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Luke Cox caught a ground ball Thursday during a Colby High varsity baseball game at the Colby ball fields. The Eagles played Thomas More Prep for their final two games of the regular season.

Colby baseball squad loses three in tourney

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The Colby High varsity baseball team took on four teams at the Hays Tournament from last Thursday to Saturday, and it got its first losses of the season. The boys were 1-3 in the tournament.

The Eagles (8-0 Great West Activities Conference, 13-3 overall) started the tourney by playing Central last Thursday and lost 14-5.

Luke Cox, Troy Quenzer and Dalaan Organ pitched for Colby, allowing a total of 11 hits, 14 runs

and 6 walks and threw 2 strikeouts. The team had 7 hits.

The boys then played Hays later that night and lost again, this time 6-0. Zack Stones was on the mound, giving up 7 hits, 6 runs and 1 walk and threw 3 strikeouts.

The Eagles again had 7 hits in the game.

On Friday, Colby got a win, defeating Goodland 7-2. Braden Sager was the pitcher for the game, allowing 4 hits, 2 runs and 2 walks and had 5 strikeouts. The team had 9 hits.

The varsity's final game of the tourney was against Goddard on Saturday, where it lost 9-0. Austin

Boehme was on the mound and gave up 9 hits, 9 runs and 4 walks and threw no strikeouts. Colby finished the game with 9 hits.

The Eagles played their last games of the regular season Thursday against Thomas More Prep at the Colby ball fields.

They now head into the regional tournament, which starts Monday. The boys will host the first game, competing with Ulysses at 5 p.m. Monday at the ball fields.

If they win the game, the Eagles will travel to Hoisington for a game at 4 p.m. Wednesday against either Kingman or Hoisington.

Denver Nuggets rout Lakers 113-96 at home, force Game 7

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DENVER — The upstart Denver Nuggets are one win from running the lumbering Los Angeles Lakers and their star-studded cast right out of the playoffs.

Ty Lawson scored 32 points, fellow spark plug Corey Brewer added 18 and the free-wheeling, too-young-to-scare Nuggets forced a Game 7 in their first-round playoff series with a dominating 113-96 win Thursday night.

"This is the biggest game he's ever played in and Saturday will be even bigger," Nuggets coach George Karl said of Lawson, whose 32 points were a career-playoff high.

The decisive game is Saturday night at the Staples Center, Denver's first all-or-nothing showdown since losing to Utah in Game 7 of the 1994 Western Conference semifinals. But it would be a mistake to think the young team will cave under the pressure of a win-or-go-home scenario.

They have not only held their own against the Lakers, they have made them look old, not experienced.

Kobe Bryant followed his 43-point outburst in Game 5 with 31 points in 3 1/2 quarters despite a sour stomach that he said left his hotel room "looking like a scene

from 'The Exorcist,'" and also prevented him from attending the Lakers' morning shootaround and forced him to take intravenous fluids all day.

Bryant's teammates felt even worse — for letting him down, especially fellow stars Andrew Bynum, who made just 4 of 11 shots for 11 points, and Pau Gasol, who was 1 for 10 for three points with three rebounds.

Asked if he felt his teammates had matched his heart, Bryant retorted, "No, of course they didn't."

"We didn't step up and meet their energy," Bryant said, and by "we" he meant Bynum and Gasol. "They know that...."

If not, the Lakers will be hitting the links next week instead of the boards.

"Kobe being dehydrated and all that and sick as a dog, coming out and trying to will us to a win, it's disappointing to watch him give that type of effort ... and we don't get it from everybody," Lakers coach Mike Brown said.

Bryant said he was eager for Metta World Peace's return to the lineup Saturday night. The fiery forward served the final game of his seven-game suspension for elbowing Oklahoma City's James Harden in the head last month. He's been practicing with the Lakers but left the arena before

games. If that was another shot at Bynum and Gasol, so be it. Bryant was loud and clear over his disgust with their lack of effort, energy and effectiveness.

"I talked with Pau a little bit after the game. I'll speak with Andrew, too," about performing better both physically and mentally in Game 7, Bryant said.

Bryant took a seat for good with Los Angeles down 101-73 with 7:52 remaining.

The younger but deeper Nuggets have won three of four since dropping the first two games in Los Angeles, and they did it by once again outrunning and outgunning their more talented counterparts who prefer a half-court game and not the frenetic pace and pickup-game style employed by the Nuggets' greenhorns who are on their second major makeover in 15 months.

The Nuggets got another great game from rookie Kenneth Faried, who provided even more energy as well as 15 points and 11 rebounds. Danilo Gallinari and Andre Miller both had 12 points for Denver, which led 90-68 heading into the fourth quarter.

Colby boys golfers take third in league

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The Colby High varsity golf team took third place in the Great West Activities Conference league tournament Thursday in Hugoton with a score of 327.

"This was our best score of the year," Coach Matt Sims said. "(I'm) really proud of how well the boys performed at the league tournament."

