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Derek White practiced his swing as the Colby High School golf team geared up for another season. About 25 kids are out for golf, with a mix of veterans and newcomers.

Trojan hunt seat rider misses national finals

For the first time since 1995, Colby Community College's hunt seat team will not be represented at the International Horse Show Association national championship.

Diane Holle, Oketo sophomore, missed the cut by just one place at the Zone Seven horse show held Saturday, in Fort Collins, Colo.

Holle qualified by placing third in points in Region One horse shows throughout the season. She also placed third at the zone championships, where the top two riders move up.

Region One schools include Colorado State University, the University of

Colorado, the University of Denver, Colorado College, the University of Wyoming, Laramie County Community College, Colby Community College, the United States Air Force Academy, and New Mexico State University.

Zone Seven also includes Region Two schools, Kansas State University,

Louisiana State University, Oklahoma State University, Redlands Community College, Sul Ross State University, Tarleton State University, Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University, the University of Texas, and West Texas A&M University.

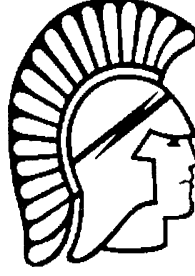
"I was very pleased with Diane's performance," said hunt seat team coach Sue Webb.

"Theron and Jane Johnson allowed us to use their indoor arena and horses so we were able to practice almost every day since the regional championships and Diane's hard work these last three weeks improved her riding skills

enough that she placed higher than all of the riders from our region who beat her at regionals and also a rider from a division I school."

Six individuals from Region 1 and 10 from Region 2 will represent their hunt seat teams at the National Championships. Texas A&M won the zone team championship in the hunt seat division.

Four riders from Region 1 and six from Region 2 will represent their stock seat teams at the national championships. Colorado State University won the zone team championship in the Stock Seat Division.



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Business stops in Claflin for Women's Final Four

CLAFLIN (AP) — If the 600 or so residents of Claflin could speak with a single voice about their hometown hero Jackie Stiles, it might sound something like this:

We told you so. People in the tiny central Kansas town say they've known all along that Stiles — the star senior guard who has led Southwest Missouri State to the women's Final Four — was something special. Now, the country knows.

In what has become a typical performance, Stiles — the all-time NCAA women's scoring leader — had 32 points in Monday's 104-87 win over Washington.

"That's the talk of the town this morning. It's just unbelievable, somebody from our town going that far," said Kathy Clark, produce manager at Bailey's Food Bin in Claflin.

Claflin virtually stops when Southwest Missouri State games are on television, Clark says. Interest is so high that when it became known that Monday's regional final would be aired on ESPN2 — a channel Claflin residents don't get through cable TV — the local cable company arranged to show the game on another channel.

Now, residents are clamoring for tickets to see Stiles and the Lady Bears play in St. Louis on Friday.

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