



It's playoff time



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
Jenna Ketchum caught a throw for an out during a Bambino Girl's league playoff game on Tuesday at Colby Recreation Complex between the red and orange team.

Colby High wrestlers go to Nebraska camp

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Colby High School Wrestling Coach Matt Simms said he was pleased with the efforts of 15 wrestlers who attended the Nebraska Wrestling Team Camp last week at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. "It was a pretty good camp," said Simms. "We learned some things." He said the four of the squad's five seniors performed well at the camp. The five are Ethan Stickel, Bob Schroeder, Adam Weber and Nathan Reed and Torey Taylor. Reed did not attend the camp, but Simms said he plans to wrestle this winter. The tournament was split up into three periods each day, the coach said. Wrestlers worked on technique in the morning, and they had duel matches in the afternoon and evening. He said the portion of the camp that covered techniques taught top, bottom and cover moves.

The top maneuvers are wrestling takedowns that are done when you are on your feet, he said. These include single leg, double leg and high crotch moves. Bottom moves are ways to get away from your opponent when you are on your back. Simms said at the camp, the boys were taught reversals and escapes. Front maneuvers are pinning combinations, said Simms. He said his coaching squad teaches the same techniques at practice that were taught at the camp. The team will go into the season this winter as the defending Class 4A state champions. The squad will be filled with wrestlers who already have experience competing in the state tournament. Sophomore Konner Kriss placed third at state last season in the 103-pound class and Weber finished fifth at 285. Senior Nathan Reed finished fifth at 112. Other returning wrestlers who made state last year include Dryden Baumfaulk, Dalton Snyder and Andrew Flanigin.

Little league sign-up offered on Thursday

Youngsters wanting to play for one of the Colby Little League football teams can register and get a free physical between 1 and 4 p.m. on Thursday at Doc's on Call, said Gary Slavens, league director. Registration fee is \$50. Athletes who don't sign up or get a physical on Thursday need to sign up as soon as possible, said Slavens. Parents of players will have to pay for practice shirts, pads and practice pants, said Slavens. He said he would be paying for shoulder pads, game jerseys, helmets and game pants. Sports Shoppe is currently selling pads, practice pants and practice jerseys. Slavens said kids whose parents can't afford to pay for registration or equipment will receive scholarships from Doc's on Call that will cover the costs. Doc's on Call Football Camp will begin on Thursday, Aug. 13 and run through Saturday, Aug. 15. Football practice will begin at 5:30 on Monday, Aug. 17, at the two practice fields at Colby High School. Colby has three little league teams that compete in the Western Kansas Football League, Slavens said, one for third and fourth graders, a fifth-grade team, and a sixth-grade team. The squads each play six games against other teams within their age group.

Home run sinks Rockies, team loses to Diamondbacks

DENVER (AP) — Miguel Montero was sprinting toward second base when he caught sight of his drive leaving the yard. Only then did the Arizona Diamondbacks catcher punch his fist in the air and gear down into a trot. Montero singled and scored the tying run in the seventh inning and then hit a two-run home run in the eighth, lifting the Arizona Diamondbacks past the Colorado Rockies 6-5 Tuesday night. "It didn't cross my mind that I had it," Montero said. "I was pretty sure it was going to hit the gap and I wanted to make it a double or triple, but I never thought it was going to go out. I hit it good." Montero has been doing a lot of that lately. The homer was his fourth in his last seven games. He has now hit safely in 12 of his last 13 games, batting .404 in that span. "He's doing a lot of damage when he comes up to bat," Arizona manager A.J. Hinch said. "He's zoning in on a lot of good pitches. His swing has been smooth the last couple of weeks to a month of regular playing time. He inflicts so much energy into our team and obviously he's come up with clutch hits." Mark Reynolds began the decisive rally with a one-out single off reliever Juan Rincon (1-1). Montero followed with a drive that sailed over the center-field fence for his eighth homer of the season and a 6-4 Diamondbacks' lead. Pinch-hitter Ryan Spilborghs tripled off the right-field scoreboard to pull the Rockies within a run in the eighth but it wasn't enough for the Rockies, who were limited to one hit in the final five innings after taking an early 3-0 lead. Juan Gutierrez picked up the win with an inning of scoreless relief. Chad Qualls got four outs for his 18th save in 22 chances. Aaron Cook, bidding for a seventh consecutive winning decision, went 6 1-3 innings and gave up eight hits and four runs, the last of which evened the score at 4-4. "That was a tough one because you feel like when you get up by three runs, we should have been able to put it away," Cook said. "I feel like I got a couple of pitches up and they capitalized and it's just a tough team loss." Montero led off the seventh with a single and Cook got Chris Young to pop out before being relieved by Franklin Morales. Successive walks to pinch-hitter Josh Whitesell and Augie Ojeda loaded the bases before Stephen Drew singled for the fourth time, scoring Montero with the tying run. Arizona pulled to 3-1 on Justin Upton's run-scoring groundout in the fourth but the Rockies scored again in their half of the inning. Cook had his second sacrifice of the night to put Chris Iannetta into scoring position at second base and Dexter Fowler singled with two outs for the second time to once again give the Rockies a three-run cushion. The Diamondbacks' two-run sixth was aided by center fielder Fowler's misjudgment of Upton's liner to center that fell for a one-out triple. Fowler initially ran up on the ball but it curved past him, allowing Ojeda, aboard with a walk, and Drew, who had singled, to score to make it 4-3. "I wouldn't consider that a complete misplay by Dexter," Tracy said. "That was one of those knuckleball jobs that took a left-hand turn as he was squaring up to make the catch." Fowler said he thought he was in the right place to make the play. "You just never know with those kinds of balls," he said. "It was knuckling and I was right there and it just cut on me." Max Scherzer struck out the side in the first inning but he took 30 pitches to do it, tossing nearly one third of the 95 pitches he threw during a four-inning outing in which he allowed four runs. Tulowitzki led off the second with his 17th homer. Ian Stewart followed with a triple and came home on a wild pitch by Scherzer.

Rockies pitcher returning to action

DENVER (AP) — The Colorado Rockies activated right-handed reliever Ryan Speier from the 15-day disabled list on Tuesday and optioned righty Joel Peralta to Triple-A Colorado Springs. Speier was placed on the DL on April 21 with a left hamstring strain. Before going on the DL Speier appeared in five games, giving up three runs in 5 2-3 innings. Speier experienced right shoulder soreness in his first rehab assignment. He began a second rehab stint in Colorado Springs on June 23 and was 1-0 with a 1.59 ERA in 13 games for the Sky Sox. Peralta, who was 0-3 with a 5.85 ERA in 22 games with Colorado, has struggled of late. He was recalled from Colorado Springs on May 18 and posted a 1.38 ERA through June 25. In his last nine appearances he has allowed 11 runs.

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