

Ready for the Coyotes



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Jess Crumrine, standing and Jarrett Carpenter stretched out at the beginning of Brewster High School football practice Monday. First-year coach B.J. Baird will take his 'Dawgs to Weskan to take on the Coyotes led by former Brewster coach Larry O'Connor.

A look at homerun, pennant races

Let's look at the Major League Baseball. First, how about the homerun race. Gonzales (Arizona), Sosa (da Cubs), and Bonds. Barry Bonds hit his 56th on Monday afternoon and Sosa is at 51.

Sammy became only the fourth player in history to hit more than 50 homers in a single season.

He has done it in four straight. Mark McGuire also has hit more than 50 in four straight seasons.

The other? The famous Babe Ruth hit more than 50 four times in his career although his were not in consecutive seasons. No other players have even hit more than 50 in three seasons.

Sammy is now a lock for the Hall of Fame.

Now to the playoff races. In the National League there are eight teams in the play-off hunt.

In the east it's Atlanta (again) and Philadelphia, a surprise team. The Braves lead it by two games and I think their pitching once again will lead them to a division title.

The central race is a dog fight. I picked the Cards at the beginning of the season. I don't know if they can get it done down the stretch. I would love to see the Cubs in the post-season, who wouldn't!

In the west I think it will come down to Arizona and San Francisco. Let's also not forget that there will be one wild card berth up for grabs. I like Atlanta, Houston, and Arizona to win the divisions and either San Francisco or the Cubs as the wildcard.

In the American League things are much easier. Seattle won the west two months ago.

The Yankees have re-gained their form and will win the East. The central, well I think my Twins still have a shot. The wild-card will go to Oakland (best team since the All-Star break.)

Jottings

• Let me tell you about Daryl Strecker, Keith Downing, Rodney Ryan, and Todd Barrows. These guys are unbelievable! They did an awesome job contacting hole sponsors and organizing today's golf tournament.

• We have over 35 businesses and families involved in sponsoring today's event! The money raised from this fundraiser will benefit our program in several areas, including: team travel, equipment, and recruiting. The money allows us to run a class program and allows us to compete in the prestigious Kansas Jayhawk Conference. Thanks guys!

• My College football top ten. 1. Oklahoma; 2. Oregon State; 3. Florida State; 4. Miami; 5. Nebraska; 6. Florida; 7. Wisconsin; 8. Oregon;



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9. Texas; 10. K-State.

• Rich Epp has once again started his sports talk radio show. Be sure to check it out on Mondays from 4-5 p.m. on KQLS 100.3 FM. Next week the show will not air for the Labor Day Holiday. Catch it again on Sept. 10.

• This past weekend I attended the NAFA World Series. That is the North American Fast-Pitch Association softball championships in Hutchinson. I had two brothers playing. Scott (center-fielder/manager) and Chad (catcher). Of course many of you know Chad as my assistant coach.

• Their team went 7-0 and won the National Championship in class A. There were over 80 teams participating. Chad hit a home run in the championship game and was named the Most Valuable Player of the National Championship Tournament.

• A first team all-world selection, Chad hit over .400 for the touney with two homers. In high school Chad tied a state of Minnesota record hitting four homers in a single game.

Chad played college baseball and basketball at Southwest State, Minnesota (an NCAA Division II school.)

• Upcoming home Volleyball matches: September 8, 11, 12!

• My next column will be in two weeks. I will re-cap the golf tournament.

• The following are sponsors for this year's golf benefit and the 2001-2002 Men's Basketball Program:

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National League Playoff Picture

East	Record	GB
Atlanta	71-59	—
Philadelphia	70-60	1
Central		
Houston	75-55	—
Chicago	72-58	3
St. Louis	70-60	5
West		
Arizona	75-55	—
San Francisco	73-58	2 1/2
Los Angeles	72-59	3 1/2

American League Playoff Picture

East	Record	GB
NY Yankees	76-55	—
Boston	71-58	4
Central		
Cleveland	73-57	—
Minnesota	69-62	4 1/2
West		
Seattle	94-37	—
Oakland	75-56	—

Golden Plains girls take second

HEALY — The Golden Plains High School Lady Bulldogs pulled of a second place finish in their first volleyball tournament of the season, an eight team event in Healy.

Sharon Springs downed the Lady Bulldogs 15-13, 15-11 in the championship game. It was the second time the teams had met that day, and the Lady Wildcats came out on top each time.

Golden Plains downed Jennings 15-8, 15-10, then followed up with Cheylin 15-6, 15-6 before falling to



Sharon Springs 15-5, 15-12 in pool play.

They took second in pool play and had to play the #1 team in the other

pool, cross-county rival Brewster in the first round. Brewster took the first match 16-14, but Golden Plains roared back with back-to-back 15-4 wins.

"We played really good as a team," said coach Sheri Jacobs. "The girls did very well the second time against Sharon Springs. We need to improve our serve for the Sainty and Hoxie matches."

Golden Plains is at home tonight, hosting St. Francis and Hoxie. Matches start at 4 p.m.

Jayhawk coach suspends players

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP)—Kansas football coach Terry Allen has suspended quarterback Mario Kinsey and running back Reggie Duncan for the opening game against Southwest Missouri State for unspecified violations of team rules.

Kinsey, a red shirt freshman, was in a tight battle for the starting quarterback job with sophomore Zach Dyer. Dyer now will start against the Bears, of the Missouri Valley Conference.

Duncan is the team's starting running back. The sophomore had 207 yards on 54 carries last year when the Jayhawks finished 4-7.

"Both players understand the mistakes they have made," Allen said in a

statement Monday. "They will serve their suspensions and be reinstated in good standing for the remainder of the season."

Allen said sophomore Dan Coke would start in Duncan's place at running back in Saturday's game at Memorial Stadium.

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Colby High School varsity and junior varsity cross country at Goodland at 5 p.m..
Varsity tennis at Hays at 3 p.m.; junior varsity tennis at Scott City at 3 p.m.
Varsity and junior varsity golf at Trego at 3 p.m.
Varsity, junior varsity and "c" volleyball at home vs. Burlington, 4:30 p.m.
C-team football at McCook at 4:30 p.m.
7/8th football vs. Goodland at Dennen Field at 4:30 p.m.
7/8th volleyball vs. Goodland at 4:30 p.m.

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