

# Totals given for fair rodeo

The Thomas County Fair Rodeo again saw some good competition, according to organizers, as cowboys and cowgirls from around the country came to compete for prize money and points for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

The money totals will go toward deciding who goes to the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas in December.

Here are the results from the Thomas County Fair Rodeo Monday and Tuesday night by name, points/time and money won.

### Bull Riding

1. Bradley Fife, 78, \$977.76; 2. Jet McCoy, 77, \$733.32; 3. Jason Bennett, 75, \$366.66; 4. Justin Jacobucci, 75, \$366.66.

### Team Roping

1. Jay McNabb/Josh Canant, 6.2 seconds, \$1,164; 2. Jimmy Tanner/Nick Rowland, 6.4 seconds, \$873; 3. Kevin Hubinstriet/Jaime Stover, 6.7 seconds, \$582; 4. Blaine Linaureuer/Jory Leug, 7.4 seconds, \$291.

### Calf Roping

1. Jerome Shcnieberger, 8.7 seconds, \$914.23; 2. Fred Whitfield, 8.9 seconds, \$456.60; 3. Garrett Nokes, 9.1 seconds, \$598.98; 4. T.W. Snyder, 9.2 seconds, \$441.35; 5. Matt Schizzauia, 9.4 seconds, \$283.73; 6. Justin Scofield, 9.7 seconds, \$157.63.

### Steer Wrestling

1. T.W. Snyder, 3.9 seconds, \$914.23; 2. Tom White, 4.1 seconds, \$756.60; 3. Ryan Miller, 4.2 seconds, \$598.98; 4. Jeff Miller, 4.3 seconds, \$441.35; 5. Shane Henderson, 4.5 seconds, \$283.73; 6. John Kloeckler, 4.8 seconds, \$157.63.

