

There may be hope, after all

How great was this year's Little League World Series? In light of the fact that major league baseball is flushing itself down the toilet, watching those kids play from the heart like they did was very gratifying.

My favorite part of the whole thing though, was after that one kid from Harlem hot-dogged it to home plate. The butt-chewing that coach delivered after that re-af-



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On The Ball

firmed my faith in the system, at least as high as the little leagues. Sportsmanship is still being taught to our kids.

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I know a guy named Rod who complains that I don't write enough about golf. So here you go, Rod;

How bout that Tiger Woods! He got beat two weeks in a row! Is he through? Washed up? Probably not. But the best thing to happen in golf was last week when Rich Beem beat Tiger to win the PGA, and this weekend when Craig 'Popeye' Parry beat Tiger to win his first US PGA title and a million bucks at the NEC World Series of Golf. There for awhile, you could actually hear the other golfers moaning and weeping because nobody could beat Tiger. Now, maybe they'll start trying a little harder.

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School has started, and it's time for another plea for help. I've just done a rough count, and it looks like I've got about 19 teams to cover for fall sports. This includes Golden Plains, Brewster, Colby High School, Colby Middle School, and Colby Community College.

Now, please, I'm not complaining. This is still by far the best job I've ever had (mostly), and what gets covered, gets covered. However, if you've been saying to yourself, "I'll just wait until he asks one more time..." then I'm asking. If you want to help, call me here at the paper. 462-3963. Or, you can send me an e-mail at colbysports@nwkansas.com.

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I used to think I knew everything. But when you're 16, and you think you know everything, you really don't. I don't know the exact percentage, but I would guess that when you're 16, you might know twenty percent of everything. When you get to be my age, you're actually shocked when you find out something that is apparently common knowledge.

Dolly Parton has a husband. In fact, she's always had a husband. I'm checking now to see if there's a hot-line number you can call to help you deal with this shocking fact.

Having considered myself for a long time a smart-alecky know-it-all, I was completely floored by this piece of information.

You may think it's silly for me to disclose this kind of information, but I'll wager you'll still be thinking about it for a few days. (Wink wink)

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Strike looms

NEW YORK (AP)—Four days before the strike deadline, baseball players and owners were taking tiny steps toward each other.

A day after criticizing players, owners made a new economic proposal that moved toward the union in an effort to head off a strike later this week.

Owners raised their thresholds for a luxury tax and lowered their proposed tax rates, and also slightly decreased the amount of local revenue they want teams to share. They also made a new proposal on testing for steroid use, where the sides remain apart on details.

Benefit golf tournament for college is Tuesday

The 5th annual fund raiser for the Colby Community College men's basketball program tees off Tuesday. The golf tournament will begin at 11 a.m. with registration at the Colby Country Club beginning at 10:30.

The \$60 donation will include 18 holes of golf, a meal, free gifts and a cart.

The format for the golf tournament will be a 4-person scramble. Players can make their own teams or be assigned one during registration.

There will also be a benefit auction following the golf tournament. Some of the items to be auctioned off include: tickets to the Nebraska-Kansas State football game, tickets to the Texas-Kansas State football game, Royals tickets, Rockies tickets and several other sports memorabilia items.

For more information and to secure a spot in the golf tournament, please call Daryl Strecker 462-3351 or head basketball coach Brian Ostermann at 462-3984 ext. 262.

Former Colby Eagle hurt during scrimmage

Former Colby High School standout Beau Sheets suffered a broken collarbone Saturday during a scrimmage by the Chadron State College football team. Sheets is a wide receiver for the Nebraska college.

Sheets' left collarbone was broken in two places when he dove for a long pass and a defensive back landed on top of him. He is expected to be sidelined for about two months.

The 5-foot-8, 160-pound senior is the most experienced and one of the fastest of the Eagles' receivers. During his career, Sheets has caught 42 passes for 573 yards and five touchdowns. He also returned punts and kickoffs the past two years. Last fall, he raced 90 yards for Chadron State's first touchdown on a kickoff return since 1988.

Sheets is to see a specialist in Fort Collins, Colo. to determine if the collarbone will require surgery.

Chadron State head football coach Brad Smith said the Eagles will definitely miss Sheets.

"Beau is one of our team leaders who can fly down the sidelines for a long pass and also isn't afraid to go over the middle to make a catch," said Smith. "We'll miss him, that's for sure."

Sheets is one of the Eagles' outstanding scholar-athletes. He has a 3.68 cumulative grade point average while majoring in physics. Even though he is due to graduate in May, Sheets said Saturday night that he may seek a medical redshirt and play again next year if he has to miss most of this season because of the injury.

Taking it outside



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The Colby Eagle high school football teams held a scrimmage Saturday morning. The annual video scrimmage takes place at Dennen Field at 7 p.m. on Friday. The season gets underway for the Eagles on Sept. 5, with the varsity traveling to Atwood to take on the Buffaloes.