Ulysses took first at the tourney with a score of 319, Goodland second with 324, Hugoton fourth with 363, Scott City fifth with 379 and Holcomb sixth with 410.

The individual medalists for Colby were Tayte Query, third with a score of 76; Paul Schiferl, sixth with 80; and Konnor Kriss, ninth with 84.

"Tayte Query had a great individual performance with a 76," Sims said. "This is his lowest tournament round ever."

Before the league tourney, the Eagles competed at the Ulysses Varsity Tournament Saturday and took fourth place out of 11 teams with a score of 359.

Ulysses' A team took first with 327, Goodland second with 340, Meade third with 357, Oberlin fifth with 371, Liberal sixth with 377, Lakin seventh with 384, Hugoton eighth with 394, Ulysses' B team ninth with 402, Scott City 10th with 429 and Garden City 11th with no score. (Garden City had only four golfers, not the five needed for a team score.)

Colby had seven golfers compete in the tournament. Paul Schiferl took seventh place with scores of 42 and 41 for a total of 83. He was the only Eagle to place.

Konnor Kriss scored 42 and 43 for a total of 85, Tayte Query scored 44 and 44 for a total of 88, David Browne scored 51 and 57 for 108, Trevor Strutt scored 49 and 56 for a total of 105 and Ian Koerperich scored 48 and 55 for 103.

Colby youth soccer team wins Norton doubleheader

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American Youth Soccer Organization U-19 teams from Norton and Colby met for an afternoon of soccer on April 29.

The first game was never boring with Norton scoring in the 17th minute following a foul in the penalty area. Goalkeeper Keegan Morgan was unable to block the penalty kick giving Norton the first goal of the day.

Trek Keck answered back with a goal of his own in the 36th minute, tying the score. Norton scored again in the 40th minute ending the first half with Norton leading Colby 2-1. Colby came back in the second half outscoring Norton 3-1.

Keck scored in the 47th minute followed by Marc Bremenkamp in the 59th minute and Tomas Ferencak, foreign exchange student from Kosice, Slovakia, attending Golden Plains High School, in the 76th minute.

Norton's lone goal this half was scored by Colby player Kellan Ziegelmeier, with Matt Dickman as keeper, in the 73rd minute. Other Colby players playing on the Norton team during the first game were Sarah Lamm and Josh Koon. The final score was 4-3 with Colby getting the win.

The second game started with Lucas Schneider in goal for Colby. Immediately following the kick off, Colby pushed forward through Norton's defense and Brook Ziegelmeier scored in the first minute of play. Bremenkamp scored in the second minute.

Norton attackers were able to maneuver through Colby's defense and scored in the 20th minute, which was answered by a goal from Colby's Caleb Mazanec in the 24th minute, ending the first half Colby 3, Norton 1.

Bremenkamp made the first of five unanswered points for the second half in the 52nd minute followed by Ferencak, scoring in the 54th and 59th minutes. Bremen-

kamp scored again in the 57th minute followed by a last minute goal from Keck for the final goal of the day, ending the game Colby 8, Norton 1.

Colby players Sarah Lamm and Bridget Bickner demonstrated good sportsmanship while playing for Norton during the second game.

Ferencak and German exchange student Tom Koubek attend school in Rexford. Ferencak is a veteran player with four years experience while Koubek has only been playing for a year. Both were happy to learn that they could play soccer while spending the year with host family Lane and Laura Rush.

Referees for the day were Benjamin Chavez, center, Eli Robert and James Foster, assistant referees, and Donna Lamm, fourth referee.

Colby's team is coached by Greg Griffin and Tina Harris. Norton will travel to Colby again on Saturday with a 10 a.m. start for the first of two games.

Golden Plains girls place in Quinter

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The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs competed in the Quinter Invitational track meet on April 27 with 18 teams participating. Hailee Spresser improved her distance in the Discus to 82'3" and placed sixth.

"Quinter was one of the tougher meets and for most of our girls to place in it is great," Spresser said. "There is still a lot of room for improvement before regionals and the state track meet, but if we keep working hard in practice and the meets leading up to those, we will be successful."

Results of this meet are listed below.

100 meters — Macayla Easton, 13.83; Angela Rit-

ter, 14.05
200 meters — Easton, third, 28.55; Ritter, fifth, 28.83.

400 meters — Easton, fourth, 1:04.51; Ritter, fifth, 1:05.17; Brooke Wark, 1:15.3.

800 meters — Leea Juenemann, 2:46.81; Ana Bermudez, 3:0.39.

1,600 meters — Taylor Todd, sixth, 6:12.33.

4 x 800-meter relay team — fifth, 11:45.61, Bermudez, Wark, Todd, Juenemann.

Shot put — Hailee Spresser, 26'6.5"; Hannah Antholz, 22'4.25".

Discus — Spresser, sixth, 82'3"; Antholz, 74'6"; Juenemann, 73'6".

Javelin — Spresser, 81'6"; Antholz, 58'7".

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