

Trojans are set for 'Tip-off Classic'

For the second time in as many years, the Colby Community College Trojan Men's basketball team will open its season at home as the host of the Stephens Construction Tip-Off Classic.

The tournament will have four teams including Sterling College JV, Kansas Wesleyan JV, McCook JC and the hometown Colby Trojans. Thursday's games will be "College Fright Night" as there will be a Halloween Costume Contest for college students. Friday will be Team Poster Night with a team poster given out to the first 250 fans. Grades 2-8 will be featured Saturday night in the "Halloween Hoopla" fun. Kids in grades 2-8 can contact the Colby Recreation Department for

more details on the "Halloween Hoopla" at 462-4440.

The Trojans will play 8:00 pm contests all three nights of the Stephen's Construction Classic. Thursday, Colby will battle Sterling College JV while McCook takes on the Kansas Wesleyan JV. Friday, the Trojans will take on Kansas Wesleyan JV and McCook will play Sterling College JV. Saturday, Colby will face McCook in a local rivalry game. Last season, McCook and Colby split two games with each winning on the opponents home floor. Colby won at McCook 83-79 in overtime, while McCook defeated the Trojans 66-65 at home.

The Trojans have increased their success at the Community Building in

Coach Ostermann's tenure. Colby was 10-4 at home a year ago. Of the four losses, three were by a single point and the fourth was by three points. All Stephen's Construction Tip-Off Classic Games will be played at the Community Building. Here is the line-up of games:

- Thursday, Oct. 31, 6:00 pm McCook vs. Kansas Wesleyan JV
- Thursday, Oct. 31, 8:00 pm Colby vs. Sterling College JV
- Friday, Nov. 1, 6:00 pm McCook vs. Sterling College JV
- Friday, Nov. 1, 8:00 pm Colby vs. Kansas Wesleyan JV
- Saturday, Nov. 2, 6:00 pm Kansas Wesleyan JV vs. Sterling College JV
- Saturday, Nov. 2, 8:00 pm Colby vs.



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The Colby Eagle cross country team got off to a big start last Saturday on its way to winning the regional cross country title at Larned. Front row, left to right, are: Jessica Stephens, Erika Erickson, Jami Williams, Emily Sloan, and Lauren Kaiser. Behind them are Amanda Seemann and Marcia Kaus.

Jayhawk quarterback injured, may miss game against Kansas State on Saturday

LAWRENCE (AP) — With the 100th Sunflower State Showdown just days away, Kansas coach Mark Mangino still isn't sure if he'll have his starting quarterback back from injury in time to play against Kansas State on Saturday.

Bill Whittemore injured his left knee in Kansas' 36-12 loss at Missouri last weekend and remains listed as day to day.

"I wish I could tell you more, but I just don't know," Mangino said Tuesday. "It could go up to game time and I am not going to do that just for flare of dramatics. When we realize there is a chance he could not go, then we are just going to go on about our business."

In nine games this season, the junior college transfer from Fort Scott Community College has thrown for 1,666 yards and 11 touchdowns while rushing for 549 yards and 11 touchdowns.

But after sliding wrong on his left knee, Whittemore was forced to leave the game against the Tigers and sat out the final quarter.

"Any quarterback can go down at any time," said Jonas Weatherbie, who replaced Whittemore in the Missouri game and went 1-of-6 with an interception.

"One, two, and three need to be ready to go at any time."

Weatherbie, the son of former Navy

coach Charlie Weatherbie, and Brian Luke will play if Whittemore cannot.

"Jonas poses a different threat. He can sit in the pocket and become a drop-back passer," Whittemore said. "We have a game plan where that works just as well."

Luke, a redshirt freshman from Walnut Creek, Calif., received medical clearance to play just before the Missouri game after breaking his thumb early in the season.

Zach Dyer, who started the season as the Jayhawks' quarterback before moving to safety, has led the team in tackles in two of the last three games and is not expected to return to his old position.

Eagles returning five runners to State

By DARREL PATTILLO
Colby Free Press

The Colby Lady Eagle cross country team is looking to improve on its ninth-place finish last year at the 4A State cross country meet.

Five Eagle runners are returning

with the team to Wamego on Saturday, after winning the regional race at Larned last Saturday.

Sophomores Lauren Kaiser, Emily Sloan, and Marcia Kaus, and juniors Amanda Seemann and Jami Williams, will be joined by junior Erika Erickson

and freshman Jessica Stephens at the starting line Saturday morning at 10. Jamie Quenzer and Zanae Baird will be with team as alternates, along with Ivy Ramsey, who is recuperating from knee surgery and will be with the team as manager.

Broncos get rid of punter

DENVER (AP) — Addressing some troublesome kicking problems, the Denver Broncos on Tuesday released 10-year veteran punter Tom Rouen and signed punter-kicker Micah Knorr.

The Broncos also released wide receiver Kevin Kasper.

Rouen shanked a punt that traveled only 26 yards in Sunday's 24-16 win over New England, and hit a line-drive kick that was returned 40 yards.

Rouen, who has had two punts blocked this season, has the worst net punting average in the AFC this season (31.7 yards).

Rouen, 34, played 152 games for the Broncos over 10 seasons, the most ever for a Denver punter.

In 1999 he led the NFL in gross punting average (46.5) and ranked among the league's top three punters in four seasons.

Knorr, in his third NFL season, played 37 games as a punter and kick-off specialist for Dallas. He had a net punting average of 33.6 yards for his career before being released Oct. 22.

Knorr also has been a holder on placekicks, a job previously handled by Rouen.

About half of Knorr's kickoffs have gone into the end zone. The last two games, Elam's kickoffs have landed between the 5- and 18-yard lines.

Kasper, who showed promise as a receiver and kick returner since being drafted in 2001, has been plagued by injuries. The Broncos' regular kickoff returner, he was inactive for Sunday's game.

He played in four games this season, only on special teams. He returned 15 kickoffs for a 26.2-yard average, with a long of 56

Driver and one passenger in bus crash remain hospitalized

HAYS (AP) — The driver of a charter bus carrying students from the Kansas School for the Deaf and one of the passengers remained hospitalized in good condition on Tuesday after a fatal crash.

Ronald Zimmerman, 60, of Raytown, Mo., and Tanna Kolb, 15, of Wichita, Kan., were still hospitalized from Sunday's crash, which killed an assistant football coach for the school.

Zimmerman was at a Hays hospital Tuesday, while Kolb was at a Wichita hospital.

Thirty-four people from the Olathe school, including players, coaches and cheerleaders, were aboard the bus when it missed a curve on U.S. 40, went down a grassy embankment and landed upside down at the bottom of a ravine in Wallace County.

Sheriff Larry Townsend said speed did not appear to be a factor in the crash. And Kansas Highway Patrol motor carrier inspector Penny Fryback said Zimmerman appeared to have complied with laws limiting his time behind the wheel.

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Football is on Thursday this week!
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Golden Plains vs. Weskan, 7:30 @ Rexford
Brewster vs. Cheylin, 7:30 @ Bird City

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