

# Hundreds will ride in for Colby rodeo

Horses, trailers, pickup trucks and rodeo enthusiasts will be evident everywhere during the annual Colby Community College National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association rodeo scheduled for Friday, Sept. 20 through Sunday, Sept. 22 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

Evening performances on Friday and Saturday will begin at 7 p.m.

The finals on Sunday featuring the top 10 in each event will begin at 1 p.m.

Men's events include bareback bronc riding, tie-down roping, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, team roping and bull riding.

The women will compete in breakaway tie-down roping, goat tying, team roping and barrel racing.

"We will have over 500 contestants from 24 colleges in Kansas and Oklahoma competing," Colby Community College rodeo team coach Allen Russell said. "The Central Plains Region is one of the largest and toughest in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. This is one of the biggest events hosted in Colby, and the community support is always outstanding."

"It would not be possible without the numerous volunteers and sponsors who support the college and our rodeo program," Russell added. "I encourage everyone to attend all three performances."

Tickets at the gate are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. The Thomas County Fairgrounds are located alongside Range Avenue in north Colby.



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Team roping will be among many events testing the athletes during Colby Community College's annual National Intercollegiate

Rodeo next month. More than 500 competitors are expected to attend this showdown at the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

Advance tickets priced at \$8 for adults and \$4 for children are on sale at Vanderbilts and the Cam-

pus Bookstore. Stock will be provided by Southwick Rodeo, Inc. from Jay

Em of Wyoming. The announcer will be Scott Fry from Abbyville.

For information about the rodeo, contact Russell at (785) 460-5461.

## Eagles' fall teams draw solid numbers

Expectations are strong along with participation numbers as Colby High School began fall sports team practices this week.

The Colby football team features 50 players who were running "gassers" and getting their techniques ready to win those battles upfront all season.

Colby kicks off its varsity season by hosting nearby foe Oakley on Friday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m.

Eagles' hopes are certainly soaring high on the volleyball courts after a winning season last fall.

Coach Jerry McKee has welcomed 33 players to compete at all levels, including a varsity squad that debuts at Norton's home quadrangular on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Winning has become a tradition for coach Rick Williams' Colby golf girls. Their three state meet appearances in program history feature two during the past five

seasons. A total of eight golfers have arrived this fall, definitely enough to put together another talented varsity lineup with some good junior varsity potential.

Colby plays its first golf meet at Cimarron on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Meanwhile, 18 determined athletes are running around two while getting ready for Colby's cross-country season. Neither team should be lacking depth as there are 10 boys and eight girls.

These Eagles will get a chance to challenge rival Goodland right away. The Goodland Invitational opens their season on Thursday, Sept. 5.

The Colby tennis girls have delivered their own winning tradition in recent seasons, and about a dozen are hitting Fike Park courts this fall. They'll play their first dual at Hays on Thursday, Sept. 5.

## Pigskins almost here

By R.B. Headley  
Colby Free Press

One glorious week remains until college football officially kicks off Thursday, Aug. 29.

I can barely wait. Unlike any other sport, there's always some make-or-break contests in the season's opening weekend.

Some of the best matchups to anticipate:

**No. 12 LSU vs. No. 20 Texas Christian**

Come on, who around here wouldn't love to see the Big 12 knock one of those mighty arrogant Southeastern Conference foes?

LSU seems to be slipping a bit while many think TCU could win the Big 12, so don't be surprised if the Horned Frogs make this Saturday "primetime" battle really fun.

**No. 5 Georgia at No. 8 Clemson**  
Perfect example of the first game being so huge. Both these teams have national title hopes which could almost go away with one defeat.

**No. 1 Alabama vs. Virginia Tech**  
Crimson Tide begins historic

quest to "three-peat" as national champions. Unranked teams can be dangerous trip-ups, but Nick Saban-coached teams almost never trip.

**North Dakota State at Kansas State**

I couldn't leave this out. K-State facing the defending national champs of a lower NCAA division.

**North Carolina at No. 6 South Carolina**

Football's most feared names used to be Dick Butkus and Bronko Nagurski.

Now it's Jadeveon Clowney.

A perfect name for this South Carolina "vicious" tackling machine, because clowns have always disturbed me.

Perfect because Clowney should be funny. Yet nobody has a sense of humor anymore if it slightly offends anyone besides Christians or bald fat guys.

Imagine 20 years when parents are saying "my boy's another Clowney". I'll have to laugh a little when dad isn't looking.

Go, Clowney, have a great year and ignore the critics.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Colby High School football players watch an experienced teammate demonstrate proper stance and technique to push opponents back during pre-season practice Monday afternoon.

## Upfront 'misfits' happy to lead K-State

MANHATTAN (AP) — When B.J. Finney became Kansas State's center as a freshman, he joined an offensive line that lacked star power. Few people knew the starter's names. Fewer could recognize their faces.

The group was so unknown that by the end of the year they came up with a nickname for themselves: The Misfits.

"We were just completely random, different guys with different

backgrounds and random postures," said Finney, now a junior captain. "We were just random guys put together. We were all just standing there watching film and someone said, 'Look at this. We are a bunch of misfits.' That was the name we ran with."

Things have changed considerably since then.

K-State's offensive line not only represents the most stable position on the roster, it is also

filled with legitimate stars. Six blockers with starting experience return, including last year's starting five. Finney and senior left tackle Cornelius Lucas have been piling up preseason honors. Combined with Tavon Rooks, Keenan Taylor, Cody Whitehair and Boston Stiverson, they make up an offensive line that is expected to be among the nation's best.

"I absolutely love what our offensive line is going to bring to the

table," said K-State c

Optimism surrounding the offensive line dipped last weekend when Lucas wasn't at K-State's lone open practice of the pre-season. A team spokesman confirmed Tuesday he was still on the team and remains an active member of the offensive line.

Life always seems fun when you get noticed. K-State's line feels more popular than ever at the moment.

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## Lowly Sox make stink for Royals

By BOB DUTTON  
The Kansas City Star

This make-a-push-in-August campaign is new hereabouts, so it's possible the Kansas City Royals don't have all the details locked down. This much, though, should be obvious:

Losing two straight at home to the American League's worst team (unless you want to count the National League-castoff Houston Astros) is not the optimum approach.

But here sit the Royals, looking like they've regressed to their punchless May swoon, after Wednesday's 5-2 loss to the Chicago White Sox at Kauffman Stadium.

"I don't see guys pressing," outfielder Jarrod Dyson said. "I just see guys getting really mad when they don't get the job done."

Wednesday's game turned on Dayan Viciedo's grand slam, which capped a five-run fourth inning against Royals starter Jeremy Guthrie. It was all the White Sox got but more than they needed.

Yep, it was that simple.

This makes seven losses in nine games for the Royals, including four in a row the last two at home to the White Sox, who are tracking, despite a recent uptick, for their first last-place finish since 1989.

Chicago rookie Andre Rienzo, a native Brazilian right-hander in his fifth start, collected his first big-league victory by holding the Royals' sputtering attack to two runs and five hits over six innings.

About that flat-lining attack: The Royals collected just six hits, including just one in 10 chances with runners in scoring position. That makes nine for 76 with runners in scoring position over this 2-7 skid.

Seems a lot like that 4-19 tumble through May, doesn't it?

These two losses come at the start of a stretch when the Royals, 64-61, play 16 of 17 games against clubs with losing records. They are now 9 1/2 games behind first-place Detroit in the AL Central Division.

The wild-card math, which might now be all that matters, is somewhat better: The Royals remain 6 1/2 games behind Oakland for the final postseason slot, but there are three clubs also ahead.