

Swing, batter, batter



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Jerry Hildreth practiced hitting at a Colby High baseball practice on Friday. The boys don't have a fall schedule, but practice after school in October.

Phillies celebrate trip to World Series

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The losingest team in pro sports history was soaked in champagne and whooping it up Wednesday night.

Next stop for these Philadelphia Phillies: the World Series.

Jimmy Rollins got them rollin' with a leadoff home run, Cole Hamels pitched his third gem of the playoffs and Philadelphia beat the bumbling Los Angeles Dod-

gers 5-1 to win the NL championship series 4-1 for its first pennant since 1993.

"After hearing about the '93 team over and over and over again, we finally have a chance to make our mark," Rollins said.

Now, the Phillies will go for their second World Series title beginning next Wednesday night at Tampa Bay or Boston.

Bulldogs unable to pick up a win

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs went on the road to Hill City early on Saturday morning to play in the Ringneck Classic, losing close matches to Trego Community and Brewster.

The girls' first match was against the Brewster Bulldogs.

The early morning seemed to paralyze the Golden Plains girls' motivation, as they got off to a poor start. Towards the end of the first set, a couple of serves from Jacy Moss tightened the game to 20-18.

Brewster was still trailing by two points when the girls man-

aged to get some serves to go in their favor. Unfortunately, a couple of mistakes gave the set to Brewster, 25-21.

The second set didn't look to good for Golden Plains, as the girls got off to a slow start.

Junior Karly Miller was able to get some serves over the net to make the score 5-3, but Brewster was able to widen the lead to 20-10. The Bulldogs were unable to get the momentum they needed to catch up and lost the second set, 25-12.

The next game was against the Trego Community High Lady

Eagles from WaKeeney.

The girls seemed to be more awake in this game, and played with more intensity. The Lady Eagles were unable to gain a big lead, but they still led 19-12, then put the Bulldogs away 25-14.

The Eagles jumped out to a 8-0 lead in the second set. The Bulldogs were unable to keep up with the Eagles consistent serves and made several mistakes, costing them several points.

Late in the game, the Eagles rallied and closed the gap to 22-20.

Senior Angel Lobato stepped up her game with her consistent serves. The Eagles were eventually able to gain possession of the ball.

They seized on this opportunity and handed the Bulldogs a 25-20 loss.

"The early morning seemed to have challenged us quite a bit," said Junior Karly Miller. "We started warming up later into the day. We played with confidence and intensity, but that doesn't show up on the scoreboard."

Sophomore golfer finishes fourth

The Colby Community College women's golf team played at the Panhandle State University Fall Invitational on Oct. 6 and 7 in Goodwell, Okla.

The girls finished fourth out of four teams behind Northwestern Oklahoma State of Alva, Panhandle State and Dodge City Community College.

Sophomore Abbie Laverenz shot a 179 and finished fourth overall. She shot an 89 on day one and a 90 on day two.

Freshman Eva Deluca shot a 198 and finished 14th overall. She shot a 106 in her first round and a 92 in her second round.

Freshman Alexandra Owens shot a 241 and freshman Kali

Brester shot 258. Freshman Megan Ryan withdrew after day one due to illness.

The team finished third out of six teams at the Independence Conference tournament on Monday and Tuesday.

The teams competing in the tournament were Dodge City, Coffeyville, Barton County, Pratt,

and Independence. The tournament was 27 holes long.

Laverenz shot a 140 and Deluca shot a 144. Owens shot a 172 and Brester shot a 173.



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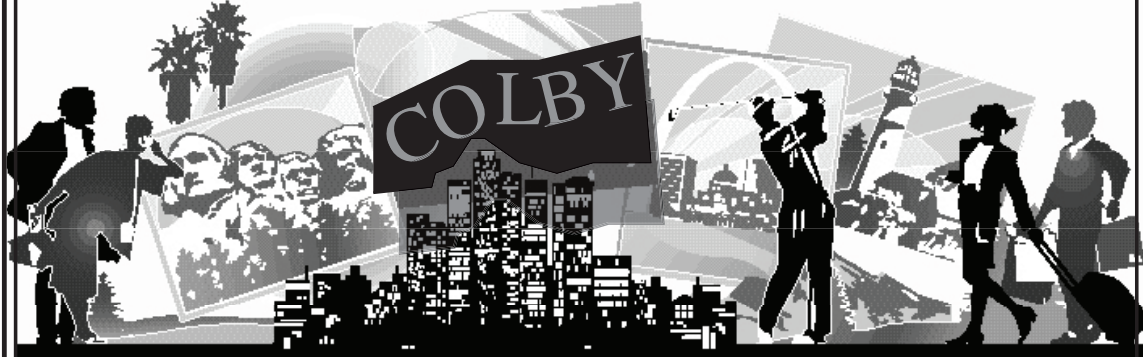
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