

Practice makes perfect



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press

Senior Brent Arnberger played first base while freshman Caleb Carter stood on the bag at the Colby High Eagles' baseball team's practice on Thursday afternoon. The Eagles will face Ulysses in a double header at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesday at the Colby Recreation Fields.

Trojans players to coach youngsters

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Students from area elementary and middle schools will be competing in the fourth annual Mini-March Madness basketball fund raiser tonight at the grade and middle school gyms.

The tournament is a fund raiser for the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce said Executive Director Holly Stephens. The chamber will also be sponsoring the event.

Players must be in second through fifth grade to participate, Stephens said. About 132 kids will be playing, coached by college players and community members, she said.

The Trojans players and coaches who will coach tonight's event include Shane Stover, Colby Community College assistant basketball coach, sophomores Erick Peguero and Anthony Rohr, freshmen Shamar "Hops" Acuay, Aireus Stephenson, Ethan Stover, Kory Slaughter, Trevor Siebert, Marcel Lewis, David Dixon and Derrick Thomas; Lady Trojan's Basketball Coach Brady Jasper,

freshmen Danisha Cole, Jasmine Gardner, Tasha Wagoner and Jaclyn Marshall and sophomore Jamie Alexander. Community members who will be coaching include Jeremy Quint, Stacy Lee, T.J. Preston and Jarod Johnson.

The coaches will teach basketball skills at a mini-basketball clinic from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

After the clinic, fans will be treated to a slam dunk contest featuring freshman sensation Acuay, sophomore Peguero and Lewis.

Fans who followed the Trojans basketball team this season got watch to Acuay's otherworldly, gravity-defying leaps and awe-inspiring athleticism.

The kids will start playing at both gyms at 6 p.m.; each game will last a half hour, and the last games of the night will start at 8:30.

Adults will pay \$3 to watch the games, students can get in for \$1 and children under 5 will get in for free.

There will be a concession stand offering chili, walking tacos, hot dogs and other items.

Parents and others with an interest will be allowed into the gyms at 5 p.m.

Broncos player heads to Bears

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Jay Cutler got his wish Thursday: a ticket out of Denver. And the Chicago Bears have a franchise quarterback for the first time in decades.

The Broncos on Thursday traded their disgruntled Pro Bowl passer to the Bears.

The Broncos get quarterback Kyle Orton in return, along with two first-round draft picks and a third-rounder.

The Broncos get the Bears' top pick in this year's draft, which is No. 18 overall, and Chicago's first-round draft pick in 2010, along with a third-round selection this year (No. 84 overall). Denver also gave up a fifth-rounder this year.

Calls to Cutler's agent, Bus Cook, went unanswered. His office in Hattiesburg, Miss., was closed because of bad weather and his home phone had a message asking callers to call back later. An e-mail sent by The Associated Press wasn't returned.

Cutler asked for a trade last month after his relationship with Josh McDaniels soured when the new 32-year-old coach talked to other teams about trading him. Cutler and his agent didn't think McDaniels was upfront with them about the trade talks.

Two meetings designed to clear the air only raised Cutler's level of distrust. Still, McDaniels insisted over and over that Cutler was his guy and he said at last week's NFL owners meetings that he would do everything he could to repair their relationship.

When the rocket-armed but thin-skinned passer didn't return the Broncos' phone calls, however, team owner Pat Bowlen said enough was enough. On Tuesday night, he announced he had given his new brain trust of McDaniels and general manager Brian Xanders the go-ahead to seek a trade for the quarterback who made the Pro Bowl in just his second season as a starter.

Now, the Bears have a top quarterback, albeit one with baggage.

"I don't have any concerns," Bears general manager Jerry Angelo said. "(Coach Lovie Smith) and I talked about that. We did, like a lot of people who were interested in Jay, a lot of work going back to not just when he was with Denver (but) but going back to his days at Vanderbilt."

Angelo said area scout Rex Hogan lives in the Nashville area and developed a "great rapport" with Cutler coming out of Vanderbilt in 2006.

"We felt that (Cutler) is a very

good person, a good leader," Angelo said. "He had some things that happened in Denver. We recognized those, but we treated them as just speed bumps, part of the growing process. He's highly competitive, he's highly emotional. That just comes with the territory."

