

# Champion featured at camp

Area students will have a chance to learn new wrestling techniques from a national champion at the Colby Eagle State Champion Wrestling Camp at the Colby Middle School wrestling room, July 30-31.

Braumon Creighton, a two-time National Collegiate Athletic Association champion at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, will be the featured instructor, according to Mitch Beims, Colby High School wrestling coach and camp sponsor.

"It will be a good time to come out and learn from one of the best," said Beims.

Creighton is the head coach for his hometown, Omaha Central High School. He was Division II champion in 1998 and 1999, as well as a three-time conference champion, four-time All-American, 1999 conference wrestler of the year and 1999 Omaha SportsCaster Athlete of the year.

He was also a 1994 High School State Champion in Nebraska.

Session will be 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. for K-6 grades and 7:30-9 p.m. for grades 7-12. Contact Beims at 462-7631 for more information.

## Area Briefs

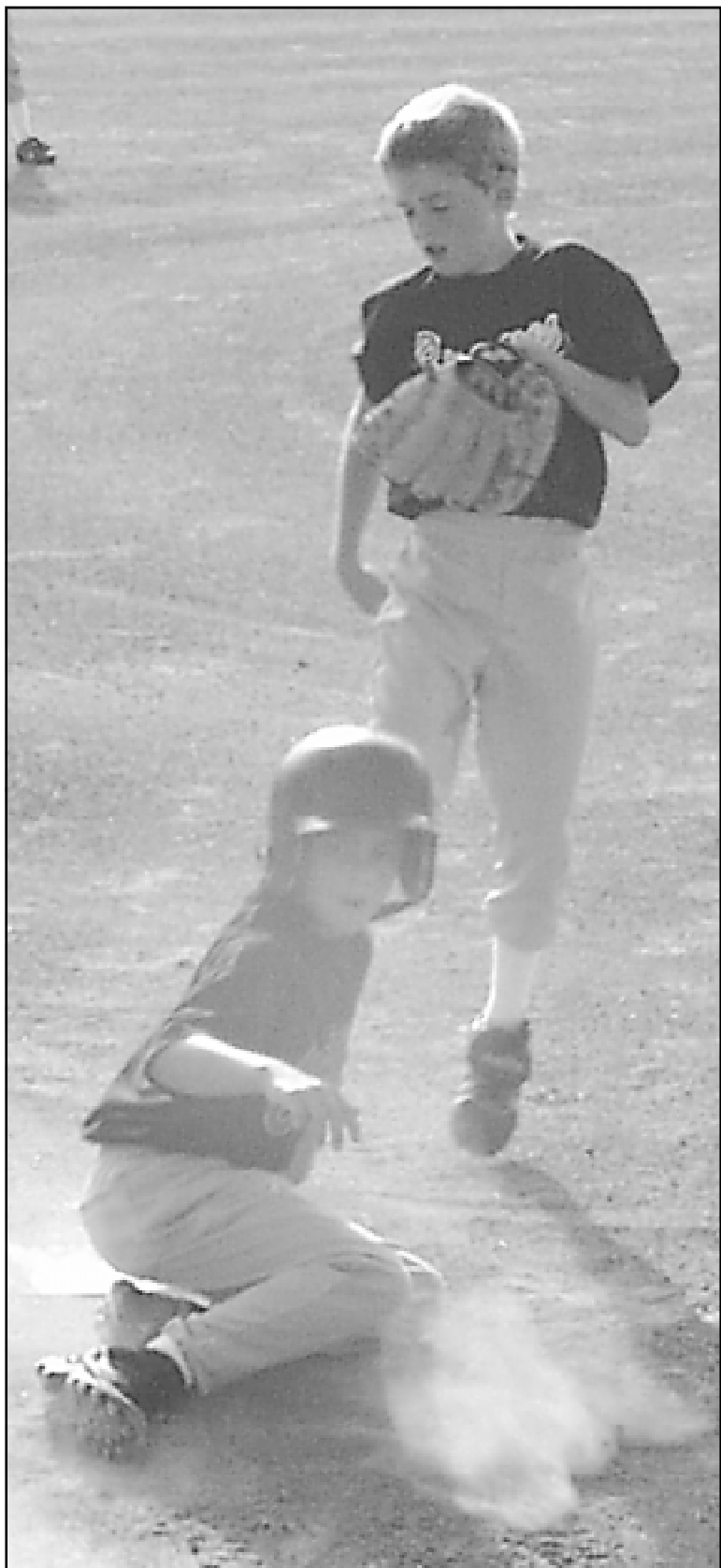
• Mid-America Youth Basketball will be holding a tournament in Wichita Aug. 3-5 for boys and girls teams, grades 4-12. Call 316-284-0354 or www.mayb.com.

