

Luedke earns award

Eric Luedke, a junior and member of the wrestling team at the University of Iowa, earned the team's "Most Improved Wrestler Award."

After joining the varsity lineup in January, he compiled a 23-15 season record and 7-7 dual mark at 165 pounds. He also placed sixth at the Big Ten Championships and eighth at the NCAA meet.



Luedke

Luedke, who wrestled at Colby Community College for two years, also earned team All-American award honors.

He is the son of Brian and Judy Luedke of Colby.



TISHA COX/Colby Free Press

The Colby Lady Trojan softball team surrounds Heather Ebert at home plate after she hit a grand slam Wednesday against Garden City. Ebert finished the game with five RBIs.

Lady Trojans eye championship

The Colby Lady Trojans softball team improved its record to 38-19 with a doubleheader sweep Wednesday over Garden City in Colby.

And a conference championship is looming.

Colby won game one 10-1 in five innings.

Winning pitcher for Colby was Amanda Bell. She allowed one hit and struck out six in a five-inning performance.

Colby had been struggling at the plate recently, but broke out of the slump with 10 hits. Lindsey Marsh led with 3-3, had a RBI and scored two runs. Jere Ebert was also 3-3 and scored two runs. Heather Ebert's lone hit was a grand slam. She had five RBIs.

Colby won game two 1-0.

Jere Ebert continued to dominate the Garden City lineup. She allowed two hits in seven innings. Leading hitter was Heather Ebert

going 2-3 and one RBI. Colby had seven hits.

"We came out of our hitting slump in the first game. We found a way to push one run across the plate and our defense play well enough to secure the win," said Colby coach Carl Adams.

"We host Butler on Saturday for the conference championship. If we sweep Butler we will win the Jayhawk West. If we split Butler will win the West. I think the team have refocused and is ready for the challenge ahead over the next week."

Saturday's games start at 2 p.m.

Region VI Tournament

Colby Community College Softball will host the Region VIDI Softball Tournament, May 5-6 at the College Field.

The Lady Trojans are the top seed with a record of 13-3. Seward County is seeded second.

Garden City needs to win one against Cloud County Saturday to be the third seed. If they lose both games, Barton would be the third seed and Garden City would be

fourth seed.

Friday, May 5

10 a.m., Game #1, 4 seed vs 5 seed

noon, Game #2, 2 seed vs 3 seed

2 p.m., Game #3, 1 seed vs winner #1

4 p.m., Game #4, loser of game 1 vs. loser of game 2

6 p.m., Game #5, winner of game three vs. winner of game 2

Saturday, May 6

10 a.m., Game #6, winner of game 4 vs. loser of game 3

noon, Game #7, loser of game 5 vs. winner of game 6

2 p.m., Game #8, winner of game 7 vs. winner of game 5

4 p.m., Game #9, winner of game 8 vs. loser of game 8, if winner of game 5 has not been defeated.

The winner of Region VIDI softball tournament will host the play-off round best-of-three games against the Region 9 winner from either Colorado or Nebraska to advance to the National tournament May 16-21 in Plant City, Fla.

Earnhardt to honor father

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — One object in any NASCAR driver's rearview mirror that may have appeared closer than it actually was: Dale Earnhardt's black No. 3 Chevrolet.

Especially if "The Intimidator" was gaining.

Gentlemen, start your trembling. There's an Earnhardt back in black.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. will mark his late father's birthday this weekend at Talladega Superspeedway by driving a likeness of the No. 3 car his father made famous.

Junior's trademark red Chevy will be painted predominantly black, with white lettering and silver and red stripes. Junior will still use his No. 8 — his father's No. 3 has not been on the track since his 2001 death.

"The car looks good, it's a cool way to honor my dad," Earnhardt said Tuesday. "It's going to be a lot of fun to be behind the wheel of that car, and see the reaction it gets from other drivers on the track."

The tribute is part of a larger salute at Dale Earnhardt Inc., which is celebrating Earnhardt's Thursday night induction into the Motorsports Hall of Fame, his overall accomplishments at Talladega and his 55th birthday, which would have been Saturday.

All three DEI cars will have the same paint scheme, which Junior views as an appropriate celebration of the seven-time champion. He seemed uncomfortable in February marking the five-year anniversary of his father's death, but birthdays bring happier memories.

"His birthday is something I do enjoy pointing out or celebrating or recognizing because that was always a lot of fun with him," Junior said. "When he was getting a little older we was always thinking about what his real age was. There's some things that come and go without a blink of an eye. But there are other things that come and go that you want to point out and you want to recognize and you do appreciate."

Junior's car will be the most dramatic of the three DEI entries. After all, it's at Talladega and Daytona — the two biggest and fastest tracks in NASCAR — where Junior bears the closest resemblance to his father.

Dale Earnhardt was the greatest at restrictor-plate racing, especially at Talladega, where he scored 10 wins and notched the 76th and final victory of his career in October 2000.

Junior inherited the skill required to work the draft. He has five victories at Talladega and two at Daytona.

SportsBriefs

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans will take Southern Cal running back Reggie Bush or North Carolina State defensive end Mario Williams with the first pick in Saturday's draft, general manager Charley Casserly said.

The Texans dashed the hopes of University of Texas fans who have been clamoring for the team to pick Vince Young, a Houston native who led the Longhorns to a Rose Bowl victory over Bush and USC.

