



Practice makes perfect



Colby High School sophomore volleyball player Morgan Bell practiced her serve during open gym on Wednesday evening at the school.

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Denver Broncos new coach doesn't take preseason lightly

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — The Denver Broncos aren't taking this preseason stuff very lightly. Under new coach Josh McDaniels, all but a handful of their practices have been in full pads, something that was almost unheard of under former coach Mike Shanahan. McDaniels has told his starters and draft picks to expect to play deep into Friday night's exhibition opener at San Francisco. "I feel like they're taking it real serious because, basically, this is a whole new team," nose tackle Ronald Fields said. "You've got new coaches, a lot of new players and everybody is eager to see what everybody is going to get out and do. So, it's a serious game. We're

preparing for it like a regular-season game." That's with a full-fledged game plan, a couple of stadium walk-throughs and even a thick scouting report. Tight end Daniel Graham, who used to play in New England, where McDaniels cut his coaching teeth, likes the fresh approach to these exhibition games that don't really count but certainly do matter. "I do. It gets us into a groove," Graham said. McDaniels moved two of his training camp practices to Invesco Field so the players and coaches could go through dry runs before facing the 49ers. They went over everything from booth-to-field

communication to where the offensive players will sit on the bench when the defense is on the field and vice versa. It was typical McDaniels, who is meticulous in his preparation and doesn't have an ounce of tolerance for ambiguity. "I think we feel pretty comfortable with everything. I am sure we will run into some sort of snag on Friday night. That normally happens your first time out, but I think everybody understands how we are going to run the sidelines and how we are going to run the game operations," McDaniels said.

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New Trojans coach signs twelve players

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New Colby Community College basketball coach Dustin Pfeifer has been hot on the recruiting trail this summer. Pfeifer said he has already signed 12 players, adding that he tried to focus on character during his recruiting trips. "We want someone who can fit into the program and the community," he said. Pfeifer said he hopes to build a close relationship with the players and the town. "The way you get support is you show people that you care about Colby," he said. "I feel we have struck gold with a lot of these players." Several Trojans will be returning for their sophomore season, including Aireus Stephenson, Ethan

Stover, Marcel Lewis, Kory Slaughter and Derrick Thomas. Pfeifer said he will be suiting up 14 or 15 players this year. He said a couple players will be red-shirted. The program will be holding a golf tournament fund raiser Friday, Aug. 28, at Meadow Lake Golf Course. Registration for the even will be from noon to 1 p.m. The tournament will be an 18-hole four-person scramble. The entry fee is \$60 per person and \$240 a team. Pfeifer said the tournament is the team's biggest fund raiser of the year. "It helps pay for jerseys, travel, food and recruiting," he added. After the tournament, he said, participants will attend a dinner where they can meet and greet with the Trojans basketball players.

Rockies pitcher dominates; team shuts out Pittsburgh 8-0

DENVER (AP) — Ubaldo Jimenez's dominating performance Wednesday provided a much-needed respite for the Colorado Rockies' tattered bullpen. Jimenez pitched three-hit ball for eight innings and Carlos Gonzalez homered early, sending the Rockies over the Pittsburgh Pirates 8-0. The night before, it was a different story. Colorado ran through the heart of their bullpen after Jhoulys Chacin, making his first career start in place of injured Aaron Cook (toe), lasted just 2 2/3 innings in a 7-3 loss to the Pirates. "A performance like that from Ubaldo will straighten out the bullpen situation in a hurry," Colorado manager Jim Tracy said. Jimenez said he was acutely aware of the bullpen's need for a break.

with double-digit victories, joining Jason Marquis, Aaron Cook and Jorge De La Rosa. "He was hitting his spots pretty well," said Garrett Jones, who had one of the Pirates' three singles off Jimenez. "You're looking for the fastball and you get it, but he's elevating it at the right time. He's throwing it 97, 98 mph, and he's throwing it at the letters, it's hard to square that pitch up. He was tough today, hitting his spots and mixing it up good." The Pirates finished with four hits. Jimenez faced the minimum through three innings and worked out of his only serious jam in the fifth. He issued a one-out walk to Andy LaRoche and then Brandon Moss, who singled twice off Jimenez,

followed with a hit up the middle. A two-out walk to pitcher Kevin Hart loaded the bases, but Jimenez got Andrew McCutchen on an inning-ending groundout. Hart (3-2), in his second start since being acquired by the Pirates from the Chicago Cubs on July 30, allowed five runs and eight hits in 5 1-3 innings. He ended a three-start winning streak he had built while with the Cubs. Seth Smith singled to open the Colorado first and Gonzalez followed with an opposite-field drive over the fence in left. It was the second homer in as many days for Gonzalez, who increasingly is making his presence felt following an early June recall from Triple-A Colorado Springs.