### Saddle Broncs

1. Bret Franks, 83, \$838.08; 2. Bart Nichols, 81, \$628.56; 3. Cord McCoy, 80, \$419.04; 4. Rance Bray, 79, \$209.52.

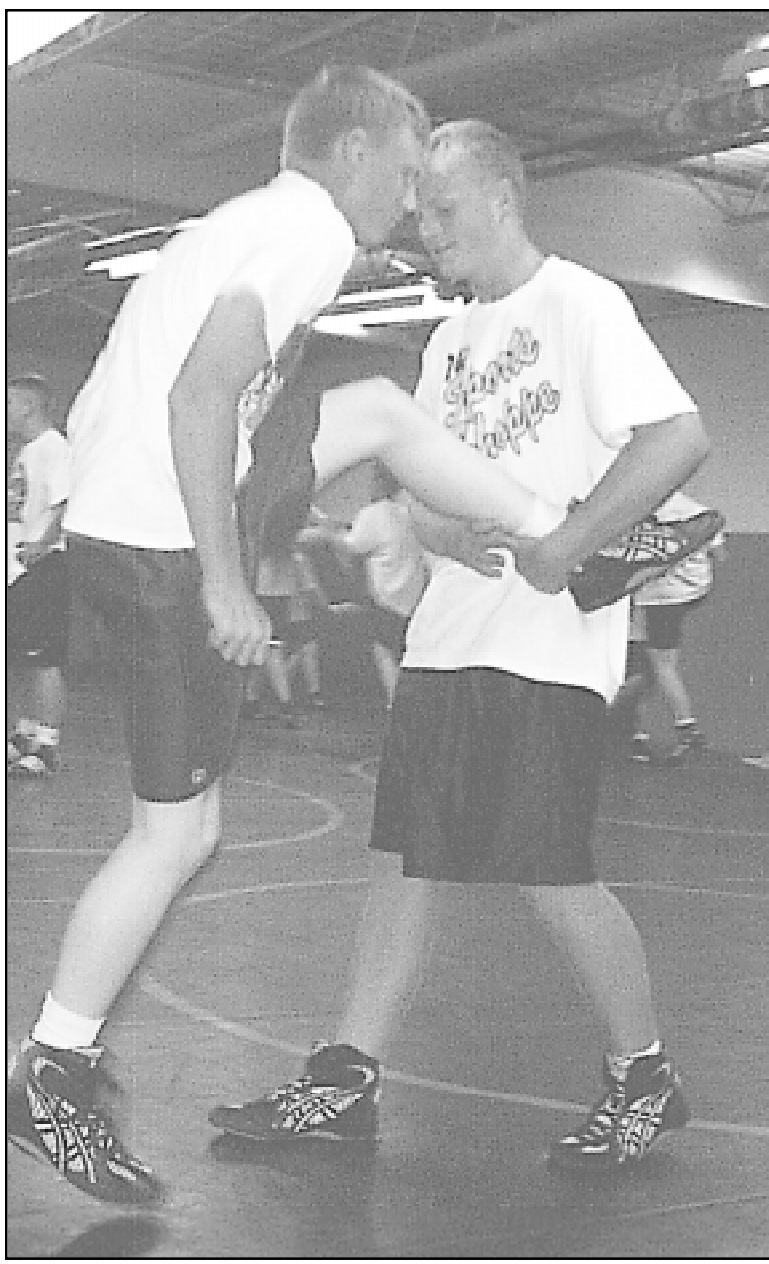
### Bareback Broncs

1. Mark Gomes, 80, \$682.88; 2. Cord McCoy, 74, \$512.16; 3. Clint Evers, 73, \$256.08; 4. Will Lowe, 73, \$256.08.

### Barrel Races

1. Tammy Key, 17.36, \$648.05; 2. Kimberly Travis, 17>50, \$536.52; 3. Nanci Pratt, 17.63, \$436.73; 4. Charlotta Fanning, 17.63, \$436.73; 5. Brooke Fisher, 17.71, \$309.94; 6. Pamela Howard, 17.73, \$225.41; 7. Tiffani Sonnier, 17.75, \$140.88; Val McDonald, 17.77, \$56.35.

## Warming up



JAY KELLEY/Colby Free Press

John Wark was a little off-balance against Adam Horinek at the Colby Eagle Championship Wrestling Camp in the middle school wrestling room Tuesday night. Wark and Horinek were working through drills supervised by two-time national champion and head coach for Omaha Central High School in Omaha, Neb., Braumon Creighton.

# Two different rides in one week

By RYAN HALE

Colby Free Press

There wasn't much time to relish my podium finish in the Estes Park Challenge last June. The Weld County Road Race came fast on July 8. There are a lot of places in Colorado that are fun to be on a summer day in July.

Greeley is not one of them. The forecast called for 100 degree and sun after a day of rain. This meant that not only would the race be hot but humid as well. Couple that with exerting to the point of almost vomiting and having to ride past feedlot after feedlot, it was miserable.

The race started out well. I rode in the pack conserving energy for the first seven of 42 miles. At that point, the leaders took off on a much more ambitious pace and the remaining 50 riders were left to battle the heat.

One by one riders dropped out of the competition, and I have to admit I was almost one of them. At one point I even found myself with the chills. It occurred to me I might be succumbing to heat exhaustion. Then it occurred to me: "If I'm mentally with-it enough to know I'm getting heat exhaustion, am I really getting heat exhaustion?" So, I kept riding.

Without a friend to pass water bottles, three liters worth, I could not have finished. But, when it was all said and done I finished 46th out of the 57 finishers with 40 riders not finishing!

Six days later, I was taking the line for another ride, The Triple Bypass, that couldn't be more different. It wasn't a race, but rather than the 42 miles of racing with about 100 feet of elevation gain, I would be riding 120 miles with over 10,000 feet of elevation gain.

The start was in Evergreen and the finish was in Avon, just west of Vail. The Triple Bypass ride first goes over Squaw Pass to Idaho Springs. It's over 11,000 ft. high, but the descent allowed speeds to hit 50mph!

The next 30 miles were relatively benign until Loveland Pass. Beginning at the East side of the Eisenhower Tunnel. It climbs to nearly 12,000 ft, and plunges back down just as dramatically.

After the diving descent there isn't much time to rest before climbing up to 11, 100 ft through Vail Pass. This was where the ride got difficult. Ominous

clouds loomed all day and I made it my business to try to make it to Vail Pass before they delivered rain.

I felt that if I could make it that far then the rest of the ride could be done in the rain. I found though that rain at this point is just as wet and just as cold. As I peaked the top, the storm hit. Temperatures dropped to around 40 degrees and the rain became steady.

I found a tent at an aid station and huddled with some other riders under its protection. There was no relief from the cold, though and I decided that I would only get colder if I stayed put. Someone with a cell phone reported that the person they were talking to was in Vail where the sun was coming out.

