

Fall sports season just 3 days away

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Colby High School and Colby Middle School athletes are just one week away from the start of competition, with the exception of the CHS tennis team, which is playing in WaKeeney this weekend.

"I'm not sure why they scheduled a tournament for Labor Day weekend," tennis coach Mike Sprenkel said. "I know that I'll be missing two of my varsity girls."

Next week, on Thursday, Sept. 5, most of the other sports programs get started. The junior varsity and varsity golf teams will be at WaKeeney. The junior varsity tennis team will play in a tourney at Scott City. The volleyball teams will travel to Burlington, Colo., to play in a triangular with Burlington and Sharon Springs.

Both of the Colby Middle School football teams will play their first games of the season at Goodland. Also in Goodland Thursday to open up its season will be the Eagle cross country teams. Cross Country coach Bob Mannebach said that despite the absence of junior Ivy Ramsey, who is out while she recovers from ACL surgery, he expects good things from his relatively young team.

"We don't have quite as many seniors as we did last year," Mannebach said. "But we have quality kids, as we do every year, and I'm looking forward to getting started."

For high school football fans who just can't wait for Friday night, Thurs-



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Colby High School sophomore Crystal Mannebach practiced on the tennis courts at Fike Park Tuesday afternoon. The tennis team opens the season on Saturday in WaKeeney.

day afternoon, Sept. 5, at 5 p.m. coach Eric Hemmert and the 'C' team Eagles open the football season against McCook at Dennen Field.

Friday night, Sept. 6, new head coach Brad Wildeman takes his Eagle football squad to 'Massacre Canyon', as Atwood's football stadium is affec-

tionately known. Atwood's football team finished last year 7-2. Colby's record last year was 2-7, and they suffered a 40-17 loss to the Buffaloes at home last year to open the season. 1993 was the last year that Colby managed a win against the Buffaloes in Atwood.

Dunn to start first Wildcat game

MANHATTAN (AP) — The waning Kansas State quarterback controversy has been settled. Well, for now anyway.

Coach Bill Snyder has given senior Marc Dunn the nod over junior Eli Roberson as the starter for the Wildcats' season opener against Western Kentucky Saturday.

But Snyder was quick to point out that the decision wasn't easy and the depth chart can easily be changed.

"Marc will be a starter for our first

ball game and he earned the right," Snyder said. "But it has been tremendously competitive.

"I'm extremely pleased with both quarterbacks' approach to this."

Snyder said he gave the job to Dunn because of his off-season preparation and the fact that Dunn committed fewer errors during scrimmages.

The Wildcats had a blunder-filled season at quarterback in 2001 when Roberson and Dunn split time as the starter.

The team finished the season 6-6 — Snyder's worst since 19992.

The Wildcats passed for only 1,497 yards, the lowest total since 1986 when Kansas State threw for 1,274 yards.

Roberson, who's known for his scrambling ability, started nine games and rushed for 643 yards, but threw eight interceptions and completed 39.7 percent of his passes.

Dunn completed 49.1 percent of his passes, but he too threw eight interceptions.

Oakland A's close to franchise mark

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — David Justice has been to six World Series, and the surging Oakland Athletics never lose sight of that.

"The guy hasn't played in the most postseason wins for no reason," A's pitcher Mark Mulder said Tuesday. "He's been on successful teams and won a lot of championships. If we might get down on ourselves, he picks us right up."

Justice drove in three runs to help Mulder win for the seventh time in his last nine decisions as the A's beat the Kansas City Royals 6-4 for their 14th straight victory.

The streak is the longest in the ma-

jors this season and tied the Oakland record of 1988. The franchise record of 17 under Connie Mack dates to 1931, when the team was in Philadelphia.

"This is the time of the season, the pennant race, when you raise your level of play," said Justice, who had three hits including his 10th homer. "Every game is more important and that's how I take it. I want to raise my concentration and try to focus."

"This team knows we have to play well. Anaheim and Seattle, they're not going away, and Boston has a really good team. It's important for us to do well right now and through the end of the season."

The A's are 21-4 in August. They lead Anaheim by three games and Seattle by 3 1/2 in the AL West.

Justice's solo homer in the sixth made it 4-0.

"It was a fastball, in," said losing pitcher Rinelvys Hernandez (3-3), who also gave up a homer to Ray Durham on a changeup in the fifth. "I felt they were good pitches, but they hit it good."