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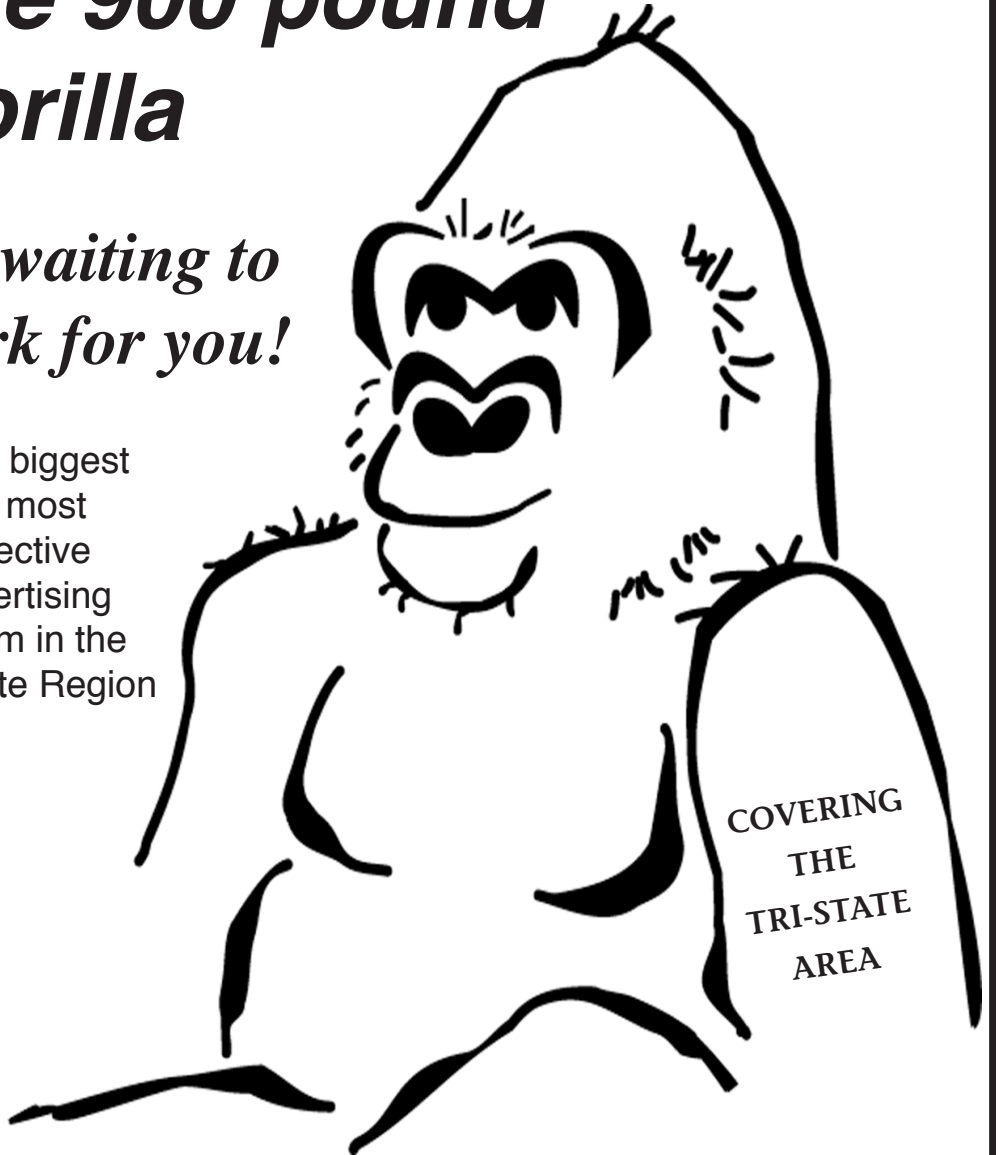
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