

# Junior golf hosts tourney

Colby junior golf had 45 golfers turn out for their home tournament Monday at the Colby Country Club. A total of 75 kids, ages 8-17 turned out for the annual tournament.

Next outing for junior golf is today in Atwood at 8 a.m.

Here are the scored of the Colby golfers:

**8-9 boys**  
Ryley Haas, 43, 1st; Jeremy Harter, 55, 2nd; Dylan Stithem, 57, 3rd; Drew White, 99; Zach Harlow, 91; Brandon Standage, 68; Thane Bulmer, 77; Josh Ryan, 99; Matt Ryan 94; Tyler Bates, 69; Garrett Rogers, 66; Casey Wiens, 58.

**10-11 boys**  
Levi Schlick, 46, 1st; Breck Simonsen, 52, 2nd; Stephen Dinkel, 52, 3rd; Taylor Pool, 61; Justin Brown, 64; Brandon Harlow, 101; Eric Blanton, 79; Brent Luedke, 88; Ethan Stover, 65; Breck Arnberger, 93; Mitchell Tuma, 71; Jordan Tally, 56; Andrew Richards, 74; Kyle Molstad, 65.

**10-11 girls**  
Bailey Brown, 81, 2nd.

**12-13 boys**  
R.J. Ladenburger, 43, 2nd; Brett Harter, Colby, 70; Nicholas Harlow, 76; Scott Blanton, 60; Reed Shoaf, 70; Ryan Hansen, 73; Reagan Coulter, 88; Joey Melnyk, 52; Jesse Hawk, 58, Chance Bulmer, 73; Jo-



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Brandon Standage watched a drive at the Colby Junior Golf Tournament, held at the country club on Monday. Standage shot a 68 for the 8-9 boys division. Junior golfers are in Atwood today.

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**14-15 boys**  
Christopher Finley, 81, 1st; Curt Beringer, 95, 3rd; Sean Mengel, 100; Jordan Cranston, 98; Derek Elliott,

100; Jared Helin, 101; Landon Stover, 105; Alex Marshall, 126; Derek White, 116.

**16-17 boys**  
Ryan Arensdorf, 84, 1st.

# Colby coach not looking to move

Brian Ostermann, Colby Community College head men's basketball coach, said he isn't interested in the Fort Hays State University vacancy.

Ostermann said, "I want to put an end to rumors and speculation regarding my future."

"I have not been contacted by anyone from Fort Hays State nor do I have any interest in their coaching position."

The Colby Trojans under Ostermann's direction finished last season with their best conference and overall win totals (six and 15, respectively) in their five years as a member of the Jayhawk Conference.

The Trojans defeated Hutchinson for the first time in school history and also defeated Barton County, who went onto finish seventh in the nation, for the

first time in 25 years.

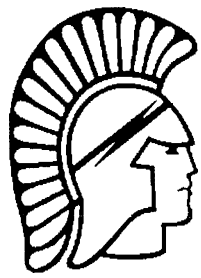
"Unlike other jobs in higher education the Fort Hays State job isn't a better job for me at this stage of my coaching career."

"In fact this spring I had two interviews for a vacant Division II job very close to where I grew up in Minnesota. After careful consideration I withdrew from consideration," said Ostermann.

"I hope people understand that the Kansas Jayhawk Conference is one of the best basketball conferences in the

country. In this league we coach some great players! It's a fun league and I strongly believe we can continue to build a great program right here on the Oasis on the Plains. The community, Dr. Ary, and the administration has been very supportive of building a quality basketball program. In addition, my family and I are very happy right here in Colby."

Ostermann also commented on Hutchinson's hiring of Colby native Chad Wintz. "I am excited for Chad and his move back into the Jayhawk Conference. Chad is a friend of mine and I look forward to competing with his teams. It's a great move professionally for him and I hope people understand that it was a difficult decision for Chad."



# Estes Park proves to be a challenge

By RYAN HALE

Special to the Free Press

ESTES PARK, Colo. — The Estes Park Challenge, June 23-24, marked the first event in over a month for me. Since finishing 85th at my last race, I was looking for a better showing, especially in my own backyard. The course literally went past my house less than 100 feet away from my couch!