Mulder (16-7) gave up all four Kansas City runs on seven hits before leaving in the eighth. He struck out five.

Joe Randa had three hits, including a triple and double, and drove in two of the Royals' runs.

Spots still open for ADAC golf tournament

The second annual Drive for Sobriety golf tournament will be held Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Sugar Hills Country Club in Goodland. The event, sponsored by the Thomas County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council, is seeking teams to participate in the four person scramble with all proceeds from the event going to support council activities and programs. The \$60 per person entry fee will include a golf cart and lunch. Entry forms are available at the Thomas County ADAC office, P.O. Box 100, Colby, Kan. 67701 or by calling (785) 462-6111.

Jayhawks pick Zach Dyer to start at quarterback

LAWRENCE (AP) — Junior Zach Dyer will start at quarterback when Kansas opens its season Saturday at Iowa State, coach Mark Mangino announced Tuesday.

Dyer, who started four games last year, had been locked in a battle with junior college transfer Bill Whittemore for the job.

"With another year's experience, I feel more mature," Dyer said. "Also more confident, and just more comfortable with everything the position entails."

As a sophomore alternating as starter, Dyer hit 43 of 89 passes for 460 yards and three touchdowns. He also threw four interceptions.

Whittemore passed for 2,082 yards and 16 TDs last year for Fort Scott Community College.

First-year coach Mark Mangino has said he would settle on a No. 1 quarterback and leave him there.

"Our thoughts all along, at all 22 positions, were that we'll be able to establish ourselves at several positions once we see our players in game competition," Mangino said. "That's the true-tell of who's ready to go and who needs time, getting the right players in the right places."

Dyer also started the first game last season.

"It does feel a little different," he said. "Everything around the program feels quite a bit different this year. Everyone's real excited and ready to go out there and play."

Dyer will be among only a handful of players who also started last year's opener for the Jayhawks.

Chiefs not budging in talks with holdout

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City Chiefs officials were having "a late lunch" Tuesday with the agent for Ryan Sims, raising hopes the first-round draft pick may soon end his long holdout.

However, Chiefs president Carl Peterson insisted he won't budge far from his present offer no matter how much the team needs the 300-pound defensive tackle.

"At some point, enough is enough, or enough is all you can do," Peterson said. "We've been awfully close to that if not there for a long time. Sooner or later, either the player has to make a decision whether he wants to be a part of this football team or not, and that's where I think it's at."

Jennifer Capriati fueleding with the 'Sisters' father

NEW YORK (AP) — Jennifer Capriati, seeded No. 3 at the U.S. Open behind sisters Serena and Venus Williams, bristled over remarks about her on-court behavior attributed to their father, Richard.

Told that he said in a magazine article that she should stop cursing on the court and should listen to her father, Capriati became angry.

Baseball prepares for labor strike

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball players said the union agreed to a drug-testing deal, while commissioner Bud Selig planned to join the talks and teams began pushing back flights to prepare for a strike.

The sides met three times, holding two-on-two discussions instead of trading formal proposals among the full negotiating committees.

Rob Manfred, management's top labor lawyer, wouldn't say if owners agreed to the testing plan.

"We only have so many (salary) cap dollars. It's a finite number. We can't go beyond that. Next Wednesday, when the cap is counted for 53 players, if we're over, then we've got major problems."

Assistant general manager Denny Thum, who handles most player nego-

tiations, was meeting with Hadley Engelhard, Sims' agent.

The Chiefs thought they were on the verge of an agreement right before opening training camp, but struck an impasse that centers mostly on escalator clauses that could increase the value of the contract in the later years.

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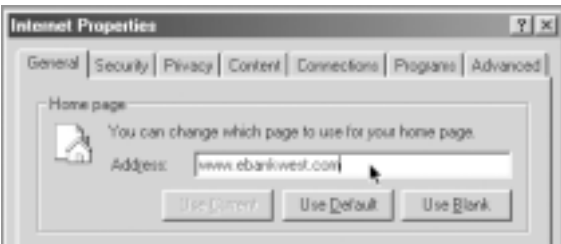
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MONDAY P.M. - 5 person Men's League. Starting at 8:00 p.m. Starts August 26th. Team openings.

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.

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