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Jessica Wiens participated in the backstroke for Colby at the Oberlin Swim Meet on Saturday. Colby took third at the second meet of the new season and will be in Holyoke, Colo. on Saturday at 8 a.m.

Thunder rolls in Topeka tournament

TOPEKA — The Colby Sweet Thunder 18 & Under girls fast-pitch softball team took third at the Topeka Invitational Tournament over the weekend. Colby earned the number two seed by going 2-1 in pool play on Saturday. Colby went 1-1 Sunday, losing in a semi-final game 4-2 to the Southeast Kansas Sonic Boom. Kayla Hansen took the loss, giving up eight hits, with one strikeout and three walks. Erin Wagner pitched 2/3 inning in relief. Hansen helped herself offensively

with two singles and a run scored. Katy Herl doubled and Dawn Knipp singled and scored. Amber Lane added an RBI single. The quarter-final game saw Colby down the Kansas City Madd Dawgs 4-2. Hansen threw a five-hitter, striking out 10 with no walks and no earned runs. Kristen Arensdorf led the hitting with two singles and a run scored. Knipp doubled and Dominique Palser, Hansen, Herl and Dani Wolf all singled. Sweet Thunder won their opener,

against the Manhattan Busters, 14-0. Kristen Arensdorf led the offense with a double and two singles. Knipp added a double and a single and Hansen had a double. Herl and Wolf both singled and Erin Wagner picked up a shutout on a one-hitter, striking out four and walking one. Game two was a 3-1 win over the Winfield All-Stars. The Stars took a 1-0 lead in the second. The Thunder tied the game in the fifth when Wolf reached first on an error, stole second, advanced to third on a sacrifice fly by Palser and scored on a wild pitch. In the top of the seventh, Christi Somers led off with a walk. Wolf reached on an error and Somers scored on a ground out by Palser. Hansen singled Wolf home and Wagner struck out the side in the bottom of the inning. Wagner struck out 10, walked one, and gave up one unearned run on three hits.

Number 37 ties record

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Barry Bonds hit his 37th home run Tuesday night, a shot that the umpires didn't immediately acknowledge, to tie the record for most homers before the All-Star break. Bonds' shot on a 2-1 pitch from Adam Eaton in the fifth inning tied the record for homers before the All-Star break set by Reggie Jackson in 1969 and tied by Mark McGwire in 1998. Bonds hit a high, arcing shot to right-center field that hit off the front of an advertising sign that hangs just above and a little behind of the fence, and bounced back onto the field.

Bonds pointed to the sign and motioned with his hand that it should be a home run as he pulled into second base. After the umpires huddled for a moment near second base, second base ump Paul Emmell motioned that it was a homer. TV replays showed the ball bouncing off the sign. Bonds, who didn't homer in his previous two games, remains on the quickest home run pace in history, hitting his 37th in 70 games. McGwire hit 37 in 81 games in '98, the year he set the single-season record with 70.

Wagner struck out 10, walked one, and gave up one unearned run on three hits. Colby's only loss in pool play came to the Emporia Energy, 5-3. Wagner gave up five hits, struck out seven and walked one in the loss. Hansen threw two inning of relief, striking out three and walking one. The Thunder gave up no earned runs. Sweet Thunder 18 & Under are 11-4 and will be in Holdrege, Neb. for a tournament this weekend.

Ripken ends with Orioles

BALTIMORE (AP) — Cal Ripken Jr., who broke Lou Gehrig's record of 2,130 consecutive games, will retire after his 21st season with the Baltimore Orioles — the only team he ever played for. The 40-year-old third baseman made the announcement at a news conference Tuesday, which would have been Gehrig's 98th birthday. Ripken, a two-time Most Valuable Player, said it was the start of another phase in his career, one that will include more time with 11-year-old

Rachel and 7-year-old Ryan. Ripken played in 2,632 straight games, from May 30, 1982, to Sept. 20, 1998, when he voluntarily ended the streak. At the time, Ripken said he chose to sit down because he feared his Iron Man run was a distraction to the Orioles. Though he is defined by his consecutive-games streak, Ripken is also one of seven players in major league history with 3,000 hits (3,107) and 400 home runs (421).

Baylor catcher wins award

WICHITA (AP) — Kelly Shoppach, who led Baylor in hitting all season and had a .998 fielding percentage behind the plate, was honored Tuesday night with the Johnny Bench Award as the nation's top collegiate catcher. Shoppach was chosen by a panel of sportswriters, sportscasters and Division I coaches. Jeremy Brown of Alabama and Casey Myers of Arizona State were the other finalists for the

award, presented by the Greater Wichita Area Sports Commission. Bench, the Hall of Fame catcher from the Cincinnati Reds, presented the award to Shoppach at a banquet Tuesday night. Shoppach was the Boston Red Sox' top selection in the 2001 Major League Baseball draft last month. Boston selected him with the 48th pick in the second round.

