

# Trojans have new coach

*Former Wyoming winner takes over Ostermann vacancy*

Colby Community College President Dr. Mikel Ary announced today that Brian Marso has been selected as the new head men's basketball coach.

Marso brings unparalleled success and enthusiasm to the Trojan program.

"The college is very fortunate to hire an outstanding young coach with such impressive credentials," said Ary. "Coach Marso's proven record of success should allow the Trojans to continue their winning record. I encourage Trojan fans to support Brian Marso and the team as wholeheartedly as they have in the recent past."

Marso is leaving an assistant men's position at the University of Montana, where he was serving as recruiting coordinator for head coach Pat Kennedy. Before moving to the Grizzly program, he was head men's basketball coach at Sheridan Junior College in Sheridan, Wyo.

Marso was one of the most successful basketball coaches in the nation while at Sheridan. He won the Wyoming Conference each of his four seasons and won the Region IX tournament in 2001-2002, also advancing to the national tournament in Hutchinson that same season.

Marso was selected as Region IX Coach of the Year three times and finished his career at Sheridan with a 116-17 overall record. Each of his four teams finished the season ranked in the top 20 in the nation. His Sheridan squads were an amazing 56-0 on their home court.

Previous to his success as head men's coach at Sheridan, in 1998-1999 he led the women's team to the NJCAA national finals in Salina. His only women's team also won the Wyoming league title and the Region IX during a 28-10 campaign. He was selected as the Region IX Women's Coach of the Year that season.

## SportsLine

### Lady Eagles' team camp announced

The Colby High School Lady Eagles' basketball team camp swings into action on Monday, July 12. Coach Tom Beckman released the following schedule:

- July 12 — Practice from 7-9:30 a.m.; varsity at the community building and junior varsity at the elementary gym.
- July 13-14 — Travel to McCook for tournament.
- July 15 — Practice at the high school gym.
- July 16 — Team BBQ.

Please call Beckman at 785-687-3785 if you need additional information.

### Remember: Dennen Field is closed

The Dennen Field Complex in Colby is closed until further notice for the track resurfacing project. The school district apologizes for the inconvenience this may cause, but would appreciate the cooperation of the community in helping keep people out of the area until completion. As soon as the project is finished, expected in early August, the public will be notified and the facilities will reopen for public access..

### Weight room open

The summer weight room hours for all Colby School District athletes, 7th through 12th grades, are underway and will continue through Aug. 12 at the high school gym. The room is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, with workout sessions from 6-7:15 a.m., 7:15-8:30 a.m., 8:30-9:45 a.m., and 6:30-7:45 p.m. These sessions will include strength training and also flexibility and agility. Athletes will need to attend one session daily.

## Wark works the mound



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Logan Wark, a member of the Sweet Thunder 12 and Under team, took to the mound last week during the Sweet Thunder's annual summer tournament. The team has a game against Sharon Springs at 6 p.m. on Thursday at the Colby Community College fields.

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## Legion goes 2-3 in Hays tourney

Colby American Legion Baseball  
Hays Wild West Tournament  
July 2-July 4

### Colby 5 Manhattan 4

Colby 1, Dodge City 11

Colby 3, Garden City 9

Colby 0, Hays 8

### Colby 13, Larned 5

The Colby American Legion's weekend at the Hays Wild West Tournament started on a high note and ended on a high note. Colby opened play with a last inning, come from behind victory over Manhattan.

Trailing 4-1 in the bottom of the seventh, Colby staged their best comeback of the season. Brett Wilson started the rally with a base hit that provided Colby with hope. Jordan Cranston followed with another single, advancing Wilson to third. Brian Sulzman then hit a sacrifice fly to center to score Wilson.

Chris Gordon was next, and he proceeded to drill the first offering he saw over the center field fence for a game tying, two-run home run. Josh Houtz continued the rally with the fourth hit of the inning, placing

himself on first. Finally, Bruce Arnberger got his chance and drove a ball over the center fielder's head for a triple, scoring Houtz and finishing the improbable comeback.

