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Colby High baseball coach Kevin Cox, second from left, watches his team practice Wednesday. The team, which won 18 games last season, starts play Friday at Plainville.

Lady Trojans sweep Hutchinson

Colby defeated Hutchinson in a doubleheader Wednesday in Colby. Game one, Colby won 3-1. Amanda Bell was the winning pitcher. She gave up four hits and struck out eight in seven innings. Leading hitter for Colby was Erin Throckmorton. She was 1-1 with one run and a RBI. Colby had six hits. Game two, Colby won 3-1. Leading hitters for Colby were

Lindsey Marsh and Heather Ebert. Marsh was 2-3 with a double, run scored and a RBI. Ebert was 2-3 with two doubles and two RBIs. Sheena Hawks had a hit. Team Hits - 6. Winning pitcher was Jere Ebert. "We continue to find ways to win games," said Colby coach Carl Adams. "We didn't hit the ball very well today but we scored runs. Our defense stepped up and our pitchers threw well."

With these two wins Colby's conference record is 6-0 and 22-8 overall. Colby will play Saturday and Sunday in the Johnson County Tournament.

Big inning helps Seward win game two

Colby split a doubleheader with Seward County Wednesday in Colby. Colby won the first game 3-0. Trojan pitcher Adam Skelton pitched the entire game for Colby giving up five hits and striking out four. The Trojan's three runs came in the fifth and sixth inning. Evan Friedland led Colby going 2-3 at the plate and had an RBI. Cory Razczykowski had an RBI as well. Paul Roh, Gary Harley and Brian Sulzman each had a hit. Colby had five hits. Seward had five errors. Colby's five run sixth inning was not enough as Seward won game two 7-5. Seward had four runs in the second inning. Colby starting pitcher Josh Turner was replaced in the second inning by Sean Walter. Walter was replaced two innings later by Mike Schmitt. Turner got the loss. Colby's eight hits were led by

Jason Chatwood and Patrick Farrell, each having two hits. Chatwood hit a double and Farrell had two doubles. Farrell also had two RBIs. The Trojans lost a doubleheader Sunday at Barton County. Barton County won game one 12-2 behind 10 hits. Six of their runs were scored in the sixth inning. Colby used five pitchers in the game. Starter T.R. Keating lasted four innings and got the loss. Six Trojans each had one hit. Chris Gordon and Byron Whitford each had an RBI. Barton County scored two runs in the seventh inning to defeat Colby 7-6 in game two. Colby led 6-5 in the sixth inning. Colby had 12 hits. Roh and Royle Beach led the team. Each had three hits. Roh also had three RBIs. The Trojans left nine on base. Colby plays at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hutchinson.

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MLB to investigate Bonds

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Baseball will investigate alleged steroid use by Barry Bonds and other players, and plans to hire former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell to lead the effort. A baseball official told The Associated Press that final plans were to be announced at a news conference Thursday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because commissioner Bud Selig has not yet made his intentions public. Selig's decision to launch the probe, first reported by ESPN, comes in the wake of "Game of Shadows," a book by two San Francisco Chronicle reporters detailing alleged extensive steroid use by Bonds and other baseball stars. Mitchell, a Maine Democrat and a director of the Boston Red Sox, has been a director of the Florida Marlins and served on an economic study committee that Selig appointed in 1999. ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — NFL owners voted to limit end zone demonstrations and passed other rules and adjustments during the final day of meetings. By a 29-3 vote, celebrations that involve props, anyone going to the ground or groups will now draw a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty. Officials have to warn the player before throwing the flag. Spiking, dunking or spinning the ball after a TD is still allowed. Owners and league officials have had numerous communications from youth football leagues, saying that more and more youngsters were imitating NFL players. And they said a group of players, most of them defenders, who talked to

them last month agreed the demonstrations should be modified. Other notable changes include allowing down by contact calls to be reviewed by replay, prohibiting pass rushers from forcibly hitting a passer at or below the knees, toughening the horse-collar rule and prohibiting defensive players from lining up directly over center on field-goal and extra-point attempts. CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) — The agent for Oakland Raiders wide receiver Randy Moss was arrested last weekend for failing to appear at a hearing stemming from his March 14 arrest on crack cocaine charges.

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Young Colby High baseball team takes the field Friday

By John Van Nostrand
Colby Free Press

Even though Colby High's baseball team has five returning players from last year, time will be needed to develop a solid team. "We are pretty young," said head coach Kevin Cox. "And there is not a lot of pitching depth." The Eagles' season was to begin Tuesday, but last week's snowstorm left the field wet forcing the first games of the season to be rescheduled. The games against Russell and

Scott City were moved to April 17. Colby is scheduled to play 4 p.m. Friday at Plainville. Cox said many practices have been held indoors because of field conditions. But outside or not, he knows work is to be done. Two pitchers from last year's rotation return, Jeremy Dietz and Trent Powell. Cox said those two players were number three and four in the rotation. They will probably move up. "Kevin Lang has been a pleasant surprise," Cox said.

Pitching will be a concern for the team, but Cox likes the Eagles' production at the plate. "We should be able to hit," he said. Cox said Powell is showing promise with his bat as well. Cox said Dietz and catcher Mitch Gales can also hit. Brett Wilson is expected to lead off the Colby lineup. The Eagles finished last year 18-3. Playing as an independent, Cox said Goodland, Ulysses and Hays-Thomas More Prep will be tough opponents.

11 young Colby wrestlers place

Eleven members of the Colby Wrestling Club placed at the State Kansas Kids Wrestling Championships March 25-26 at the Topeka Expo center. 10 and younger: Dustin Reed, 55 pounds, third; Zell Bierberle, 130 pounds, first. 12 and younger: Taylor Moeder, 84 pounds, second. 14 and younger: Seth Dehart, 70 pounds, third; Nathan Reed, 90

pounds, fourth; Tanner Kriss, 160 pounds, first. 16 and younger: Brandon Harlow, 95 pounds, second; Bryan Brewer, 110 pounds, sixth; Brent Luedke, 120 pounds, third; Darren Sporing, 125 pounds, fifth; Nick Kriss, 185 pounds, sixth. Colby Wrestling took 31 youth to the event that had a total of 1,498 wrestlers. Only one other club took more

than Colby. Other wrestlers who competed were: Tate Carney, Conner Edmundson, Austin Hart, Keegan Morgan, Josh Barnhart, Kyle Finley, Quade Woofter, Trek Keck, Dustin Burleigh, Keegan Strange, Konner Kriss, Travis Horinek, Jordan Voss, Ethan Stickel, Breck Arnberger, Dalen Schlageck, Cody Wark, Hunter Olsen, Jaren Flanagan and Taylor Brown.

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