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Senior Brent Arnberger made a diving catch in the outfield during the Colby High varsity baseball team's practice on Wednesday at Young Memorial Field.

Eagles break school record in home runs during wins

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Senior Eric Blanton and Levi Schlick of the Colby High varsity baseball team both broke the all-time school records for home runs in a season during a doubleheader at Liberal on Monday. Both athletes have six homers this season. Blanton hammered a three-run home run in the top of the seventh inning to lead the Eagles to a 16-15 victory in a road game at Liberal in the first half of a doubleheader on Monday. The Eagles went on to crush the Redskins 16-0 in game two. It was Blanton's second three-run homer of the game. The Eagles used 5 pitchers in the contest,

including seniors Stephen Dinkel, Cade Carter and Schlick and juniors Preston Krzycki and Brandon Rasmussen. Dinkel started the game for Colby. After pitching an inning in the first game, Schlick would go on to pitch three innings in game two. Schlick also slammed a two-run home run in the fifth inning of the first game to break the school record. After narrowly escaping the first game with a victory, the Eagles went on to crush Liberal in the second game. They compiled 9 runs in the first inning and scored five more in the second to take a 14-0 lead going into the third. They increased their lead to 16-0 in the top of the third and Schlick pitched a scoreless bottom half of

the inning to give Colby an easy win. The game ended in the third inning because the league has a 15-run limit rule. The rule states that if a team leads by 15 or more points after 3 innings it is declared the winner. Blanton hit his third three-run home run of the day and his sixth home run of the season in the second game, tying Schlick for the school record. Senior Corey Sager belted a solo home run in the game. With the win, the team improved its record to 14-1. The boys will play Hays High School at 7 p.m. tonight in the Hays tournament. They will play Salina Central at 7 p.m. on Friday in the tournament.

Colorado Rockies slugger has big game in 11-1 victory

DENVER (AP) — Todd Helton season was cut short last year by a bad back. Now that he's healthy, the Rockies slugger is returning to his All-Star form. Helton homered and had three hits, Matt Murton hit his first home run of the year and Yorvit Torrealba homered and drove in two runs and the Colorado Rockies beat the San Francisco Giants 11-1 on Wednesday night. Helton is hitting .529 over his last nine games and is now 11 hits shy of the mark. Helton's back, which required offseason surgery, limited him to a career-low 83 games. He's feeling healthy now and since going hitless against the Dodgers on April 25 he is 18-for-34 with two home runs. "It's still a battle," he said. "It's still going up there and trying to find it every day and making adjustments. It's not easy. I haven't driven the ball like I like but I've been able to get the bat on the ball and find some holes."

In the seventh inning Helton battled reliever Osiris Matos in a 14-pitch at-bat before hitting his third home run of the season into the right-field bleachers to give Colorado an 8-0 lead. Helton's three-hit effort backed a strong outing from starter Ubaldo Jimenez, who went seven innings to get his first win in a month. Randy Johnson (2-3), in search of his 298th career win, was roughed up for seven runs and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings. He didn't strike out a batter in the game for the first time since Aug. 4, 2006, when he was pitching with the Yankees. It's only the fifth time that the left-hander hasn't gotten a K in a start since 1999. "I'm not too worried about strikeouts," he said. "It is a sign something is wrong? No. By no means." Johnson didn't allow a hit in the first three innings before the Rockies got to him. He retired the first six batters before Torrealba and Clint Barnes led off the bottom of the third with

a pair of walks. Jimenez sacrificed the runners ahead and Dexter Fowler drove in Torrealba with a sacrifice fly to center to make it 1-0.

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College seeks replacement for men's basketball coach

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Colby Community College is looking for for men's basketball coach after the college board voted 4-1 last month to terminate the contract of John Woods, and also needs a new men's cross country coach. "We've had some coaches contact us about applying for the (basketball) job," said Deb Schwanke, public information director at the college. At a special meeting April 20, the board gave five reasons not to renew Woods' contract, saying he had:

- Been ineffective as leader of the team.
- Failed to achieve success in the basketball program, as evidenced by his win-loss record.

Woods was 32-89 in his four years

as head coach of the Trojan's basketball team.

- Been unable to positively affect the attitude and morale of the team.
- Been unable to foster a good work environment with his assistant.
- Failed to honor a commitment to the board last year that he would resign if he couldn't achieve success.

President Lynn Kreider said that at a meeting last March, Woods told the board, "If I can't win, it would be time to move on." At the 2008 meeting Woods said, "I think I've done a good job teaching, but that is one my duties. I have to teach classes. I get to teach basketball. I wouldn't stay in Colby just to collect a paycheck. I have other talents, and it would be time to move on." Contacted later, and asked if he had any plans, Woods said he

didn't want to comment. Woods came to Colby in 2004 from Western Wyoming Community College, where he had been head coach since 1998. Woods served as assistant coach in Colby in the 2004-2005 season before becoming the head coach in his second year. At a meeting April 29, the board unanimously voted to not renew the contract for men's cross country Coach Lige Stewardson. She has also been suspended with pay until her contract expires on June 30. In an interview, Kreider said she was fired because of failure to follow Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference league rules and numerous management problems. He said one rule she broke was letting an ineligible runner compete at two meets.

Senior Colby tennis player goes 3-0 at home invitational

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The Colby High tennis team finished second in its home tournament, the Colby Invitational, on a rainy, drizzly Saturday morning at Fike Park and at the tennis courts on the Colby Community College campus. Senior Jeremy Harter finished third in No. 1 singles with a 2-2 record. He defeated Spencer Hess of Hays 6-5 and Trego County's Brandon Katt 6-5. He was shut out by Rogelio Alvarez of Liberal 6-0 and he fell to Katt 6-3. Senior Jared Bixenman placed first in No. 2 singles, going 3-0. He shut out Andrew Kroll of Hays 6-0, crushed Russell's Kale Morris 6-1 and

pounded Shane Pfeifer of Trego 6-2. Senior Jordan Hockersmith and freshman Justin Slavens went 3-1 in No. 1 doubles to finish in second place. The duo defeated Flax and Satran of Trego County 6-3, Scott City's Janssen and Matt Noll 6-2 and Voulene and Killian of Russell 6-1. The pair's only loss was to Liberal's Ladon Harp and Aaron Shaffer, who shut them out 6-0. The No. 2 doubles team of sophomores Jaeger Thompson and Brock Roemer went 0-2. They fell to Sherwood and Olson of Trego County 6-4 and McClung and McClung of Hays 6-2. Senior Sam Matzek and junior Gray Henry didn't compete in the meet due to commitments to other obligations. The Eagles were to play in the regional tournament at 10 a.m. today at Ulysses.



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