With my friends and employer involved in the race, the pressure was on. So, with an extraordinarily hot day for Estes Park and with the wind howling down the mountain, I took the line for the first event, a time trial.

The time trial is called the race of truth since it's just you out there and nobody to pace you or draft off. It's really a type of race for my fitness level. Since I'm not a wafer thin climber, the kind of race that involve sheer power and strength favors my body type especially well. It's three miles of going all out.

It was slightly uphill and the entire time I felt out of sorts. Usually, the time trial is painful, but I couldn't seem to get settled into a rhythm regardless. As I crossed the finish line I didn't feel I had put in a very good time, but soon found out it was only two seconds off the winning pace and better than the times of two professional riders. Good enough for third.

The next event was the following day and with my start time being mid-morning, I was able to sit and have my coffee on the deck while I watched everyone else race by.

After easing my way into the day, I dressed out and went across the street to the registration line. After a bit of warm-up, we took the line and were off. It was especially fun to be racing past my own home since my neighbors were all standing outside cheering me on.

The race began up a hill and straight into the win. I was careful to stay behind some other riders going into the wind conserve energy, but after climbing up 700 feet of elevation gain, the group had split up into two groups with me leading the second one.

## Sports Briefs

**Tennis**  
WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Venus Williams won her second consecutive Wimbledon title by beating Belgian Justine Henin 6-1, 3-6, 6-0.

Both finals were delayed one day by rain. Patrick Rafter will play for the men's title Monday against Goran Ivanisevic, who advanced Sunday by beating Englishman Tim Henman 7-5, 6-7 (6), 0-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3 in a match that took three hours spread over three days.

Also, top-seeded Lisa Raymond and Rennae Stubbs won the Wimbledon doubles title, defeating Kim Clijsters of Belgium and Ai Sugiyama of Japan 6-4, 6-3.

**Baseball**  
Cliff Floyd and Mike Cameron were added to the All-Star team due to injuries.

Floyd, the Florida Marlins outfielder who has been sniping with NL manager Bobby Valentine, replaced New York Mets pitcher Rick Reed, who has a sore neck and back.

Cameron replaced Tampa Bay's Greg Vaughn, giving the host Mariners eight players for Tuesday night's game, the most since Pittsburgh placed eight

players on the NL team in 1960. Floyd, who earlier this season called Valentine a "stupid manager," had said he was so certain he was on the team after talking with Valentine by telephone Tuesday that he purchased \$16,000 worth of plane tickets for family and friends. The following day, Valentine left him off the original reserves.

**Auto Racing**  
DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt Jr. raced to a storybook triumph at the scene of his father's death Saturday night, winning the Pepsi 400.

Driving a white car on the same track where Dale Earnhardt's famed black machine hit the wall five months ago, Earnhardt Jr. dominated Daytona the way his father used to, proving he may indeed be ready to step in for NASCAR's fallen hero.

Pushed back to seventh place after a late yellow flag, Earnhardt regained the lead with 4 1/2 laps remaining. KANSAS CITY (AP) — Eddie Cheever Jr. passed Sam Hornish Jr. with slightly more than two laps to go, earning his first Indy Racing League victory of the season in the inaugural

Ameristar Casino Indy 200 at the new Kansas Speedway.

It was the third straight second-place finish for Hornish, the IRL points leader. He took the lead on the 191st of 200 laps on the 1 1/2-mile oval, but Cheever regained it approaching the fourth turn on the 198th.

**Cycling**  
BOULOGNE SUR MER, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong huddled close to other riders and finished 49th in the first stage of the Tour de France, a leg that Germany's Erik Zabel won in a mass sprint.

Armstrong, aiming for his third straight title, remained in third place in the overall standings. The Texan finished third in Saturday's prologue, an individual time trial in Dunkirk.

## Local Schedule

**Tuesday, July 10**  
Colby recreation baseball and softball at the recreation fields.  
Junior boys baseball on field 2.  
Indians vs. Dodgers at 6:15 p.m.  
Braves vs. Yankees at 8 p.m.

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