

Can they do it again?

They're all talking about local golf team

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That's the question bouncing around golfing circles all over the area in anticipation of the 13th annual KLOE-KKCI-KWGB Classic Golf Tournament at Sugar Hills Golf Course in Goodland this coming Sunday.

They are the team from the Colby Country Club, four-time defending champions of the event, "and likely," said Kay Melia, tournament director, "will be favored again this year."

The Colby defending champions, said Melia, have another strong entry

this year with Lonnie Melvin, Kevan Taylor, David Pool, Scott Focke, Daryl Strecker, Miles Ladenburger, Jim Stanley, Bobby Harper, B.J. Melvin, Wayne Liudahl and Brad Kersenbrock.

Twelve team are entered in this year's tourney, the most since the event began in 1990, Melia said. The tournament, Melia said, is one of the most unique in Kansas and features a team concept whereby the 11-man teams from the 12 golf courses in the area compete against each other for nearly \$5,000 in prizes.

"Returning to the tournament this year," Melia said, "will be a team from

Prairie Pines Golf Club in Burlington, Colo." He said other teams will be from Goodland, Atwood, St. Francis, Sharon Springs, Norton, Hoxie, Tribune, Oakley and Benkelman, Neb.

Individuals returning this year will be defending champion co-medalists Jim Stanley of Colby, Kevin Finley of Atwood and Dick Ahlberg of Oberlin. They all shot par rounds of 71 on the 18-hole layout last year.

"All prize money is awarded to the clubs, rather than the individual golfer," Melia said.

He encourages the public to attend at no charge.

Gearing up for practice



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Colby High School juniors and seniors got first choice on selecting football equipment Tuesday night. Sophomores and freshmen will check out equipment on Thursday beginning at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for sophomores and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for freshmen. Brad Wildeman, high school head football coach, said he also wanted to remind football players that two-a-day practices begin on Monday, Aug. 19, at 6 to 8 a.m. and again at 4 to 6 p.m. ABOVE: Brent Deibert, left, and Brent McCoy, both seniors, waded through boxes of equipment in preparation for the first practice. Deibert will be playing offensive guard and middle linebacker, while McCoy's position will be fullback and outside linebacker, said Troy Rall, one of the assistant coaches.

Eighth grade footballers told to get ready

Eight grade students planning to play football need to start getting ready for the approaching season, said Jeff Quenzer, Colby School District activities director.

He said players not only need to be getting physically ready, but must also make sure they have all their completed paperwork turned into the high

school office prior to their first practice.

Quenzer said there would be no meeting prior to their first practice, which will be held on Monday, Aug. 19 at 4 p.m.

He said players who have not turned in their completed physical form to the high school office will not be allowed

to practice.

The parent/player meeting will be held later during the first week of practice.

Players or parents with questions can get in touch with coach Don Balluch.

Meeting set for volleyballers

There will be a meeting at 4 p.m., Monday, Aug. 19, for all Colby Middle School eighth grade girls interested in volleyball this fall, said Cathy Cash, head coach.

Items that will be discussed at the general meeting include general re-

quirements to play and schedule of practices.

Along with Cash, Liz Strand will be assistant coach.

Parents are invited to the meeting.

For questions or information, call Cash at 462-2370.

Whoa! What's this all about?

MANKATO, Minn. (AP) — The NFL Players Association claims the Minnesota Vikings and Kansas City Chiefs may have engaged in collusion in their negotiations with unsigned first-round draft picks Bryant McKinnie and Ryan Sims. The union filed a request for an investigation on Monday with the NFL Management Council, ESPN.com first reported Tuesday.

The union claims the teams may have had knowledge of the signing bonus offered to a player picked after Sims and McKinnie — which is not permitted — and subsequently offered the two players a lower amount.

Sims and McKinnie were picked with the sixth and seventh picks, respectively. The No. 8 pick who the union said was offered the larger signing bonus was safety Roy Williams.

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