

Colby golf team takes first at tourney

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The Colby High girls golf team won the Cimarron High School tournament Monday with a team score of 409.

Ten teams played in the 18-hole tournament. Syracuse took second with a score of 413, Larned third with 425 and Goodland fourth with 439.

Coach Rick Williams said he had two fewer golfers for this tourney than he usually does.

"We took four girls to the tourney," he said, "which meant we

had no margin for error because you have to count four scores for the team score. Usually, you take six and have to count the score of four of those six for the team race, but we left our three freshmen at home and only have seven girls out.

"This meant we had to have all the girls we took play a solid round, and that is exactly what happened."

Williams said 15 individual medals were given out and all four Colby girls got one. Senior Karly Kriss shot a 90 to take third, junior Andrea Barton a 100 to take seventh, senior Ha-

ley Mengel 108 to place 12th and junior McKenna Ortner had 111 for 14th.

Williams said he was happy with the way the girls played in the first tournament of the season.

"Overall, this was a great way to start the season," he said. "We played smart golf and posted solid scores, but we can and will improve on these scores as the year goes on."

The girls will play in another tournament at 3 p.m. Thursday in Hugoton.



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Sophomore Bailey Pfortmiller tipped the ball over the net Monday during the Colby Community College volleyball team's game against Garden City Community College at the Community Building. The Lady Trojans swept the Lady Broncbusters in three sets, 25-15, 25-15 and 25-21.

Lady Trojans volleyball team whips Garden City at home

The Colby Community College Lady Trojans volleyball team defeated Garden City Community College in three matches on Monday at the Colby Community Building.

The Lady Trojans defeated the Lady Broncbusters 25-15, 25-15 and 25-21.

The Lady Trojans will travel to Hutchinson today to play the Lady Blue Dragons at 6:30 p.m.

Colby will hold the annual Labor Day Classic Volleyball Tournament Aug. 31 and Sept. 1. Matches will be held in the Community Building and the Colby High School gymnasium.

Teams competing in the tournament include Colby; Northwest College, Powell, Wyo.; Eastern Wyoming College, Torrington; North Platte Community College, Nebraska; Southeastern Community College, Beatrice, Neb.; Trinidad State Junior College, Colorado; and Sheridan College, Wyoming.

The Colby team will play at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Friday and 9 and 11 a.m. Saturday at the Community Building.

The full tournament schedule will run in Thursday's paper.

Ex-Notre Dame player takes control of KU

LAWRENCE (AP) — Dayne Crist took the field at practice with a play in mind, then at the last second had to change his plan. He called an audible the team had heard but never practiced.

Crist and coach Charlie Weis crafted the play three years ago and had not touched it since, but Weis recognized it almost immediately. The play resulted in a 30-yard run down the left side, the kind of success that surprised everyone but Weis.

The Jayhawks' new coach called that kind of play an "Atta boy." When it works out, Crist gets praised. When it doesn't, Weis asks, "What are you doing?" The fact that Crist even has the gumption to call such a play is what makes Weis beam whenever he talks about him.

"I'm flattered that I have the ability to have an arsenal," Crist said, "but I think it goes back to the relationship that we have with each other."

Weis recruited Crist to Notre Dame, and the oft-described quarterback guru mentored him for two years. But Weis was fired and things soured quickly for Crist un-

der a new coaching regime, and he began to look elsewhere to play.

After two season-ending knee injuries at Notre Dame, Crist decided to follow Weis to Kansas, where they're hoping to rebuild a program not long removed from the Orange Bowl, but more recently has been of the 2-10, bottom-of-the-Big 12 variety.

Both of them will get their first chance to show whether progress has been made on Saturday night against South Dakota State.

Weis has no doubt that Crist is the man for the job. He talks about his leadership ability and raw talent, not to mention the convenience of someone who knows his system.

"Great quarterback, great leadership," said sophomore running back Tony Pierson, who is expected to start behind Crist on Saturday. "He brings experience."