Swimmers are third in Oberlin

OBERLIN — The Colby Swim Club took third at the Oberlin swim meet on Saturday. Colby's 186 points was behind Burlington, Colo. with 234 and Wray, Colo. with 220 and just ahead of Holyoke, Colo. with 185. The club will be in Holyoke, Colo. on Saturday for a meet starting at 8 a.m. Here are the finishers by name, place and time: Girls 8 & Under 60-yard Freestyle — Jennifer Kappenman, 8th, 1:15.85; Jessica Wiens, 11th, 1:20.62. Girls 9-10 90-yard Freestyle — Kylie Kennedy, 4th, 1:19.10; Kirstie Strutt, 9th, 1:27.29. Boys 9-10 90-yard Freestyle — Levi Schlick, 1st, 1:08.25. Girls 11-12 90-yard Freestyle — Courtney Ress, 9th, 1:17.62; Melissa Jacobsen, 13th, 1:29.23. Girls 13-14 90-yard Freestyle — Lacey Cooper, 1st, 57.88; Shannon Oard, 2nd, 1:03.13. Boys 15-18 90-yard Freestyle — Adam Smith, 1st, 51.12. Girls 8 & Under 120-yard Freestyle Relay — Christina Ostmeier, Jessica Wiens, Kortney Bredemeier and Jennifer Kappenman, 5th, 2:22.97. Boys 8 & Under 120-yard Freestyle Relay — Nathan Quagliano, Michael Tubbs, Trevor Strutt, Karlton Leiker, 1st, 2:47.20. Girls 9-10 120-yard Freestyle Relay — Jessica Leiker, Kirstie Strutt, Tess Brown and Ashley Kappenman, 3rd, 1:31.84. Boys 9-10 120-yard Freestyle Relay — Seth Bredemeier, Luke Goudy, Casey Wiens and Levi Schlick, 1st, 1:29.36. Mixed 11-12 240-yard Freestyle Relay — Curtis Fulwider, Melissa Jacobsen, Katie Strange and Courtney Ress, 5th, 3:56.91. Girls 8 & Under 30 yard Freestyle — Christina Ostmeier, 5th, 28.67; Jessica

Wiens, 23rd, 35.06; Kortney Bredemeier, 30th, 43.68. Boys 8 & Under 30-yard Freestyle — Mark Ostmeier, 3rd, 32.84; Nathan Quagliano, 4th, 38.78; Trevor Strutt, 6th, 45.59; Michael Tubbs, 49.31. Girls 9-10 30-yard Freestyle — Kylie Kennedy, 3rd, 20.41; Tess Brown, 7th, 23.19; Tara Powell, 15th, 25.12. Boys 9-10 30-yard Freestyle — Levi Schlick, 1st, 20.08; Luke Goudy, 6th, 22.43; Casey Wiens, 7th, 22.48. Girls 11-12 60-yard Freestyle — Melissa Jacobsen, 28th, 53.69; Katie Strange, 38th, 1:19.65. Boys 11-12 60-yard Freestyle — Curtis Fulwider, 4th, 58.53. Birls 13-14 60-yard Freestyle — Shannon Oard, 5th, 39.07. Boys 15-18 60-yard Freestyle — Adam Smith, 1st, 32.28. Girls 8 & Under 30-yard Backstroke — Christina Ostmeier, 6th, 35 seconds; Jessica Wiens, 11th, 36.97; Kortney Bredemeier, 24th, 50.7. Boys 8 & Under 30-yard Backstroke — Karlton Leiker, 2nd, 41.28; Mark Ostmeier, 3rd, 42.08; Nathan Quagliano, 4th, 49.13; Trevor Strutt, 5th, 51.67; Michael Tubbs, 6th, 1:03.16. Girls 9-10 30-yard Backstroke — Tara Powell, 13th, 30.44. Boys 9-10 30-yard Backstroke — Luke Goudy, 3rd, 30.92. Girls 11-12 60-yard Backstroke — Courtney Ress, 11th, 57.75; Katie Strange, 27th, 1:45.18. Girls 8 & Under 30-yard Butterfly — Jennifer Kappenman, 3rd, 39.81. Boys 8 & Under 30-yard Butterfly — Karlton Leiker, 1st, 21.29. Girls 9-10 30-yard Butterfly — Kirstie Strutt, 2nd, 23.79; Jessica Leiker, 3rd, 24.32, Tess Brown, 17th, 34.47. Boys 9-10 30-yard Butterfly — Seth Bredemeier, 4th, 28.53; Casey Wiens,

