

## Getting ready for the season



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Eagle sophomore Regina Heier warmed up on the putting green prior to golf practice Tuesday afternoon at the Colby Country Club. Seven girls are out for golf this year. "We have about four fewer than last year," said coach Ray Higley, "but I'm looking forward to a great season." Competition for the Eagle golf team begins Sept. 2 at WaKeeney.

## Norton gets upset win at Classic

Four-time defending champs Colby tie for 2nd  
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The 11-man golf team from Norton pulled off a surprise this year in the annual KLOE-KKCI-KWGB Classic golf tournament hosted by the Sugar Hills Golf Club in Goodland as they upset defending champion Colby Country Club and ten other teams to win the championship.

"But the winning score," said tournament director Kay Melia, "was closer than it has ever been in the Classic between the top four teams."

Norton won the top prize with a score of 770, with three teams tied for second with scores of 772.

Those teams were Colby, Goodland, and Atwood.

"The Norton victory was not assured," said Melia, "until Joe Herman of Norton, playing in the final foursome, came in with a 72 over the par-71 Sugar Hills golf course."

Medalist for the day was Colby's Lonnie Melvin, who shot a four-under par 67, the lowest score ever at the Classic. Goodland's Dax Hayden, playing in the final foursome with Herman and Melvin, finished with a 68. Both Melvin and Hayden had 32's on the back nine at Sugar Hills.

Here are the final team scores: Norton 770; Colby 772; Goodland 772; Atwood 772; Burlington, Colo. 799; Hoxie 815; Sharon Springs 828; Tribune 830; Oakley 836; St. Francis 842; Benkelman Neb. 862; Oberlin 867.

Here are the individual scores from this year's Classic:

Lonnie Melvin, Colby 67; Dax Hayden, Goodland 68; Joe Kanak, Atwood 71; Kevin Finley, Atwood 71; Joe Herman, Norton 72; Curt Minner, Goodland 72; Scott Focke, Colby 72; Cole Nondorf, Hoxie 73; Kevin Cox, Sharon Springs 73; Kevan Taylor, Colby 74; John Millan, Norton 74; Arnie Hoxsey, Atwood 74; Bobby Harper, Colby 75; Brad Leiker, St.

Francis 75; Dave Ward, Norton 75; Clayton Cox, Norton 75; Jim Seba Jr., Tribune 75; Brandon Waggoner, Sharon Springs 75; Joedy Hartman, Burlington 75; Don Alexander, Burlington 75; Bill Klein, Norton 76; Doc Liudahl, Colby 76; Jim Stanley, Colby 76; Jim Kanak, Atwood 76; Dick Ahlberg, Oberlin 76; Delvin Mull, Sharon Springs 76; Shawn Jones, Benkelman 76; Mike Grinnan, Burlington 76; Bob Werner, Burlington 77; Stan Stark, Oakley 77; Jon McLean, Goodland 77; Chuck Osborne, Goodland 77; Tyson Shelley, Goodland 77; Lynn Curtin, Atwood 77; David Pool, Colby 77; Joel Duscher 78; Gordon Reunitz, Atwood 78; Travis Jones, Goodland 78; Richard Grace, St. Francis, 78; Jon Wishon, Oberlin 78; Mark Schmidt, Hoxie 78; Dick Heskett, Hoxie 78; Kevin Shaw, Oakley 78; Doug Peckham, Benkelman 78; John Penny, Burlington 78; Steve Raymer, Goodland 79; Chuck Vstecka, Norton 79.

## Hold off on that retirement party!

DENVER (AP)—Hold those obituaries about Terrell Davis' playing career.

Because of chronic knee injuries, the Denver Broncos running back was placed on the injured-reserve list Tuesday, which ends his season and more than likely will signal the end of his career.

But Davis insisted he was not retiring — not yet, anyway.

Both Davis and Broncos owner Pat Bowlen said the festivities of the past few days — including Davis' introduction in uniform prior to Monday night's San Francisco-Denver game and his mile-high salute to the fans — should not be construed as a retirement announcement.

"As Mr. Bowlen said, this is not a retirement party," Davis said Tuesday at a news conference. "I'm going to do everything I can possibly do to see if I

can return to the field again."

He admitted, however, that "barring a miracle, from what I'm hearing, this is it."

Since rushing for 2,008 yards and winning the league's MVP award in 1998, Davis has played in only 17 games the last three seasons. A succes-

sion of knee surgeries — along with a diagnosis of degenerative arthritis in both knees — clouded his future.

After the latest flareup in his left knee — which he calls his "good" knee — Davis asked the Broncos to put him on injured reserve, while keeping the door open to a possible return.

## Trojans welcome new coach

Jeff Becker, former graduate and standout athlete for Colby Community College, has been selected head cross country and track coach. Becker received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Fort Hays State University.

He comes to Colby from Highland Community College where he was the assistant cross country and track coach.

Becker is also the Marathon Team-in-Training Coach for the Arthritis Foundation, Kansas Chapter.

## Bonds' 600th brings lawsuit

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds hits another historic home run and the man who ends up with the ball after a fight in the bleachers gets sued.

Last October it was a tussle over Bonds' record-setting 73rd home run of the season — one man got a glove on it, but another took it home.

This time, it's a guy who got a ticket to the game after allegedly promising fellow workers to split any profits on the remote chance he caught Bonds' 600th career home run ball.

In addition, he is the co-organizer of the Western Winds Running Club and co-editor of the organization's newsletter.

"Jeff was an outstanding runner under coach Kirk Hunter," said athletic director Carl Adams. "He has a great deal of experience and has worked with good coaches. The track and cross country program and the college will benefit from his leadership skills and coaching expertise."

Becker, a Goodland native, replaces James White who resigned to accept an assistant coaching position in Garden City.

In addition to his coaching duties, Becker will teach a variety of physical education courses at Colby College.



Jeff Becker

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