



Ready to strike



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
Senior Barbara Bickner took a swing during the Colby High tennis team's practice on Wednesday. The Lady Eagles varsity team will be competing in regionals starting at 11 a.m. on Friday in Pratt. The event will run through Saturday.

Lady Eagles team shines in quad here

The Colby High volleyball C-teams held a quad at the high school gym on Monday. Team 1 went 3-0 and placed first overall. The girls rallied to beat McCook and the team 2 Colby squad after dropping the first set in both matches. They beat McCook (24-26, 25-18, 15-13) and the other Colby team (19-25, 25-23, 15-10). The girls also dominated Oakley, sweeping the Plainsmen (25-9, 25-19).

Pacers defeat Nuggets

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — In the first NBA preseason game played in Taiwan, the Indiana Pacers defeated the Denver Nuggets 126-104 on Thursday. Troy Murphy, Brandon Rush and Roy Hibbert each scored 20 points for the Pacers, who led throughout the game in front of a sellout crowd of 13,599 at the Taipei Arena. “We’re probably about 35 per-

The other Colby C-team went 1-2. They lost to Colby team 1 and they fell to McCook in three sets. The girls dropped the first set to McCook, but they came back and won the next set (25-23). The Lady Bison got the better of Colby in the third and final set, defeating the Lady Eagles 15-10. The girls got the better of Oakley, sweeping them in two sets. They squeaked through first set 26-24, but pounded Oakley 25-13 in the second. cent ready for the season,” Pacers coach Jim O’Brien said. “We executed tonight what we practiced.” Carmelo Anthony led the Nuggets with 17 points. J.R. Smith added 16 points and Chauncey Billips and Joey Graham each had 14. “Right now, we’re not playing with a good rhythm,” Nuggets coach George Carl said.

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Sophomore Trojans runner finishes seventh in Oklahoma

The Colby Community College Lady Trojans placed 11th out of 26 teams at the Oklahoma State University Cowboys Jamboree cross country meet in Stillwater this weekend. This was an improvement from last year, when the women placed 18th. Sophomore Scarla Nero finished seventh out of 200 runners with a time of 19 minutes, 5 seconds. This was Nero’s fastest time ever, said Coach Crystal Berndt beating her time at last year’s meet by over a minute. Sophomore Hella Kahssay finished 28th at 20:02. Berndt said Kahssay ran a good race but could have done better if she hadn’t been dealing with a slight hamstring pull. Sophomore Breana Yost ran her fastest 5k ever, placing 38th with 20:21. Other Trojans times included sophomores Tatiana Bartruff 22:31 and Reba Schiesser 22:55, freshman Jackie Robledo 23:05, sophomore Autumn Preston 24:06 and freshman Lindsay Hoff, 27:45. “Tatiana had a slow start, but picked it up the

last few miles,” said Berndt. “Reba Schiesser improved her time from last year by over three minutes. Autumn Preston improved her time from last year by over three minutes.” New Mexico Junior College took first in the meet. Berndt said she was surprised that her team had run so well after a week of tough practices. The women will run again at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Fort Hays State.

Triplains-Brewster trounces Healy in Winona’s Homecoming football game

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The Brewster-Winona Titans won their Homecoming game at Winona on Friday night as they trounced the visiting Healy-Western Plains Bobcats, 46-8. The Titans were outsized, but their speed and quickness prevailed as they posted 32 points by halftime. Senior Brett Gfeller was first in the end zone, scoring on an eight-yard run. The extra-point attempt failed, and the score remained 6-0. The Titans’ defense held the Bobcats scoreless during the second quarter. Titan senior Spencer Holm caught a long pass from Gfeller and raced into the end zone for six more points to make it 12-0

Titans. Gfeller, on a keeper, ran in for two points to give the Titans a 14-0 lead. The Bobcats were unable to get anything going, but the Titans had no problem scoring three more times before the half. Gfeller scored on runs from the 20- and 23-yard lines. Both extra point attempts failed, but the Titans led 26-0. The home team was not done scoring, as senior Devan Selby caught a pass from Gfeller and ran in for the fifth Titan touchdown. The score at halftime was 32-0 Titans. After the halftime crowning of the Triplains homecoming king and queen, the Titans took the field to finish their domination of the Bobcats. Gfeller scored on a 14-yard run with 6:02 left in the third quarter, increasing the boys’ lead to 38-0. With the 45-point rule looming, and younger players on the sidelines still waiting to play for the Titans, coach Dennis Gfeller had Gfeller try an extra point kick instead of the usual two-point attempt. Gfeller kicked the ball over the crossbar for a successful conversion, and the Titans led 39-0. The Bobcats finally put some points on the scoreboard in the fourth quarter, on a run from Eric Dyingier. A two-point conversion gave the team eight points. The Titans were not done with the ‘Cats yet, as Selby scored his second touchdown on a 25-yard run. Gfeller kicked the extra point and the Titans led 46-8. Leading the stats for the Titans was Gfeller, who had 163 yards passing, 163 yards rushing, and 13 tackles, Selby had 105 yards receiving and 11 tackles, Holm had 59 yards receiving and 3 tackles and sophomore Dalton Wright had 24 yards rushing. Senior Clay Rogge had an impressive night on defense, racking up 20 tackles, freshman Ethan Plummer had 10 tackles, senior Tad Sheets 8 and senior Lane Ochs 7. Gfeller said he was pleased with the offense, adding that they are “clicking” at the right time of the season, as the Titans continue district play. He said he thought the passing game has improved, and the defense had once again stepped up to hold their opponent to a few yards. The Titans will play again at 7 p.m. Friday as they make the long trip to Kensington to take on the Thunder Ridge Longhorns in a district contest.

Picking on Broncos’ Bailey can be big mistake

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — The bully on the corner for so long, Champ Bailey is now the one getting picked on. Maybe it’s his advancing age — 31 — or that he’s coming off a groin injury that cost him half of last season and ended his Pro Bowl streak at eight. Whatever the reason, the Denver Broncos cornerback has seen his workload increase this season as opposing quarterbacks go after him. All Bailey can say is, well, thanks. “That only gives me chances to make plays,” Bailey said with a smile Wednesday. Bailey certainly made plenty of plays in a 17-10 win over Dallas last weekend that kept the Broncos undefeated. He intercepted a pass from Tony Romo at the Denver 6 and swatted down four passes, including two on back-to-back plays in the end zone in the waning seconds. His performance earned him AFC defensive player of the week honors for the first time since 2003 when he was in Washington and seemingly in his prime. Not that he’s reading too much into the award. “It means I played well last week, that’s it,” said Bailey, whose Broncos (4-0) face New England (3-1) on Sunday. “It means I have got to go out and prove myself all over again.” Bailey now faces his biggest test yet in Randy Moss.

Last year, Bailey and the Broncos had their season derailed at New England. The team was demolished in front of a national audience, picked apart by then offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels’ play calling in a 41-7 loss. Bailey shut down Moss until

injuring a groin that would keep him out for two months. On the sideline, he watched Moss reach the end zone twice. After that game, the usually mild-mannered Bailey went off on his teammates, saying they lacked a “nasty attitude.”

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