

Cook says marathon was fun

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Laura Cook said she was so excited about running her first marathon in San Diego marathon on June 3 that she is planning to run another in Wichita in August.

Cook went into training in December and raised \$3,700 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Cook's granddaughter, Brea, has leukemia. One of the contestants raised \$45,000.

Cook said she ran the marathon in 5:08.49, faster than her goal of 5:30.

"They had us write down our time, and I had no idea," she said. "My real goal was to finish."

She joked that she took a veteran runner's advice, "Start slow and taper off."

Cook was participating for Team-in-Training, sponsored by Suzuki.

The group raised \$10.5 million during the San Diego race alone, and has raised over \$200 million to benefit the society and prepared more than 96,000 men and women for marathons, triathlons and century rides (100 mile bicycle races)

"I never saw the elite runners," Cook said, but she added, the race was fun and she was happy to be able to finish it.

Although the Wichita marathon won't be a fund-raiser, she wants to continue to work with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

"Next year I want to get involved as a mentor," she said. Mentors help new runners adjust.

Cook said she is going to stay with



Laura Cook ran her first marathon on June 3 in San Diego, a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She ran in honor of her granddaughter, Brea, who has leukemia.

the group "until there is a cure." community for their support. "I Cook said she wanted to thank the couldn't have done it without them."

The new group looks pretty good

I saw Tim McKee the other day and we were talking about basketball, a subject near and dear to both of us.

Actually, for me, one of the downsides of sports reporting is that basketball and wrestling occur together.

I'd rather be able to go to both instead of one or the other. But, such is life.

Anyway, Tim was telling me about the improvements many of our kids were showing on the Mid-America Youth Basketball circuit.

There are many area teams and a couple made up of former, current or future Colby Eagles and they are looking better all the time.

One of the conclusions I came to was, to borrow from the immortal Yogi Berra, it ain't over till it's over.

Most championship teams overcome great adversity in order to reach the top in their particular sport.

Many teams lose key players at key times and overcome. And some teams are not able to overcome.

Small mistakes cost games, and



Jay Kelley

• Weekend Warrior

great teams take advantage of small mistakes by the other team.

Colby High School graduated an outstanding group of athletes this year. But, waiting in the wings are another group.

I understand that about 40 boys are in Chadron, Neb. for football camp this year. That is nearly as many as went out last year.

The wrestling team graduated a lot of seniors who will be sorely missed. But, a lot of underclassmen got some valuable experience. Will we take 12 to state next year? That's hard to do once, much less twice, but we'll be in the hunt.

There are a lot of young ladies com-

ing up for volleyball, basketball, track and softball. All of the teams were very young this year.

Our baseball team won more games this year than last, and looks to do even better next year with the new crop of freshman, along with some strong veterans.

Summer gives our kids time to hone their skills, plus take a little break before school starts and the cycle starts again.

I don't often make predictions, because I don't like to be wrong, but I will make one.

Whatever happens, summer, fall, winter or spring, our kids will be good sportsmen and exciting to watch.

Area Schedule

Here are the area events for the weekend and Monday

Saturday, June 16
Colby Swim Club at Holyoke, Colo. at 8 a.m.

Sunday, June 17
Colby recreation coed softball league.

Field 2.
Smith vs. Coors at 5:30 p.m.
Slicer vs. Coors at 6:45 p.m.
Comfort Inn vs. Misfits at 9:15 p.m.
Field 3.
Misfits vs. Comfort Inn at 5:30 p.m.

Sports Shoppe vs. Budlight at 6:45 p.m.
Budlight vs. Smith at 8 p.m.

Slicers vs. Sports Shoppe at 9:15 p.m.
Field 4.
Stephens vs. Sports Shoppe at 5:30 p.m.

Comfort Inn vs. Smith at 6:45 p.m.
Comfort Inn vs. Slicers at 8 p.m.
Budlight vs. Stephens at 9:15 p.m.
Racing at the Thomas County Speedway. Hot laps start at 6 p.m., racing starts at 7.

Monday, June 18

Colby recreation baseball and softball at the rec fields.

T-ball.
Devil Rays vs. Rockies on field 3 at 7 p.m.
Cubs vs. Mets on field 3 at 8 p.m.
Bambino boys baseball.

Cubs vs. Cardinals on field 2 at 6 p.m.

Rockies vs. Orioles on field 2 at 8 p.m.
Rookie girls softball
Devil Rays vs. Pirates on field 4 at 6 p.m.

Giants vs. Mariners on field 4 at 8 p.m.

Baseball Scoreboard

American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	37	26	.587	—
New York	35	28	.556	2
Toronto	31	34	.477	7
Baltimore	29	34	.460	8
Tampa Bay	20	44	.313	17 1/2

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	41	22	.651	—
Cleveland	40	22	.645	1/2
Chicago	29	32	.475	11
Detroit	26	35	.426	14
Kansas City	24	40	.375	17 1/2

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	49	13	.790	—
Oakland	32	31	.508	17 1/2
Anaheim	31	32	.492	18 1/2
Texas	22	42	.344	28

National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	37	26	.587	—
Atlanta	35	29	.547	2 1/2
Florida	31	32	.492	6
New York	29	36	.446	9
Montreal	25	40	.385	13

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	38	24	.613	—
St. Louis	33	31	.516	6
Houston	31	31	.500	7
Milwaukee	31	31	.500	7
Cincinnati	25	38	.397	13 1/2
Pittsburgh	20	42	.323	18

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	39	26	.600	—
Los Angeles	36	30	.545	3 1/2
San Francisco	33	32	.508	6
Colorado	32	31	.508	6
San Diego	29	36	.446	10

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Contest winners

Here are Brian Ostermann Basketball Camp Contest Winners May 30-June 1

Hot Shot:
3-5th grade:
girls: Skyler Mengel;
boys: Dexter Pfeifer;
6-8th grade:
girls: Jessica Leiker
boys: Thomas Wieland;
2 Ball Shooting:
3-5th grade:
girls: Jaylea Black
boys: Jacob Hutfles
6-8th grade:
girls: Trisha Tholen/ Jessica Leiker
boys: Ethan Stover
Block Drill:
3-5th grade:
girls: Skyler Mengel

boys: Dexter Pfeifer/Jay Ostmeyer
6-8th grade:
girls: Trisha Tholen
boys: Ethan Stover
Freethrows:
3-5th grade:
girls: Skyler Mengel
boys: Dexter Pfeifer
6-8th grade:

girls: Trisha Tholen
boys: Ethan Stover
Touch Shooting:
3-5th grade:
girls: Skyler Mengel
boys: Jay Ostmeyer
6-8th grade:
girls: Trisha Tholen/Jessica Leiker
boys: Ethan Stover

Area Briefs

- The Colby High School weightroom will be open to the public on Monday, according to coach Mike Gottsch. The hours will be 6-10 a.m. and p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Cost is \$17.50 for high school students, \$22.50 for college students, \$27.50 for adults and \$35 for a family pass. The weightroom will be open until school starts.
- The Soaring Eagle football camp is scheduled for July 23-26, according to coordinator Mike Gottsch. Applications may be picked up at Colby High School. Cost is \$45 and includes a jersey.

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