



Team wrestles with stain to raise travel money

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Seven high school wrestlers and two coaches spent part of the week re-staining the front of the Quilt Cabin on South Range Avenue, damaged by a hailstorm on June 12, as part of the team's drive to make money for out-of-town trips this season.

Wrestlers involved in the project were senior Bob Schroeder, junior Kaïd Wark, sophomores Clayton Applehans, Dalton Snyder and Leighton Koel and freshmen

Kurtis Sloan and Brad Schroeder.

The wrestlers need to raise enough money to pay for overnight stays this season, since money for these trips has eliminated due to state budget cuts. The Colby School Board cut out all overnight stays except for state tournaments and playoffs.

Junelle Hills, owner of Quilt Cabin, said she knew the west wall of her building would need to be re-stained after the storm. She said she decided to hire former Colby High wrestler Tanner Kriss – who will be wrestling for the University of Indiana next year – to go

to a “slave auction” the team was putting on on July 10 to purchase the services of some wrestlers who could do the work.

The auction allowed people to “buy” wrestlers to work for them, with the money going to the wrestling program. The event was organized by city council and school board member Omar Weber, dad of senior wrestler Adam Weber; Coach Simms and assistant coach Rick Williams; Pat Tubbs, mom of sophomore wrestler Michael Tubbs; and Blake Arnberger, dad of junior Kale Arnberger’ and Kevin Taylor, father of senior

wrestler Torey Taylor.

Simms said the fund raisers probably wouldn’t have happened if it wasn’t for this group of volunteers.

“We felt like we wanted to give something back to the people raising money for our program,” he said.

Hills said she was impressed by wrestlers’ dedication.

“I’m proud they believe in their program and our willing to work for it,” she said.

The group began the project on Tuesday morning. Schmitt said he and Simms along with the

Schroeder brothers finished the staining on the Quilt Cabin last Thursday.

The auction was only part of the team’s fund-raising effort, however.

On July 10, several businesses sponsored a tournament at Meadow Lake Golf Course to help raise money for the wrestlers. Simms said Williams came up with the idea. He said he wanted to thank all the businesses who helped sponsored the event.

There were about 60 businesses and individuals, he said, but those who were especially generous in-

cluded GHK Farm, F&M Insurance, Tubbs and Sons Ford Sales, Woofter Construction and Irrigation, Shull Farms, Colby Implement, Mike and Pat Tubbs, Martin Tractor Co., Roofmasters and Shad Metcalf.

The wrestling program auctioned off a photo for the state championship team and a wrestling T-shirt that day. Darwin Strutt, owner of F&M Insurance, purchased the picture for over \$2,000.

Simms said the wrestling program has raised over \$4,000 this summer.

Lady Eagles golf squad includes old and new faces

Colby High sophomore Kaylee Keck will return for her second season on the golf team this fall after nearly making it to the state tournament in her freshman year.

Keck was only a few points away from qualifying for state last year when she shot a 115 at regionals.

“She has a great fundamental golf swing,” said Coach Rick Williams. “As she grows up, she will only continue to get better. She just needs more experience.”

Seniors Michelle Schroeder and Heather Griggs and junior Kayla Ziegelmeier will all be returning to the team this season. Williams said all the players improved a lot last season.

Williams said he was not sure if junior Audra Fleming would be returning to the team this season. Fleming shot a 127 at regionals last season. This was 23 points better than what she shot as a freshman. Fleming’s usually got the team’s third best score,

trailing Keck and Jessica Leiker.

Leiker was the only player from last year’s squad to qualify for state. She graduated last year and will be playing for the Colby Community College women’s golf team this fall.

Karly Kriss, sister of wrestlers Tanner and Konner, will be joining the team this season as a freshman, and Williams has high hopes for her.

“She’s gonna make the kind of noise Kaylee did her freshman year,” he said.

This year’s team will probably be bigger than last years. Williams said he expects four or five new girls.

Last year’s squad became the first Colby girl’s golf team in 15 years to win a tournament when they took first place at the Oakley Invitational in October.

The team’s first meet will be with Sublette at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27, at Satanta.

Lining up the putt



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Randy Wilson, who works at Farm Credit of Western Kansas, got ready to putt while Travis Vaughn, a partner in Lazy V Cattle, watched at the 16th Annual Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce Golf and Poker Tournament last Friday afternoon at the Meadow Lake Golf Course.

Colby Recreation Department to hold second Doggie Paddle

The Colby Recreational Department will hold its second “Doggie Paddle” for canines and their human companions from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 16, at the city pool.

The event allows owners to

bring their dogs to the pool for a swim. Recreation Director Stacey Lee said is open to all dog owners as long as the dogs have had their shots and vaccinations. Lee said owners must be at least 18 and each one can only bring one dog

to the pool.

