

Ready to smash it



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Colby High School junior Lauren Shoaff got ready serve at tennis practice on Thursday evening.

Cross Country squad to take on Garden City

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New Colby Community College mens cross country coach James Ortiz and his team will be taking on Garden City today at the Colby Invite at 7:30 p.m. on campus. The women's cross country teams from the respective schools will be running before the men at 7 p.m.

The members of each team team will do a three mile run as opposed to the traditional five mile run.

Ortiz was hired in July after Lige Stewardson's contract was not renewed by the college after it expired on June 30, said Debbie Schwanke, public information director at the college. He left his job as coach of the University of the Southwest, a Christian college and member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics

that is located in Hobbs, N.M., to come to Colby. He was able to get three runners from his old school to come with him.

Luis Pena, Nico Barrea and Anthony Luna all transferred from the Mustangs to come run for the Trojans. Ortiz said Pena and Barrea will be red-shirted this season. He said Luna will also be red-shirted, but he will be running in the National Junior College Athletic Association 1/2 marathon at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21 in Overland Park, Kan.

Pena was a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national qualifier last season and Barrea was a 5A state champ in the two mile run, said Ortiz. He said he was counting on his transfers to play a leadership role on the team because they were already used to his program. He

also said the transfers help returning sophomore Albert Mon'gony because now he has people he can run with.

"Albert is excited," said Ortiz. "Last year he trained a lot on his own because no one was at his level."

The other two sophomores on this year's team are Lendon Hartshorn and Ryan Baalman. Ortiz said Baalman had done a good job of helping him get settled in Colby.

The men's team has eight true freshman competing this season including Trey Dunsirn, Daniel Avalo, Garrett Jones, Freddy Arellano, Jacob Plata, David White-man Robert Robledo and Wesley Toews.

Ortiz said four or five of his freshman capable of being among his squad's top five runners.

Royals overpower Mariners

SEATTLE (AP) — Yuniesky Betancourt's homer Thursday night was special. After all, it came against the Mariners.

Betancourt hit one of the Royals' four home runs in his return to Seattle after a July 10 trade, and Kansas City powered past the Mariners 8-4.

Pena, Alberto Callaspo and David DeJesus also homered for the Royals in their first four-homer game this season. The last time they hit four was May 23, 2007,

against Cleveland. It was enough support for Kyle

Davies (5-9), who went six innings to earn the victory.

Broncos wide receiver gets suspended by team

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Pro Bowl receiver Brandon Marshall, openly unhappy with the Denver Broncos, was suspended by the team Friday for unspecified "detrimental" conduct. The club did not say in its 15-word statement how long the suspension would last.

contract or trade and has acknowledged he hasn't learned new coach Josh McDaniels' playbook. He was held out of last Sunday's preseason game at Seattle.

During Wednesday's warmups, Marshall walked while the rest of the team ran.

He punted a ball away instead of handing it to a ball boy.

Marshall has asked for a new

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