I've always been one to travel light on a bike. Sometimes I don't always have exactly what I need but I sacrifice weight for speed. This was one time I wish I had packed a rain jacket.

With only a nylon vest and soaked arm warmers I knew I needed some other protection from the elements. The aid station was serving food and drinks and that meant they had trash bags! I found one and held it up, looking at it, trying to decide if it would fit my needs. I must have looked like the first guy who ever held up a torch and realized he could make fire!

I punched holes for my arms in the

sides and on in the closed end for my head. I tied the excess in a knot at my waist and was off. The descent to Vail was cold but manageable with my new rain gear. Forget three-layer Goretex, I had PVC plastic!

Once in Vail, the final 10 miles was flat. The sun came out and I stripped the trash bag off. With renewed energy and a strengthened resolve I managed 30 mph for the final 10 miles.

Once in Avon, the citizens of the town were out in the park at the finish cheering us all on. I finished in the first 300 of 2,000 total riders. My time was just over eight hours for 120 miles.

All told, it took four peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, four liters of water, four Red Bull sodas, seven muffins, a package of powdered sugar doughnuts, a coffee, a candy bar, and half of a cantaloupe to get me to the end.

Two rides in one week that couldn't be more different in their demands. The disparity is outstanding yet the sense of accomplishment no less for either. These rides mark the last of the racing for the season.

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## Hooking up



PATTY DECKER/Colby Free Press

Paul Kaiser, Burlington, Colo. got hooked up to the sled in is 1945 Allis Chalmers WC. Kiaser has been pulling for two years and won his class in the Burlington fair two weeks ago. Colby native Mark Beringer won the show and shine with his 1949 John Deere A.

# McGwire hits no. 573

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Mark McGwire will delay any celebration of his new status on the career home run list.

McGwire tied Harmon Killebrew for fifth place Wednesday night, connecting off Greg Maddux for No. 573 in St. Louis' 4-0 win over the Atlanta Braves on Wednesday night.

"I accomplished something, but I'm not going to sit back and think about it. I'm going to think about the game tomorrow," McGwire said.

McGwire's two-run homer in the sixth, his 19th of the season, was the key hit as the Cardinals snapped Maddux's 10-game winning streak.

McGwire said there would be plenty of time later to reflect on his individual accomplishments.

"Tomorrow is more important than to think about something I've accomplished that I can think about when the season's over and I've retired," he said. Maddux said the pitch McGwire hit was a mistake.

"I threw the ball down the middle and he's swinging way too good right now for that kind of pitch," he said. "I don't like facing him, I never have."

Darryl Kile (11-7) scattered eight hits over eight innings, striking out eight and walking one. Dave Veres pitched the ninth.

Maddux extended his streak without a walk to 64 1-3 innings, and left the game after the sixth with his string intact.

The NL record is 68 innings, shared by Christy Mathewson and Randy

Jones. Bill Fischer of the Kansas City Athletics holds the major league record with 84 innings.

McGwire, whose last nine hits have all been home runs, connected in the sixth inning.

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**7/8th grade football meeting**  
There will be a meeting for any boys interested in playing 7/8th grade football on Tuesday at the Colby Middle School at 7:30 p.m. Seventh grade will meet in the cafeteria and eighth grade in the auditorium. For more information call John Miles at 462-3055.

**Volleyball camp**  
Colby High School volleyball coach Leslie Wagoner will be hosting a volleyball camp at the middle school gym on Monday. Times will be: 3/4th grade, 1-2:30 p.m.; 5/6th grade 2:45-4:15 p.m. For questions or registration, contact Wagoner at 462-7959.

# Pro Bowler dies from heat

MANKATO, Minn. (AP) — Pro Bowl tackle Korey Stringer died of heat stroke, a day after collapsing at the Minnesota Vikings' training camp on the hottest day of the year.

Stringer, who left practice early Monday because of the heat, vomited at least three times during Tuesday morning's practice, but didn't summon a trainer until the drills had ended. The 335-pound lineman developed

symptoms of heat stroke, including weakness and rapid breathing, following the practice held in temperatures in the low 90s and high humidity.

Stringer was unconscious when he arrived at Immanuel St. Joseph's-Mayo Health System in Mankato and had a temperature of over 108.

His organs failed throughout the day and he never regained consciousness before dying at 1:50 a.m.

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