



Assistant Coach Dean Anderson watched while Paul Schiferl drives inside against Wyatt Binder during the Colby High School boy's basketball practice this week.

Eagles looking good with new coach, players

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No one knows what to expect from this year's Colby High boys varsity basketball team.

The Eagles will have a new coach and five new starters. Last year's starting five graduated last spring and Coach Beau Sheets resigned last summer after accepting a coaching job in Wyoming.

First-year coach Jon McKee said the team has been working on its post-up game and defensive intensity in practice. He said he still hadn't decided who his starters will be.

Colby will be mixing thing up on offense, he said, running both a freelance offense and a structured offense.

"We are going to try to create mismatches," he said.

The Eagles' offense main focus will be getting the ball inside, McKee said. He said this means they will have to get the ball to their post players or have Colby's guards penetrate down the middle.

Senior Ryley Haas and junior Corbin Stephens are the only players who saw much varsity action last season.

The Eagles have several players who can knock down jumpers other than Haas and Stephens, including senior Brock Wagoner, junior Kale Arberger, senior Braden McKee (Jon's son) and junior Andrew Ketchum.

The post players this season will be junior Spencer Tubbs, McKee and sophomore Braden Sager. Coach McKee said his son could play both guard and forward.

This year's team has several players who can handle the ball and penetrate, the coach said.

"I'm pretty impressed with their ability to get to the rim," he said. "We're going to push the ball as fast as we can as much as you can."

The team will open its season against Riley County High at 5:45 p.m. Thursday at Hays High School in the first round of the Hays City Shoot Out. The tournament will run through next Saturday, Dec. 5. Colby will play one game each day.

Players rally behind embattled coach

LAWRENCE (AP) — Two players defended embattled Kansas coach Mark Mangino on Tuesday as an internal investigation into claims that he mistreated his team entered its second week.

"We look to him to see how he reacts, and the way he's handled everything has been an inspiration to us," said safety Darrell Stuckey. "To see him go out there and be mentally tough — everything he's preached to us about being mentally tough, to see him live it out, means a lot."

The probe was announced a week ago after athletic director Lew Perkins met with the team without Mangino and said he would look into the allegations. No one has accused Mangino of physical abuse; the complaints center on things he allegedly said

in the heat of discussion during games or practice.

Wide receiver Kerry Meier said he and some other players have been interviewed in connection with the probe. He said he gave his coach his full support.

"College football is a tough game and everything that comes with it is tough as well," Meier said. "If you're going to try to get something done, a lot of times you're going to have to raise your voice and say some things to get people moving."

For his part, Mangino vowed to keep his focus on Saturday's regular-season finale against archrival Missouri in Kansas City.

"I'm coaching. And I'm focused and I'm still standing and I'm going to keep going because I believe in what we're doing," he

said at a news conference.

The controversy erupted last Monday following the Jayhawks' fifth straight loss. Kansas (5-6, 1-6) can become bowl-eligible with a victory over Missouri.

Mangino dismissed any suggestion that he might be coaching his final game.



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College equestrian team scores high at Nebraska

The Colby Community College Equestrian Team riders competed 15 three western shows at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln on Nov. 14 and 15.

The team, coached by Shanda Mattix, took honors for high-point team during the second show and finished third the first show. The team won high-point again on Sunday.

Team members and placings:

Show 1
Open Reining — Stephanie Melhus, Scandia, second.
Open Horsemanship — Melhus, fifth.
Advanced Horsemanship — Elizabeth Kennedy, Topeka, fifth; Rachael Kruse, Ellsworth, second.
Novice Horsemanship — Neil Melton, Courtland, third.
Intermediate 2 Horsemanship — Jessica Eshbaugh, Phillipsburg, Reserve; Kelly Coen, Colby, Reserve (second place in equestrian competition); Lynnsey Heimer, Assaria, fifth; April Smith, Sharon Springs, sixth.
Intermediate 1 Horsemanship — Jennifer Malcom, Wichita, Reserve; Curtis Korthanke, Colby, fifth; Megan Sitz, Holton, sixth; Chelsey Darrow, Leavenworth, fourth.
Beginner Walk Trot Horsemanship — Rebecca Sanner, Blue Rapids, second; Audra Welty, Wichita, first; Anna Schurter, Wichita, third; Melissa Vogt,

Norton, fourth.

Show 2

Open Reining — Melhus, second.
Open Horsemanship — Melhus, second.
Advanced Horsemanship — Kennedy, first; Kruse, first.
Novice Horsemanship — Melton, second.
Intermediate 2 Horsemanship — Justyna Price, Mullinville, sixth; Eshbaugh first; Smith, fifth; Heimer, third.
Intermediate 1 — Malcom, third; Kayla Cook, Norton, fifth; Misty Lethcho, Fontana, sixth Korthanke, Reserve.
Beginner Walk Trot Horsemanship — Sanner, first; Schurter, second; Vogt, sixth; Welty, first.

Show 3

Open Reining — Melhus, third.
Open Horsemanship — Melhus, fifth.
Advanced Horsemanship — Kruse, third; Kennedy,, third.
Novice Horsemanship — Melton, third.
Intermediate 2 Horsemanship — Coen, fifth; Heimer, fifth; Price, fifth.
Intermediate 1 Horsemanship — Chelsey Darrow, Leavenworth, third; Lethcho, fifth; Cook, sixth; Sitz, first.
Beginner — Schurter, second; Welty, Reserve; Sanner, second; Vogt, fourth.

Broncos snap losing streak

DENVER (AP) — Josh McDaniels is an emotional coach who stocked his roster with passionate players.

