



Senior Andrea Barton returns after leading the Eagles at last year's regional and state tournaments.

Eagles aim at return to state

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Colby golf team returns talented nucleus

Whether they're flying high drives or rolling down a fairway, coach Rick Williams knows his Colby Eagles have two major flight plans entering this 2013 golf season.

1. Shove Goodland out of the league's pilot seat! Give 'em a parachute on the way out.

"Goodland will be very, very good again. They are the defending league champs," Williams said. "We'd love to push them a little more."

Goal No. 2: Land this bird in the state tournament field again.

The destination's quickly becoming a tradition for Colby girls golf. They've only qualified the entire team three times in program history, but two have been during these past four seasons.

With four top players returning, the Eagles are expecting nothing less than a fourth state trip.

"We lost two really good seniors (Karly Kriss, McKenna Ortner) who were multiple league players and state qualifiers," Williams observed. "But we've got some really good players returning and good leaders. One of our goals is definitely to make it back to state."

After two years of volleyball, senior Angela Barton returned to the golf links last fall for her first

volleyball season.

And what a way to finish that first season.

Barton shot Colby's lowest scores during both regional and state competition. She helped the Eagles tie both Goodland and Ulysses (414) at regional.

Playing the much tougher state course, Barton matched her regional score (99) which included a very respectable 46 on those back nine holes.

Colby took home a top 10 state finish (417), outgolfing other 4A qualifiers like Kansas City Piper (430) and Altamont-Labette (448).

"Andrea got off to a terrible start. She had like a 13 or 15 on the first hole," Williams recalled. "But she kept playing and finished well."

"She's a really good No. 1 player, and she's been working to get a little more distance with her driver," the coach added. "I ex-

pect Andrea to shoot much better scores this year."

Power's not a problem when senior teammate Haley Mengel starts attacking the fairways.

Mengel's a "converted" softball player, and her ability to make contact has reached the golf course.

"She hits the ball a long ways," Williams confirmed.

She's another Eagle who has gradually gone down in stroke totals since starting to play golf just two years ago.

Mengel followed her 114 regional effort with a 108 at state — just 48 on the back nine holes.

"Haley's short game has been sort of her Achilles heel," Williams said. "If she can improve on that, she could shoot some really low scores."

Mengel will likely complete Colby's varsity top three along with sophomore Miranda Kern.

Kern was just one stroke off Mengel's state pace (109) last fall, showing how a lot of junior golf experience can conquer those freshman state "jitters."

"Miranda's played a lot. She's real steady and consistent," the coach explained. "And her short game has improved a ton. She started last year shooting in the 120s and 130s. By the end of the season, she had shot in the 90s."

Sophomore Elisa Zerr is Colby's fourth returning varsity player who earned some great state experience last fall. She sliced 15 strokes off her regional performance during 18 challenging holes at the Hesston Golf Course.

Jenna Crampton, another sophomore, gives the Eagles a fifth varsity-tested player from last season. Freshman Isabelle Rosales joins junior first-players Brooke Wark and Kelly Sloan in giving Colby's lineup some good depth.

Trojan earns Player Of Week

Colby Community College freshman Danielle Rodriguez was selected by the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference as one of two Division I Players of the Week.

is a 5'3" libero/defensive specialist for the Trojans.

Rodriguez opened her first season as libero with 100 digs over 17 sets. She is averaging 5.88 digs per set.

The Lady Trojans will host the

Annual Labor Day Classic Tournament on Aug. 30-31 at the Community Building. CCC will play at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Friday and at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

The Trojans' coach is Carey Jones. Chelsea Funk assists.

Night golf tourney draws near

Just a final reminder that the Colby Community College volleyball team has scheduled its third annual Night Golf Tournament on Saturday at the Meadow Lake Golf Course.

Registration is at 4 p.m. with twilight tee-off at 5 p.m. Dinner

will follow with night tee-off at 8:30 p.m.

The tournament is an 18-hole, four-person scramble that uses glow balls and glow sticks. Cost is \$240 per team which includes dinner, greens fees and night golf supplies.

Prizes will be awarded for winning teams, longest drive and other fun events.

To register, contact Meadow Lake manager Kevin Taylor at 460-6443. For information, call Carey Jones at (785) 269-7728 or email carey.jones@colbycc.edu.

Colby spikers will play final matches of debut

Colby's volleyball team will play three foes including the final two matches to complete Tuesday's Norton Quadrangular.

Norton, Colby, Holcomb and Thomas More Prep from Hays are scheduled to compete in this season-opening events.

Both varsity and junior varsity teams will play matches.

The varsity action tips off at 4 p.m. in Stull Gymnasium with Holcomb playing Thomas More Prep.

Colby then takes the court

against Holcomb after a 15-minute warmup.

Norton and Thomas More Prep play the third match. The Eagles follow with two more matches against Thomas More Prep and a finale with host Norton. There will be 10-minute warmups before those final two Colby matches.

Junior varsity will play this same schedule at East Campus.

Meanwhile, prices of \$5 for adults and \$3 for students have been announced for Colby's football opener on Sept. 6.

Heisman's playing status still a mystery

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Johnny Football was off limits.

Athletic director Eric Hyman said Monday night that he'd instructed everyone in the program not to talk about Manziel. And if that wasn't clear enough, a member of the sports information department slowly and sternly read the statement, not once, but twice during the session.

Reporters asked anyway, and coach Kevin Sumlin did what Hyman asked.

"We're not discussing that," he said. "I thought we went over that right from the beginning."

He later added that they have a plan for any number of situations that could happen with their players and team, and that they plan

for the possible absence of players every week.

NCAA investigators spent a large chunk of Sunday with Manziel, questioning him about allegations from memorabilia dealers that he accepted payments for autographs, a source familiar with the investigation told ESPN.com on Monday night.

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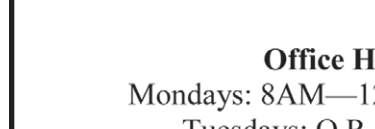
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Report says suspect was taking drug

BOSTON (AP) — Rolling Stone will soon be releasing an article on a certain former Patriots tight end.

In what could turn out to be a bombshell article, the magazine will be publishing a cover story on Hernandez in its October issue. The magazine released a small preview of the story on Tuesday, a preview that will probably make you want to read the entire article.

Hernandez was a heavy user of angel dust (PCP), and had become so paranoid over the last year that he carried a gun wherever he went. He surrounded himself with a cohort of gangsters, and cut himself off from his family and teammates.

Hernandez had so infuriated his head coach, Bill Belichick, with missed practices and thug-life stunts, that he was one misstep from being cut.

Both his parents, Dennis and Terri, had criminal records, as did much of his extended family.

Terri allegedly cheated on Dennis before his death.

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