Lee said about 30 dogs splashed around last year.

“It was a really fun experience to watch the dogs show off their skills in the pool,” she added.

Rockies whip Chicago Cubs 11-5

DENVER (AP) —Todd Helton’s power numbers may be down, but his batting stroke is just fine.

Helton had three hits Sunday to extend his streak to 14 games, Dexter Fowler scored three times and the Colorado Rockies beat the Chicago Cubs 11-5.

Helton, who averaged 33 home runs a year in his first eight full seasons in the major leagues, has only 11 this year, but he’s hitting .323 — just five points below his career average — with 65 RBIs.

“He is in a very good place and swinging the bat really well,” Rockies manager Jim Tracy said. “We’ve been trying to get traffic on the bases in front of this guy.”

Lately, rookies Carlos Gonzalez and Fowler have been setting the table atop the order. Sunday they were on base a combined six times and scored four runs.

“I try to do the little things,” said Gonzalez, who had three hits. “Get on base for guys like Helton and (Troy) Tulowitzki and (Brad) Hawpe.”

In the first inning, Gonzalez and Fowler got on and Helton followed with an RBI single to spark a three-run rally. Fowler led off the fifth with a single and scored on Helton’s double down the right-field line.

Helton had two doubles and a single and knocked in two runs as he established the second longest hitting streak of his career and longest since July 2003.

“Things are pretty good when

you’re getting some hits and you’re not hitting the ball that hard,” said Helton, who scored the 1,200th run of his career Sunday.

The Cubs were hitting the ball; they just weren’t cashing in on their opportunities. Milton Bradley went 4-for-5 and Koyie Hill had three hits for Chicago, which had a season-high 17 hits but stranded 13.

“We got our hits today but we just couldn’t push the runs across,” Jake Fox said.

Manager Lou Piniella wasn’t around to watch most of the game. Piniella was ejected for the second time this season after a heated argument with second base umpire Chris Guccione over his call in a disputed second-inning double-play. Piniella argued that second baseman Clint Barmes wasn’t on the bag on the relay throw from third, which would have allowed Jeff Baker to score and cut Colorado’s lead to 3-1.

“I don’t know how you can miss it,” Piniella said. “Look, obviously he was wrong. OK. We’ll leave it at that. I don’t know if (the game) turned on that or not, but assuming the call is made right, and we get another base hit, the ballgame is tied and you don’t know what can happen,” Piniella said.

Chicago starter Randy Wells (8-5) was 7-1 in his last eight starts before Sunday, but Colorado jumped on him early. After Helton singled in the first run of the game, Gonzalez came home on Tulowitzki’s single to left and

Helton scored on Hawpe’s double play groundout to make it 3-0.

The Cubs made it 3-1 in the third on Kosuke Fukudome’s bases-loaded single, but Colorado starter Jason Hammel (7-6) got Alfonso Soriano on a soft liner to second and struck out Baker to limit the damage.

“At that point in the game, things could have been much different,” Hammel said. “Things were still in doubt and it could have gone either way.”

Hammel allowed three runs on 11 hits and struck out four in six-plus innings. After going 0-3 with a 5.76 ERA in July, Hammel is 2-0 in August.

Fowler scored on a wild pitch to make it 4-1 in the third, but Bradley got the run back with an RBI double in the fourth. Fowler scored his third run on Helton’s one-out double in the fifth.

The Cubs cut it to 5-3 on Hill’s RBI single in the sixth, but Colorado chased Wells during a three-run sixth that made it 8-3, and added three more in the seventh.

Broncos first round pick will play in preseason opener

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) —The Denver Broncos were pleased to get Knowshon Moreno into camp, and not just because their top draft pick is the cornerstone of coach Josh McDaniels’ reconstruction project.

“Now we’ve got a new rookie to haze on and sing for us and do a few little extracurricular activities to make training camp go by a little faster,” receiver Brandon Stokley said with a smile.

Moreno, the top running back selected in the NFL draft, should make the Broncos’ offense move faster.

The exceptional University of Georgia running back who joined Herschel Walker as the only Bulldogs to post consecutive 1,000-yard rushing seasons, was the 12th overall pick and the first selection

made by McDaniels, who replaced Mike Shanahan in the offseason.

Moreno held out for eight days before signing a five-year, \$23 million deal Saturday.

“It’s definitely a lot better with Knowshon out there, we know he’s a great talent and I wish I could have six of him out there

with me,” fullback Peyton Hillis said. “He’s going to do great things for this team.”

Even though he missed a dozen practices, Moreno will play Friday night at San Francisco in the Broncos’ preseason opener, McDaniels said.



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