Pierson is just one of the many options Crist will have on offense, including a couple who are familiar. Tight end Mike Ragone, his former teammate at Notre Dame, took advantage of the same fifth-year transfer rule to enroll at Kansas and join the program immedi-

ately.

Crist had little trouble connecting with the rest of his teammates, the holdovers from last year and the freshman class that Weis had to pull together in short order after Turner Gill was fired. That was evident when Crist was voted captain despite only being with the team for a semester.

"It was a great honor and it's very flattering that my teammates felt that way, but at the same time it is a great deal of responsibility and it's something that I really want to relish," Crist said. "I want to serve this team and do everything I can for this team."

This season does not come without pressure. Crist has yet to finish a collegiate season without an injury, and after graduating in December with a degree in management-consulting, this season represents what could be the lasting memory of his college experience.

"This being my last year, no matter what, I think that you've got a different sense of urgency," Crist said. "You realize that this is all you have left. You cherish this time."

Kansas City Chiefs enduring their usual wretched preseason

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Those who say the preseason doesn't count for anything probably haven't been following the Kansas City Chiefs.

For Chiefs fans, August augurs almost nothing but pain. At 1-2 going into Thursday's final 2012 tuneup at Green Bay, Kansas City is a woebegone 7-28 in preseason games since 2004. In four of those supposedly meaningless preseasons, the Chiefs were 0-4.

Meaningless?

Their combined 6-26 exhibition record the past eight years has been followed by 53 wins and 75 losses in the regular season, one playoff appearance and no playoff wins. The Chiefs haven't posted a winning preseason since 2003 when Dick Vermeil's Chiefs won the Hall of Fame game to nudge past break-even at 3-2 — and then tore through the regular season 13-3.

In their last two August games, a 31-17 setback to St. Louis and a 44-14 embarrassment against Seattle, the performance has been especially grim. For that reason,

coach Romeo Crennel may use his starters against Green Bay much more than first-teamers normally play in a game that usually belongs to long shots and backups.

"What I want to see is I want to see an efficient operation from all the units and particularly the starting unit," Crennel said. "So, if they go out there and they operate efficiently, then I might be inclined to say, 'Well, we've done something good,' and if we don't do anything good, I might say, 'We need to do something good,' to build up that confidence level."

Playing the regulars in the final preseason game is taking a chance that somebody might get hurt. Confidence also is an issue for a team as young as the Chiefs. They don't have a player older than 30, and the regular-season opener at home against Atlanta will only be 10 days away when the Chiefs' late-night flight returns from Green Bay.

"When you have good things happen, that's a positive all the way around," Crennel said. "I think that from a coaching stand-

point, what you have to be careful about when you're not playing well is that you don't beat them up too much because now they lose all confidence. So you do have to point out the good things that they do..."

As worrisome as any position, especially after the Seattle game, is quarterback. Matt Cassel was 19 for 34 for 168 yards and a TD against the Seahawks. But he was also sacked three times and threw

a rookie-like interception off his back foot. Seahawks rookie Russell Wilson was clearly the best quarterback on the field that night.

Cassel denies any special need to have a good game against the Packers.

"I think there's always a sense of urgency. It doesn't matter how you play one game, there's always a sense of urgency every game you go into," he said. "This week, ob-

viously, we're going in and we're looking to have some production and go from there. But our ultimate goal is to get ready for Atlanta and Week One."

Tamba Hali, the Chiefs' best pass-rusher, will sit out the Atlanta game as the result of a one-game league suspension. Crennel, in something of a surprise, said instead of giving Hali's backups a chance for extended playing time on Thursday night, he would have

Hali make the start.

Cornerback Brandon Flowers has not practiced all month because of a foot injury. He may not be ready for the Falcons, and his backup, Jalil Brown, has not looked good. Plus, Brown missed another practice on Tuesday with a groin injury. If he doesn't improve, starting against the Falcons could be Jacques Reeves, who broke his leg in 2009 and sat out both 2010 and 2011.

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