## Local Schedule

**Thursday, July 26**  
Colby recreation baseball and softball at the recreation fields.  
Junior boys baseball tournament on field 2.

Call in your sports news to the Colby Free Press at 462-3963 or e-mail colbysports@nwkans.com. Jay Kelley is sports coordinator.

## Looking for the call



JAY KELLEY/Colby Free Press

Xavier Sloan looked for the call as he slid into home for the Indians Tuesday night in Colby Recreation Junior Boys baseball action. Braves pitcher Dexter Pfeifer didn't get the ball in time to make the play. The Indians went on to win the game 13-9.

# Coach impressed with new talent

By JAY KELLEY

Colby Free Press

With the recruiting season winding up, Steve Lampe, head wrestling coach at Colby Community College described it as a "good season."

"We signed a record four high school All-Americans and these are our best Kansas recruits since I been at Colby," said Lampe.

Lampe has also signed some good prospects from Arizona, New Mexico and North Carolina.

All-Americans are Colby's Matt Murray, who is wrestling at the junior national meet in Fargo, N.D. this week and stands a good chance of winning medals in both Greco-Roman and Freestyle. Murray is a two-time Kansas State Champion as well as being Salutatorian of his class. He will probably wrestle in the 141-149 pound class.

Bryan Miller, Oberlin, is another All-American. Miller was a state champion once, runner-up twice and third once.

"Miller got beat at state his sophomore year by Gabe Jenkins," said as-

sistant coach Eric Toraya. Jenkins was an All-American for the Trojans last season. He will also wrestle at 141-149.

Jeremy Long will be wrestling 133-141. He is a four-time state champion from Santa Fe Trail (Carbondale).

The final All-American is O.T. Johnson, from Pfafftown, N.C. "He's a super kid," said Toraya. Beside being a state champion, he was one of the "kids to watch" in this season, according to Toraya. He will be in the 149-157 range.

Besides the All-Americans, Lampe and Toraya said they have a good crop of Kansas kids.

"Dylan Campbell is a two-time state champion from Oakley, wrestling at the 141-149 weight.

Justin Schiffner and Shannon Ford are state placers coming from Garden

City. Schiffner is expected to work into the 165 weight and Ford is expected at 197.

Clint Slyter, from Paola, is a two-time state placer coming in at 184 and Logan Prideaux, a state placer from Atwood, will be working into either 197 or 285.

There are also some very good wrestlers coming in from out-of-state.

Antonio Sepulveda is a transfer from Jamestown University in Fargo, N.D. He will probably compete at 149.

Also at 149, Matt Cattell, from Hartford, Conn. is a second place state finisher coming off a shoulder injury. "He didn't wrestle at nationals this year because of the injury," said Toraya.

Henry Martinez is a state champion from New Mexico. As a junior he pinned all opponents except one, taking second at state.

Toribio Lujan, or Turbo, is a "great athlete" at 165. Hailing from Tucson, Ariz., he attends Sunnyside High School. "It's one of the best programs in the southwest," said Toraya.

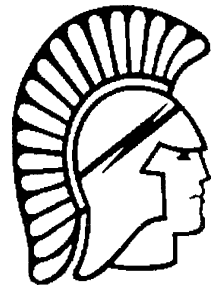
David Coronado, another Sunnyside alumni will be coming in at 174. "He's probably the best athlete out of Arizona this year," said Toraya.

Derek Dougherty is a two-time state champion out of Oklahoma. Dougherty decided to wrestle after just missing the baseball draft this season. He will probably compete at 197.

"We have one returning starter," said Toraya. Derek Jones, Hoxie, will return at 125. Last season he wrestled at 133.

Joshua Isom, an All-American out of Los Animas, Colorado is going to be a walk-on. Isom graduated high school in 1996.

"We have a good group of kids this season," said Toraya. "Look for a little better season."



## Armstrong maintains lead in overall standings

LAVAU, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong finished with the main pack, about 15 minutes behind stage winner Rik Verbrugghe of Belgium.

The race from Pau to Laval in southwest France was the first of six stretches that together cover more than 600 miles between the foot of the Pyrenees and Paris, where the Tour ends July 29. At 144 miles, Tuesday's stage was the longest leg of the three-week event.

Verbrugghe crossed the finish line in

## Recreation Leagues

Here are the results of tournament play at the Colby Recreation Fields on Tuesday.

- Rookie boys baseball**  
Dodgers 21, Cardinals 15  
Marines 16, Dodgers 11
- Junior boys baseball**  
Indians 13, Braves 9  
Indians 13, Orioles 5

5 hours, 16 minutes, 21 seconds. Italy's Marco Pinotti was second, in the same time, and countryman Alessandro Petacchi was third, six seconds off the pace.

Armstrong trailed the winner by 15:07. He maintained his lead atop the overall standings, with an advantage of 5:05 over Jan Ullrich of Germany.

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