Jordan Cranston went 4 for 4 in game one. Jeremy Dietz and Josh Houtz had two hits apiece.

The next three games were not kind to Colby, as they could not come up with the magic they had in game one. Colby could only muster three hits in a loss to Dodge City. Against Garden City, despite a first inning two-run home run by Brian Sulzman, and two hits from Jeremy Dietz, Colby could not stop the Blues' bats from working either.

The fourth game of the tournament against host Hays, also proved problematic. Hays scored five runs in the first, and despite good relief work from Bruce Arnberger, who allowed just one run in four innings on the mound, Colby could not overcome the early deficit.

The last game of the tournament on the Fourth of July made the three previous games worthwhile. Jordan Cranston took the hill Sunday, despite a severely bruised right foot from a collision with the left field

fence Saturday, and guided Colby to victory over Larned.

Cranston threw seven complete, walking just one Larned batter. Cranston also got the win in game one against Manhattan, when he came in relief and pitched to one batter in the top of the seventh to get Colby out of a jam.

Miles Ackerman's two run double in the first, after Chris Gordon's RBI single, gave Colby the early lead. Colby held an 8-5 lead going into the top of the seventh when the floodgates opened. The bases were loaded with two outs, when Bruce Arnberger launched a ball over the outfield for a triple to put the game out of reach. Arnberger went 2 for 4 with a double, a triple, and four RBIs. Chris Gordon had three hits including a triple. He scored four times. Josh Houtz went 2 for 3 with two doubles and two RBIs. Brian Sulzman also added an RBI double.

Colby is now 12-11. Their next action is against Norton this evening at 6 p.m. at the Colby City Fields. Colby faces off against McCook on Friday at 5:30 p.m., also in Colby.

## Rockies post fifth straight win

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Jeromy Burnitz helped end Colorado's bad luck in San Francisco.

Burnitz homered and drove in three runs, including a go-ahead single in the ninth, helping the Rockies overcome a five-run deficit to win their fifth straight, 8-6 over the Giants on Tuesday night.

"We might have reversed the mojo," Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said. "Maybe we found the antidote."

The Rockies took the first two games of a three-game series for just their second series win in the Giants' new ballpark. Colorado lost its nine previous games in San Francisco.

Burnitz singled off Jason Christiansen (1-2) with two outs. Christiansen hit Larry Walker with a pitch and walked Matt Holliday ahead of Burnitz. Charles Johnson added an RBI single.

"I was looking for a pitch to hit

and I missed a couple early in the count," Burnitz said. "Luckily I reached out on a breaking ball and was able to get a nice line drive."

Tim Lincecum (2-1) pitched the eighth. Shawn Chacon pitched the ninth for his 19th save in 25 chances, walking Barry Bonds and Dustan Mohr with one out before A.J. Pierzynski popped up and Marquis Grissom hit a grounder to second to end it.

Burnitz hit a game-tying two-run homer to straightaway center to highlight a five-run rally in the eighth that tied the game at 6. Holliday also drove in two runs and Larry Walker drove in a run in the inning as Giants closer Matt Herges blew his sixth save in 27 chances. All five runs were unearned as a result of shortstop Deivi Cruz dropping Aaron Miles' soft line drive to lead off.

"This is like the other place," Burnitz said, referring to Candlestick Park. "There are strange winds here and you never know on a given night. I hit the ball pretty good and knew it had a chance."

Snow had three hits and drove in three runs and Pierzynski homered for the Giants, who lost their fourth straight.

Giants starter Jason Schmidt allowed one run on one hit over seven innings but was denied his 11th straight win when Herges blew the save.

Schmidt, named to his second straight All-Star team, walked five and struck out 12, one shy of his career high.

"I don't know how to analyze it, I screwed it up," Herges said. "Nobody did anything wrong except for me, and I blew a one-hit gem. It was brutal."

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