

Spiking and blocking



The Colby High School volleyball team held its ‘Sport Drink’ scrimmage Tuesday night at the high school gym. The Eagle spikers open the season Thursday in Burlington, Colo. They’ll be on the road for the whole month of September, with the varsity in Oberlin on Sept. 10, Hays on Sept. 14, Norton on Sept. 19, Oakley on Sept. 21, and Scott City on Sept. 28.

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Sampras gets 200th Grand Slam win, advances at Open

NEW YORK (AP) — A sweat-soaked Pete Sampras seemed barely able to muster the strength to wave to the crowd after his victory. Just hours earlier, on another court, Andy Roddick packed a match’s worth of athleticism and emotion into one sequence.

Sampras and Roddick, at opposite ends of their careers, both won to set up a showdown in the U.S. Open quarterfinals.

The 31-year-old Sampras powered 27 aces, was aided by his opponent’s late double faults, and got past third-seeded Tommy Haas 7-5, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 7-5. It was Sampras’ 200th Grand Slam tournament match victory.

Playing on a heavily taped bruised left foot, the 11th-seeded Roddick reached the Open’s final eight for the second straight year with a 5-7, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 victory over No. 26 Juan Ignacio

Chela of Argentina.

The winner of Sampras-Roddick will play No. 24 Sjeng Schalken of Netherlands or No. 28 Fernando Gonzalez of Chile. Like Roddick, neither has been to a major semifinal.

On the women’s side, Serena Williams, trying to become the first woman since Steffi Graf in 1996 to win three majors in a season, and Lindsay Davenport won to set up a semifinal meeting.

Williams’ sister Venus and Monica Seles will meet in a quarterfinal on the other side of the draw after picking up victories.

Serena reached the semifinals by dominating Daniela Hantuchova. Venus looked a bit vulnerable against Chanda Rubin before emerging with a 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 victory to reach the quarterfinals for the 18th time in 20 Grand Slam events.

New York Mets end losing streak

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Mets ended their NL-record home losing streak at 15 by beating the Florida Marlins 11-5 in the second game of a doubleheader.

The Mets won for the first time at

Shea Stadium since beating the Houston Astros 10-0 on July 31.

Their 3-2 loss in 12 innings in the first game set the record for ineptitude at home, surpassing Boston’s 14 in a row in 1911.

Trojan volleyball opens 2002 season at home on Thursday against Pratt

The Colby College volleyball team opens at home this Thursday in a Jayhawk West conference matchup. The Lady Trojans host Pratt at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Building.

A season ago, Colby defeated Pratt in 3 sets. However, Pratt comes to town with a new head coach in Kelley Maydew.

Head coach Gina Chvatal had this to say about the season opener. “Every conference match is so, so important. We have a chance to open at home which is very nice. This is a great opportunity for our girls. They know what I expect and I don’t want to be disappointed.”

The Lady Trojans host their own tournament this Saturday.

They begin with a 9 a.m. match against local rival McCook. Colby will

also play Dodge City at 11 a.m. and Pratt at 1 p.m. in their pool play matches.

All the Lady Trojan matches will be at the Community Building. Colby is in Pool A. Pool B teams are Eastern Wyoming, Air Force Prep, Lamar and Otero. Pool B will play all their matches at Colby High School.

The semi-final matches are set for 4 & 5 p.m. with the championship set for 6 p.m. Both the semi-finals and championship matches will be played at the Community Building.

The following is a schedule of the entire tournament:

Community Building

Pool A

1. Colby
2. McCook
3. Dodge City

4. Pratt

Colby High School Pool B

1. Eastern Wyoming
2. Air Force Prep
3. Lamar
4. Otero

Time / Match # / Pool A / Pool B

9 a.m. / #1 / 1 vs. 2 / 1 vs. 2

10 a.m. / #2 / 3 vs. 4 / 3 vs. 4

11 a.m. / #3 / 1 vs. 3 / 1 vs. 3

12 p.m. / #4 / 2 vs. 4 / 2 vs. 4

1 p.m. / #5 / 1 vs. 4 / 1 vs. 4

2 p.m. / #6 / 2 vs. 3 / 2 vs. 3

SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS AT COMMUNITY BUILDING

4 p.m. Pool A #1 vs. Pool B #2

5 p.m. Pool B #1 vs. Pool A #2

6 p.m. Winner of 4:00 pm game vs. Winner of 5:00 game (CHAMPIONSHIP)

Chiefs player caught driving drunk

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City tackle Willie Roaf, who was arrested over the weekend for allegedly driving under the influence, will face no disciplinary action by the Chiefs, coach Dick Vermeil said Tuesday.

Roaf, a seven-time Pro Bowl performer with New Orleans now in his first season with the Chiefs, was stopped by police early Saturday.

“Willie and I talked about it (Monday). I don’t really plan any discipline,” Vermeil said at his weekly news conference.

“First off, it comes down from the

league more so than us. I think the punishment for Willie is his own embarrassment. We talked to the whole squad about it ... in an NFL session.

“In some way, maybe a teammate let him down. If they sensed he had too much beer, they shouldn’t have let him drive.”

Vermeil said he had decided not to fine Roaf, the starting left tackle.

“Both Willie and I discussed it. I’m not a big fine guy. I think sometimes the greatest punishment is self,” he said. “He’s embarrassed about it.”

In some instances, players who are guilty of driving under the influence

are subject to more frequent testing by the league for drug and alcohol abuse.

“It will be determined by the outcome of the legal authorities, if the offense is ultimately a DUI or reckless driving or whatever,” said Chiefs president Carl Peterson.

“The league normally waits until all the legal procedures have been followed. But then they’ll make a decision on that. This was, for the record, Willie Roaf’s first offense in regards to a DUI unless someone has some other information that I don’t know.”

The players were off Tuesday and Roaf was not available for comment.

Two Avalanche players in risky holdout

DENVER (AP) — History shows that the Colorado Avalanche has not been kind to players who hold out for contract deals, but two high-profile players are still without deals prior to the Sept. 13 training camp.

Negotiations with Martin Skoula and Alex Tanguay have not produced deals.

Since 1995, six Avalanche players who have missed parts of a training camp or regular season over contract issues have been traded or let go as free agents within two years of their holdouts.

“I am optimistic a deal can be done, but there are still some differences between us,” Skoula’s agent, Jiri Crha, told The Denver Post on Monday.

Skoula and Tanguay both are 22 years old with three years of NHL experience. Both made \$975,000 last season, and both are coming off seasons in which critics said they performed worse than previously.

Tanguay, a left wing, scored 27 goals and 77 points in 82 games during the 2000-01 season, and scored twice in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup finals against New Jersey. But he dropped to

13 goals and 48 points in 70 games last season, and occasionally was included in the third and fourth lines by coach Bob Hartley.

Skoula, a defenseman, set career highs with 10 goals and 21 assists last season, but saw his playing time diminish in the playoffs.

Neither Crha nor Don Meehan, Tanguay’s agent, would disclose their client’s salary desires or how far apart they were with the Avalanche.

Per team policy, Avalanche officials declined to comment on contract matters.

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