Broncos dominate Arizona Cardinals

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The Denver Broncos dominated statistically but had to overcome four turnovers, three of them fumbles by rookie running back Clinton Portis, in a 19-13 preseason victory over the Arizona Cardinals on Saturday night.

Two of Portis' fumbles led to Arizona's first 10 points. The third ended a long Broncos' drive at the Cardinals' 11-yard line.

Despite a huge advantage in total yards, Denver led only 13-10 when its first unit left the game late in the third quarter.

Brian Griese completed 22 of 32 passes for 227 yards, with no touchdowns and an interception.

The Broncos, who did not punt until 1:55 remained in the game, had a 253-74 yardage advantage at halftime but led just 13-10. Along with three first-

half turnovers, Denver failed to score on fourth-and-goal from the Arizona 1-yard line and missed a conversion kick.

Arizona strong safety Adrian Wilson left the game after dislocating his left shoulder while tackling Shannon Sharpe in the first quarter.

The Cardinals' Thomas Jones had his first encouraging performance of the preseason, gaining 65 yards in 20 carries.

Sports Calender



This week in sports at Colby High School:

Tuesday, Aug. 27: High School football Parent-Player meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the high school commons.

Wednesday, Aug. 28: Northwest Kansas League fall coaches meeting at Colby High School.

Friday, Aug. 30: Colby High School football video scrimmage at Dennen Field, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 31: Varsity girl's tennis at WaKeeney.

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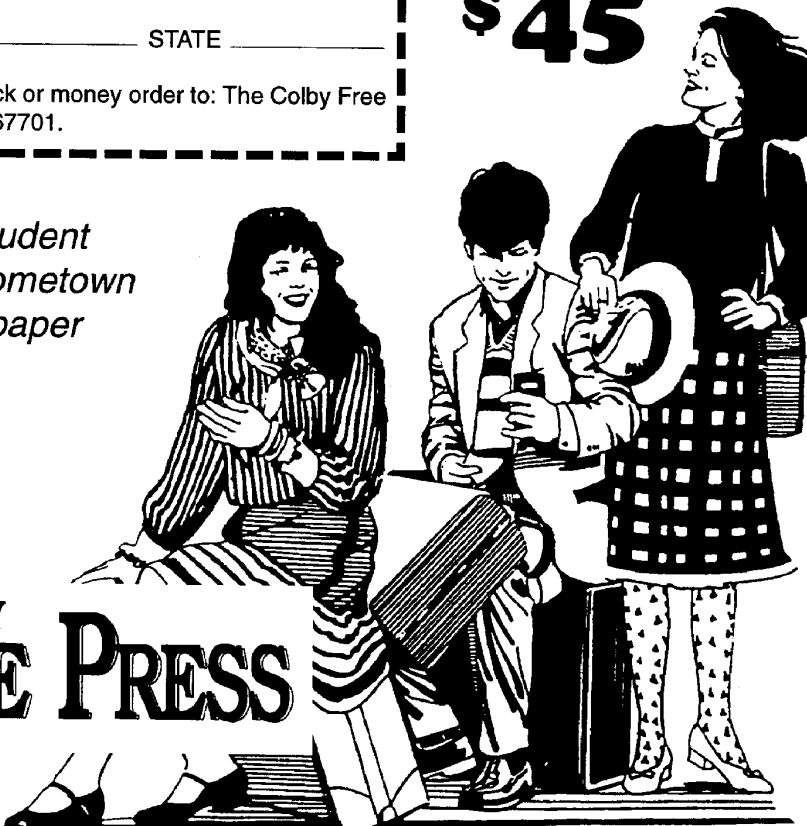
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OPENINGS

SUNDAY P.M. - Mixed Couples League. Bowls at 7:00 p.m. every other week. 2 leagues - 1 full, 1 has opening

MONDAY P.M. - 5 person Men's League. Starting at 8:00 p.m. Starts August 26th. Team openings.

TUESDAY A.M. - Ladies Coffee League. Starts at 9:00 a.m. and bowls 4 to a team. Starts Sept. 3rd. Team openings.

TUESDAY P.M. - Men's 5 person teams. Starts at 7:15 p.m. Starts September 3rd. FULL.

WEDNESDAY P.M. - Two - 4 person Ladies Leagues. Starting at 6:15 or 8:15 p.m. Definitely Ladies Night Out!! Starts August 28th for 6:15 and Sept. 4th for 8:15 league. 6:15 & 8:15 team openings.

THURSDAY MEN'S LEAGUE - 5 person teams. Starting at 8:30 p.m. Beginning September 5th. Team openings.

FRIDAY P.M. - 5 person Ladies League at 7:00 p.m. Starts Sept. 6th. Team openings.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON JR. LEAGUES - Ages 5 & up. Sign up is Sat., September 28th at 1:00 p.m.

Do It NOW!!

Most Leagues still have openings!
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