



NICK HOWARD/Colby Free Press
Colby High football player Dagen Wright listened to assistant coach Brad Wildeman during a practice this week. Head coach Bob Ray is holding a seminar 7 p.m. Friday at the high school to inform parents of players of the fundamentals of football and how his program will operate.

Moms asked to huddle with football coaches

By John Van Nostrand
Colby Free Press

“Why does my son run that way?”

“That tackle looked like it hurt, but my kid got up and looked fine.”

Those may be two of the things said during the Moms’ 101 class about Colby High School football 7 p.m. Friday at the high school auditorium. Parents of all high school players are welcome.

New head coach Bob Ray said the seminar will be for moms, and parents, to better understand the game of football and to improve communication between coaches, players and parents.

“I don’t want parents of players to be intimidated,” Ray said. “They need to know what is going on.”

Ray wants parents to know what their children will be up to on game days during the season.

“A lot of moms don’t know,” he said.

Ray will explain the fundamentals of offense, defense and special teams — three aspects of playing football. To emphasize his comments, Ray plans showing video

clips during the presentation.

“When a player lines up on the rush end, parents will know what he is supposed to do,” Ray said.

Upperclassmen will also use the workshop to tell freshman about the details and expectations of playing football.

Ray said the workshop will include the team’s safety measures. Football is a physically rough game

to play. Ray said parents will be informed how players are coached to properly tackle an opponent, although momentum and incidental contact can misdirect players.

“We want parents to know safety is important when playing football,” he said. “We had a real good response when I did it at Missouri Southern. Some parents said ‘Thanks for doing that.’”

Before Colby, he was an assistant coach at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Mo. He coached wide receivers, running backs and defense line during those years.

Ray plans on having the workshop every year.

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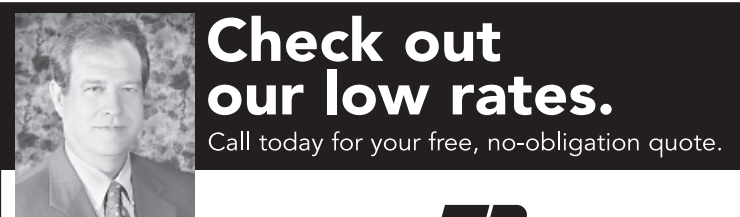
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