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The Colby Lady Eagle volleyball team is the #3 seed heading into the state tournament this weekend in Salina. Play begins at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Salina Bicentennial Center. ABOVE: The Lady Eagles in action against Hoxie from earlier this year.

Fall sports heading to post-season

By DARREL PATTILLO

Colby Free Press The fall high school sports season is winding down in Thomas County, with some of the area schools finishing their seasons as early as this evening, while others will play into the weekend, and still others who look to be playing as late as mid-November. The Colby Eagle football team, under first-year head coach Brad Wildeman, finishes up this evening in Ulysses, hoping to end the season on an up-note, by im-

seven runners at Wamego Saturday trict play begins on Tuesday, Nov. 5. morning, at the 4A state meet. The Lady Eagle volleyball team, with a finished its season at the Little Eight record of 30-3, is the #3 seed at the state tournament, hosting Sharon Springs, tournament in Salina, and will play Towanda-Circle at 9:30 a.m.

Bulldog volleyball team finished its lation match, to take fourth place. season at the Little Eight volleyball tournament in Brewster on the Oct. 29, losing to Sharon Springs in the finals of that tourney. The Bulldog football Golden Plains last Friday at Brewster, proving its record to 3-7. The Lady team is looking to go to 8-1 as they take 53-8.

Eagle cross country team will have on Weskantonight in Rexford. Bi-Dis-

The Brewster volleyball team also Greeley County, Triplains, Golden Plains, Weskan, Grinnell, and Cheylin. Over at Rexford, the Golden Plains Brewster lost to Cheylin in the conso-

> The Bulldog football team plays its final district game against Cheylin tonight at Bird City. The 'Dawgs lost to

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Trojan wrestlers open season Friday

Colby Free Press The 2002-03 version of Trojan Wrestling hopes to utilize the momentum of two returning NJCAA All-Americans, the transfer of two NCAA DII athletes and the arrival of one of the most talented recruiting classes in Colby's history to add to its string of six consecutive top ten finishes at the NJCAA national tournament. Head coach Steve Lampe, who is entering his 28th year at Colby Community College, feels this to be the most talented team in the school's illustrious history. And he, along with third year assistant Eric Toraya, recognize that, barring injury, their projected varsity line-up has the capacity to accomplish great things in this year's post-season tournaments.

Coach Lampe indicates he is very optimistic about the upcoming year. though seven of our ten weight classes nament.

are capable of earning NJCAA All-American honors this year," said Lampe. But, even with this optimism, early portion of the team's schedule Lampe is quick to point out that he "does not expect to see runaway performances at the beginning of the season. However, I do expect our team will be ready for the big stuff at season's end."

Team chemistry will likely have a lot to do with the evolution into a championship contender. Multi-cultural issues, several new faces and fierce practeam from gelling as of yet.

Lampe expects this to quickly change once the team's viewpoint shifts from an internal focus to an external perspective.

Meaning that success against outside competition will go along way in enabling the team to rally together and unite for a common objective and suc-'Realistically, it currently appears as cess at the 2003 NJCAA national tour- ule on the evening of Nov. 19th against

While Colby's varsity line-up is expected to be tremendously talented, the will test their ability and endurance. The Trojans open their season on the road in a dual meet against last year's NJCAA national tournament runnerup, Neosho County Community College, on Friday.

During the following 38 days the Trojans are scheduled to compete in three NCAA level tournaments (University of Wyoming Cowboy Open, tice room competition have kept the the Oklahoma State University Kickoff Classic and the Las Vegas Invitational) and three additional duals against top ten teams from last year's NJCAA national tournament (North Idaho #3, Pima #4 and Lassen #10). Colby will also take on last year's top NJCAA team, Iowa Central, in a dual meet in January of 2003.

The Trojans open their home schedthe Air Force Prep team.

Wildcats are heavy favorites over Jayhawks

and is heavily favored against his instate rival, but that doesn't mean he isn't concerned.

The cause of concern is Kansas coach Mark Mangino. Before a twoyear stint at Oklahoma, Mangino spent seven years on Snyder's staff. He brought with him to Kansas a distinct knowledge of Snyder's program and strategies.

That inside information has Snyder

"It's always a concern," Snyder said. 'Sometimes I wish the apples fell further from the tree. There is just an awful lot of things that coaches who spent an awful lot of time here know about us. Whether the knowledge is philosophical or schematic, it puts you in a position where you have to make changes.'

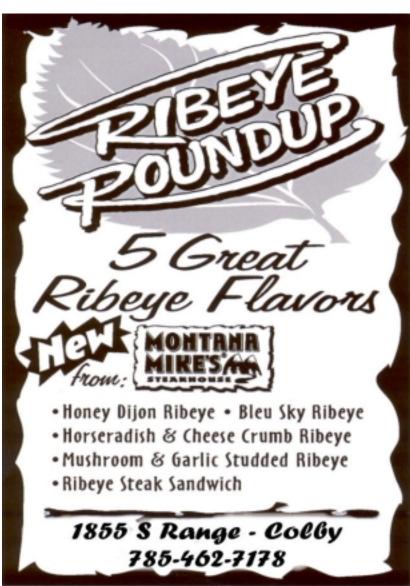
Although Kansas State's players are different than when Mangino coached there and many schemes have changed, Snyder believes Mangino knows his program.

Mangino, however, downplayed his knowledge of Kansas State.

"I've been removed there for several years," Mangino said. "I put eight years of dedicated work there, loyalty to the program. My contribution there right now is miniscule. You couldn't find it with a microscope."

Mangino was the recruiting coordinator at Kansas State from 1991 until he became the running game coordinator in 1997. After being promoted to assistant head coach in 1998, Mangino left with fellow assistant coaches Mike

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP)—Kan-Stoops and Brent Venables to coach at Oklahoma for three years before sas State coach Bill Snyder has a nine- with Bob Stoops at Oklahoma. being hired as Kansas' head coach in game winning streak against Kansas Mangino was an assistant head coach December.



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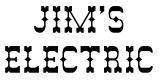
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