All of them were on full display on Thanksgiving night in the Denver Broncos' R-rated 26-6 victory over the New York Giants.

Brian Dawkins' inspired play led a Denver defensive revival and the offense did its part by controlling the clock and in a slump-busting win.

The NFL Network joined the fray by accidentally airing a clip of McDaniels cursing at his players after they committed three false starts and dropped a pass in a five-play sequence that really got his blood boiling.

"No — not our coach!" tight end Tony Scheffler retorted in mock surprise.

While the Broncos (7-4) still aren't effective enough in the red zone and draw too many yellow flags for McDaniels' taste, their month of misery is over.

Kyle Orton drove them on six scoring drives, Matt Prater kicked four field goals and Dawkins led a ferocious defense 48 hours after calling a players-only meeting that obviously struck a chord.

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| November 11, 2009 - Pinbusters League | | | | November 18, 2009 - Ladies Nite Out League | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|--|------|------|-------|
| Team | Won | Lost | Place | Team | Won | Lost | Place |
| Bargos | 118 | 42 | 1 | Swartz Veterinary Clinic | 11 | 1 | 1 |
| Colby Automotive | 112 | 48 | 2 | Twisters | 10 | 2 | 2 |
| Subway | 104.5 | 55.5 | 3 | Susies's Circus | 9 | 3 | 3 |
| Al's Painting | 81.5 | 78.5 | 4 | Bop Shop Betties | 8.5 | 3.5 | 4 |
| Colby Bowl | 58 | 102 | 6 | Don's Electric | 7.5 | 4.5 | 5 |
| Cummins Central Power | 57 | 103 | 7 | Service Oil | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Corona Kids | 52 | 108 | 8 | Straightline | 6 | 6 | 7 |
| Roommasters | 51 | 89 | 9 | Twisters II | 6 | 6 | 8 |
| First high Individual game: Brent Menges, 260 | | | | Strike-Outs | 6 | 6 | 9 |
| First high Individual series: Brent Menges, 698 | | | | Minds in the Gutter | 3 | 9 | 10 |
| | | | | Assist-Ur-Sale | 1 | 11 | 11 |
| | | | | First high Individual game: Monica Miller, 211 | | | |
| | | | | First high Individual series: Alberta Cameron, 539 | | | |
| November 16, 2009 - First Nighters League | | | | November 20, 2009 - Ten Pin League | | | |
| Team | Won | Lost | Place | Team | Won | Lost | Place |
| Woolter Well & Pump | 96.5 | 23.5 | 1 | Once Upon a Sign | 26.5 | 17.5 | 1 |
| Sparky's Firework | 96 | 24 | 2 | Colby Bowl | 22 | 22 | 2 |
| Wild Ride | 85 | 35 | 3 | Cal William | 20.5 | 23.5 | 3 |
| Pepsi | 63 | 58 | 4 | First high Individual game: Alberta Cameron, 220 | | | |
| Kansas Quicklube | 63 | 57 | 5 | First high Individual series: Alberta Cameron, 542 | | | |
| McKee | 56.5 | 63.5 | 6 | | | | |
| Frontier Ag Inc. | 51 | 49 | 7 | November 17, 2009 - Early Bird Ladies League | | | |
| Parking Lot Maintenance | 50 | 70 | 8 | Team | Won | Lost | Place |
| NW Refrigeration | 50 | 70 | 9 | www.strike | 28.5 | 15.5 | 1 |
| Grinnell Furniture | 41.5 | 78.5 | 10 | Bowlerettes | 25 | 19 | 2 |
| Discount Repair of | 40.5 | 79.5 | 11 | Van's Merry Four | 23 | 19 | 3 |
| Fire Xtrikers | 12 | 88 | 12 | NW Vacuum | 11.5 | 32.5 | 4 |
| First high Men Individual game: Barry Lucas, 255 | | | | First high Individual game: Dee Hovda, 218 | | | |
| First high Men Individual series: Terry Overton, 663 | | | | First high Individual series: Dee Hovda, 572 | | | |
| November 19, 2009 - King Pin League | | | | November 22, 2009 - King and Queen non-smoking | | | |
| Team | Won | Lost | Place | Team | Won | Lost | Place |
| T.J. Tire | 123.5 | 76.5 | 1 | Benson-Schmidtbe | 19 | 5 | 1 |
| www.visitcolby.com | 117 | 83 | 2 | Norman-Mackley | 19 | 5 | 2 |
| Kurts Pro | 101 | 99 | 3 | Team RB | 16 | 8 | 3 |
| Colby Automotive | 100.5 | 99.5 | 4 | Niermeier-McCarty | 14 | 10 | 4 |
| Balls Deep | 97.5 | 102.5 | 5 | Cook-Lanning | 14 | 10 | 5 |
| Drinkin Mates | 92.5 | 107.5 | 6 | Pancake-Unruh | 12 | 12 | 6 |
| Morgan Construction | 80.5 | 99.5 | 7 | Schissler-Wolf | 11.5 | 12.5 | 7 |
| 5 Pony Men | 76.5 | 123.5 | 8 | Prochazka-Jacobs | 10 | 14 | 8 |
| First high Individual game: Alex Ryan, 269 | | | | Schroeder-Schroeder | 9.5 | 14.5 | 9 |
| First high Individual series: Brent Menges, 708 | | | | Kreutzer-Garrett | 9 | 15 | 10 |
| | | | | Swartz-Barnett | 7 | 17 | 11 |

First high Men Individual game: Tom Benson, 289
First high Men individual series: Tom Benson, 565
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