasons at Dodge City Community College.

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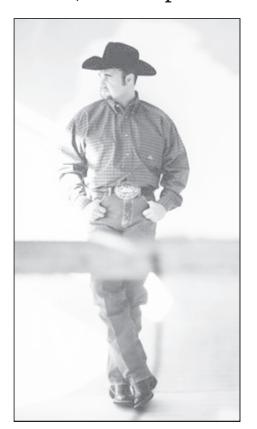
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