Casserly said that part of their decision-making process involved contacting other teams to see if there was any interest in trading for their pick.

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Green Bay Packers made their first major splash in the free-agent market this offseason, agreeing to terms with defensive back Charles Woodson.

Woodson's agent, Kevin Poston, said the Packers agreed to a seven-year deal for \$52.7 million, including \$10.5 million in the first year of the contract.

NEW YORK (AP) — Bryant Gumbel, whose last play-by-play assignment was high school games more than 30 years ago, will call the NFL Network's eight regular-season NFL games this season along with analyst Cris Collinsworth.

The NFL Network will carry eight games this season on Thursday and Saturday nights, beginning on Thanksgiving. Gumbel will do all eight, while Collinsworth will be the analyst on the five Thursday night games.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings released running back Onterio Smith after he was suspended by the NFL for the entire 2005 season for a substance abuse violation.

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Lions signed unrestricted free agent Tyoka Jackson to a two-year deal and re-signed restricted free agents Casey FitzSimmons and Cory Redding to one-year deals.

BASEBALL

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The Minnesota House gave the Twins stadium hopes a big lift, voting 76-55 in favor of an open-air ballpark that would be paid for mostly by taxpayers.

The focus now shifts to the state Senate, where the proposed increase in the county's sales tax could run into some early trouble. The Senate Taxes Committee, headed by a lawmaker opposed to the plan, will begin its deliberations on Thursday.

The downtown Minneapolis stadium project would cost \$522 million — three-fourths from a higher Hennepin County sales tax — and would allow the Twins to leave the Metrodome, their home since 1982.

NEW YORK (AP) — Jorge Cantu was placed on the 15-day disabled list, leaving the Tampa Bay Devil Rays without three-quarters of their starting infield.

PRO BASKETBALL

PHOENIX (AP) — Steve Nash will be named the NBA's most valuable player for the second year in a row, The Arizona Republic reported.

Eagles Schedule

Colby High School sports schedule for today through Monday.

Softball: 3 p.m., today, vs. Lakin, Scott City.

Baseball: 4 p.m., today, vs. Lakin. Track: 3 p.m., Friday, at Goodland.

Tennis: today, vs. Hoisington at Great Bend; 9 a.m. Saturday, Colby Invitational; junior varsity singles at Russell was rescheduled to Monday.

Golf: 9 a.m. Saturday, at Atwood; the April 25th match at Hoxie was postponed and has not yet been rescheduled.

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~ League Bowling Results ~

April 18 - Early Bird Ladies League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
Jean's Rollers	33.5	18.5	1
www.strike	31	21	2
4 4 Fun	29.5	22.5	3
NW Vacuum	24	28	4
Bowlerettes	23	29	5
Van's Merry Four	15	37	6
First high Individual game:Liz Sweat, 202			
First high Individual series: Kathy Arensdorf, 503			

April 24 - First Nighters League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
Frontier Equity	159	93	1
Montana Mikes	154	98	2
Schlick Construction	138	114	3
XStrikers	135	117	4
Grinnell Furniture	134	118	5
C.C.C. Boys	115	137	6
Colby Implement	114	132	7
Warrior Hunting Supply	109	143	8
Woolter Well & Pump	102	150	9
Discount Repair of Oakley	98	154	10
First high Men Individual game: Doug Beckman, 269			
First high Men Individual series: Doug Beckman, 661			
First high Women Individual game: Kelly Lee, 189			
First high Women Individual series: Kelly Lee, 489			

April 19 - Powderpuff League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
Service Oil	38	22	1
Weiser	30	30	2
Farm Credit	30	30	3
Golden Harvest Seed	22	38	4
First high Individual game: Monica Miller, 204			
First high Individual series: Kelly Horinek, 502			

April 18 - Pinbusters League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
Colby Automotive	237	99	1
Colby Bowl	193	143	2
Twisters	189	147	3
Mufflers Plus	176	160	4
Donelan Jewelry	156	180	5


April 19 - King Pin League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
Colby Automotive	178	116	1
Colby Bowl & Fun Center	164	130	2
Orschlens	161	133	3
Warks Embroidery	154	140	4
5 Pony Men	132	162	5
Thunderballs	129	135	6
www.visitcolby.com	125	169	7
T - J's Tire	119	175	8
First high Individual game:Vern Schwanke, 276			
First high Individual series: Vern Schwanke, 693			

April 19 - Ladies Nite Out			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
Strike-Outs	37	23	1
Lobo Liquor	36	24	2
Don's Electric	34	26	3
Bottle Gallery	32	28	4
Who-No's?	32	28	5
Sunflower Bank	30	30	6
Straightline	28	32	7
Camouflage Lawn Care	28	32	8
Twisters	24	36	9
First high Individual game: Robin Schwanke, 189			
First high Individual series: Lola Liester, 509			

April 21 - Ten Pin League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
Classic Trojans	19	5	1
Hurt Enterprises	17	7	2
Colby Bowl	16	8	3
Cal Williams	9	15	4
Satan Haters	9	15	5
Comfort Inn	9	15	6
KNEA/S.P.	9	15	7
First high Individual game: Monica Miller, 242			
First high Individual series: Monica Miller, 563			

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