Although Cutler is 17-20 as a starter, he's been victimized by dismal defenses in Denver, and he was an impressive 13-1 when the Broncos held opponents to 21 points or fewer.

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~ League Bowling Results ~

March 24, 2009- Pinbusters League				March 27, 2009 - Ten Pin League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place	Team	Won	Lost	Place
Colby Bowl	150	102	1	Minds In The Gutter	35	13	1
Al's Painting	139	113	2	Cal Williams	32	16	2
Roommasters	126	126	3	Colby Bowl	29	19	3
Colby Automotive	105	128	4	Farm Credit	19	29	4
Subway	124	129	5	Once Upon a Sign	16	32	5
Cummins Central Power	123	132	6	First high individual game : Kelly Horinek, 244			
Bargos	118	134	7	First high individual series: Kelly Horinek, 653			
Corona Kids	108	144	8				
First high individual game: Vernon Schwanke, 253							
First high individual series: Alan Focke, 664							
March 30, 2009 - First Nighters League				March 24, 2009 - Early Bird Ladies League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place	Team	Won	Lost	Place
Woolter Pump & Well	157	95	1	www.strike	31	21	1
Parking Lot Maintenance	156	96	2	NW Vacuum	29	23	2
Discount Repair of Oakley	152	100	3	Van's Merry Four	23.5	28.5	3
Sparky's Firework	145	107	4	Bowlerettes	20.5	31.5	4
Kansas QuickLube	140	112	5	First high individual game: Dee Hovda, 258			
Grinnell Furniture	131	121	6	First high individual series: Dee Hovda, 630			
Frontier Ag Inc.	118	134	7				
NW Refrigeration	116	136	8				
Wild Ride	111	141	9				
McKee	109	143	10				
Pepsi	107	145	11				
First high Men Individual game: Ken Brewer, 257							
First high Men Individual series: Ken Brewer, 677							
March 26, 2009 - King Pin League				March 15, 2009 - King and Queen non-smoking			
Team	Won	Lost	Place	Team	Won	Lost	Place
Balls Deep	87	39	1	Schissler-Koehn	32	20	1
Colby Automotive	77	49	2	Swartz-Barnett	30	22	2
Orschelns	70	56	3	Renner-Schwanke	29	23	3
Colby Bowl & Fun Center	70	56	4	Kreutzer-Garrett-Stasser	29	23	4
T.J. Tire	70	56	5	Barton-Reeh	29	23	5
5 Pony Men	70	56	6	Norman-Mackley	25	27	6
www.visitcolby.com	66	60	7	Cook-Dennis	17	35	7
Morgan Construction	63	63	8	Pancake-Heartman-Lee	16	36	8
FireXrikers	33	93	9	First high Men Individual game: Gary Pancake, 197			
First high Individual game: Ralph Wolf, 278				First high Men individual series: Charles Schwanke, 565			
First high Individual series: Brent Menges, 731				First high Women individual game: Deb Norman, 181			
				First high Women individual series: Deb Norman, 509			
March 25, 2009 - Ladies Nite Out League				March 22, 2009 - King and Queen smoking			
Team	Won	Lost	Place	Team	Won	Lost	Place
Golden Harvest Seeds	12	0	1	Huff-Waddington	35.5	24.5	1
Service Oil	9	3	2	Phillips-Carmen	35	25	2
Citizens Medical Center	8	4	3	Schmidtberger-Benson	31	29	3
Twisters II	6	6	4	Barnett-Schroeder	29	31	4
Strike-Outs	5	7	5	Skolout-Wagoner	27.5	32.5	5
Staightline	5	7	6	Pancake-Heartman	22	38	6
Bop Shop Betties	5	7	7	First high Men Individual game: BJ Wagoner, 268			
Don's Electric	4	8	8	First high Men individual series: Larry Waddington, 652			
Twisters	3	9	9	First high Women individual game: Tohnna Benson, 206			
Super 8 Motel	3	9	10	First high Women individual series: Jennifer Phillips, 563			
First high Individual game: Jody Tubbs, 253							
First high Individual series: Kelly Horinek, 638							

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