

Future Trojan busy during summer break

By JAY KELLEY
Colby Free Press
Matt Murray hasn't been resting on his laurels since signing with the Colby Community College Trojans. The two-time Class 4A state champion wrestler took sixth place at the High School Senior National Tournament in Newark, Del. in April and followed that up with a first place finish in the Western Regional Greco-Roman Championships in Las Vegas, Nev. Murray's weight, 143-pounds had 60 competitors, with Murray going undefeated to win the title. After coming home, Murray went to McPherson on June 1-2 for the state freestyle and Greco-Roman meets,



M. Murray

where he won first in both divisions, scoring a technical fall in every match. Murray's six-man pool included four state champions and two runners up. That qualified him for the Junior National Dual Tournament in Enid, Okla. on June 21-24 as part of the Kansas team. Murray went 13-1, helping Kansas to a third place finish and a win over an Ohio team who took the championship. Murray left Sunday for training camp to prepare for the Junior National Tournament in Fargo, N.D. on July 22. The Junior national tournament is a freestyle and Greco-Roman tournament featuring 1,500 of the best high school wrestlers in the nation and scouts from some of the top Division I colleges in the nation. Murray signed a letter of intent to wrestle for the Trojans in April. "I decided on Colby because it has a great wrestling program and outstanding coaches," said Murray.

Judge dismisses indictments

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A federal judge threw out four of 15 felony charges in the Olympic bribery case, dealing a setback to prosecutors. U.S. District Judge David Sam said federal prosecutors improperly built their felony racketeering case on a Utah misdemeanor law prohibiting

bribery or kickbacks in commercial dealings. Sam dismissed the racketeering counts and indefinitely postponed the July 30 trial of Tom Welch and Dave Johnson, who led Salt Lake City's successful effort to land the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Area Briefs

- The Colby Recreation Department and Colby Community College women's basketball coach Tom Stephens are sponsoring the Best of the West men's 5-on-5 basketball tournament at the Community Building this weekend. Call 462-4440 for more information.
- Registrations are still being taken

for fall soccer. Contact Carol Morgan at 462-6830 for registration information.

- The Soaring Eagle football camp is scheduled for July 23-26 and there are still openings. Applications may be picked up at Colby High School, or from Gottsch. Cost is \$45 and includes a jersey.

Local Schedule

Wednesday, July 18
Colby recreation baseball and softball.
T-Ball on field 3.
Mariners vs. Mets at 7 p.m.
Rockies vs. Orioles at 8 p.m.

Bambino boys baseball on field 2.
Rockies vs. Cardinals at 6 p.m.
Cubs vs. Orioles at 8 p.m.
Rookie girls softball on field 4.
Pirates vs. Mariners at 6 p.m.
Mets vs. Giants at 8 p.m.

Play at the plate



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Cody Huff started his slide to score the first run for the Cubs in an 11-7 win over the Rockies in Bambino boys baseball action Monday night at the recreation field. Games start at 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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Thunder 14 & Under qualifies for state action

The Colby Sweet Thunder 14 & Under fast pitch softball team will be traveling to the state tournament in Wichita this weekend. The girls took fourth at the Hill City Regional Tournament on July 7-8 to qualify. Colby started off Saturday with a 10-4 loss to the Hill City Heat. Shawna Cox, Sarah Redmond, Hope Maley, Brittany Barton and Tess Baumfalk had singles. After a heat delay, Sweet Thunder shut down the Goodland Dusters 12-0 in three innings. Stephanie Wieland had a home run and a single, Maley had a single and a

triple and Redmond and Cox each had singles. Sunday saw Sweet Thunder overcome the Norton Jaycees 6-4, the first win against them this season. Maley hit a triple and Wieland, Cox, Redmond and Brianna Donn hitting singles. The final game, Sweet Thunder fell to Hays Strikers II 4-2 in spite of a strong defense, including six consecutive strikeouts for Jessica Bullington. She had four hits and two walks. The only singles in the game were by Redmond, Maley and Baumfalk. The Colby girls will start tournament play against Derby at Twin Rivers on Friday at 6 p.m.

Australian still leading race

AIX-LES-BAINS, France (AP) — Russia's Sergei Ivanov won the ninth stage of the Tour de France, and Australia's Stuart O'Grady again held the yellow jersey. Lance Armstrong, going for a third straight title, finished in 32nd place, 24 seconds behind Ivanov. The Texan is 23rd in the overall standings, 35 minutes, 19 seconds off the lead. Armstrong still holds a 27-second lead over his main challenger,

Germany's Jan Ullrich. Both cyclists are expected to be a force in the mountains. The Tour heads into the Alps on Tuesday.



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