5th, 34.10. Girls 11-12 60-yard Butterfly — Courtney Ress, 6th, 57.55. Girls 13-14 90-yard Butterfly — Lacey Cooper, 2nd, 1:09.94; Shannon Oard, 4th, 1:23.38. Girls 8 & Under 30-yard Breaststroke — Christina Ostmeier, 10th, 47.16; Kortney Bredemeier, 13th, 1:00.28. Boys 8 & Under 30-yard Breaststroke — Karlton Leiker, 3rd, 40.55; Trevor Strutt, 4th, 46.68; Mark Ostmeier, 5th, 46.74. Girls 9-10 30-yard Breaststroke — Kirstie Strutt, 3rd, 27.25; Jessica Leiker, 4th, 27.44; Ashley Kappenman, 5th, 27.47; Kylie Kennedy, 6th, 27.72; Tess Brown, 23rd, 34.66; Tara Powell, 27th, 36.72. Boys 9-10 30-yard Breaststroke — Seth Bredemeier, 6th, 35.53; Luke Goudy, 11th, 40.22. Girls 11-12 60-yard Breaststroke — Melissa Jacobsen, 13th, 1:00.22. Girls 13-14 90-yard Breaststroke — Janessa Rasmussen, 4th, 1:22.09. Boys 15-18 90-yard Breaststroke — Adam Smith, 1:08.12. Girls 8 & Under 120-yard Individual Medley — Jessica Kappenman, 1st, 3:06.32. Girls 9-10 120-yard Individual Medley Relay — Jessica Leiker, 3rd, 2:00.32; Ashley Kappenman, 4th, 2:09.15. Boys 9-10 120-yard Individual Medley — Levi Schlick, 1st, 1:55.98; Seth Bredemeier, 2nd, 2:35.49; Casey Wiens, 3rd, 2:55.82. Girls 13-14 120-yard Individual Medley — Lacey Cooper, 3rd, 1:34.30; Janessa Rasmussen, 7th, 1:47.57. Girls 8 & Under 120-yard Medley Relay — Christina Ostmeier, Kortney Bredemeier, Jennifer Kappenman and Jessica Wiens, 3rd, 2:58.94. Boys 8 & Under 120-yard Medley Relay — Mark Ostmeier, Trevor Strutt, Karlton Leiker and Nathan Quagliano, 1st, 2:48.90. Girls 9-10 120-yard Medley Relay — Tara Powell, Ashley Kappenman, Jessica Leiker, Kylie Kennedy, 3rd, 1:51.53. Boys 9-10 120-yard Medley Relay — Luke Goudy, Levi Schlick, Seth Bredemeier and Casey Wiens, 1st, 1:56.33. Mixed 11-12 240-yard Medley Relay — Curtis Fulwider, Katie Strange, Courtney Ress, Melissa Jacobsen, 5th, 4:34.71.

Local Schedule

Thursday, June 21
Colby recreation baseball and softball games.
Junior boys baseball on field 2.
Braves vs. Indians at 6:15 p.m.
Orioles vs. Yankees at 8 p.m.
Saturday, June 23
Colby Swim Club at Holyoke, Colo. at 8 a.m.

Colby Sweet Thunder girls fast-pitch softball tournament for 12 & Under and 14 & Under starts at 9 a.m. at the Colby recreation fields.
Sunday, June 24
Colby Sweet Thunder girls fast-pitch softball tournament for 12 & Under and 14 & Under starts at 9 a.m. at the Colby recreation fields.

Area Briefs

- Colby High School volleyball camp is scheduled for June 27-28 at the high school gym for girls entering grades 9-12. Contact Lesley Wagoner at 462-7959.
- The Soaring Eagle football camp is scheduled for July 23-26, according to camp coordinator Mike Gottsch. Applications may be picked up at Colby High School, or from Gottsch. Cost is \$45 and includes a jersey.

- The 20th running of the Lake Atwood County Challenge Race, hosted by the Atwood Rotary Club, will be held July 4 at 7:30 a.m. Each age-division winner scores points for their county. There are no entry fees.
- American Youth Soccer Organization is currently accepting early registrations for fall soccer. Discounts are available until July 15. Contact Carol at 462-6830 for information.



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