

# Rosters announced for Northwest Kansas 9th All-Star Classic in Colby on March 17

By CHAD OSTERMANN

Colby Community College Rosters for the 9th annual Northwest Kansas All-Star Classic have been announced by Colby Community College.

The All-Star game, featuring senior players in the 14 northwest Kansas counties, will be held Sunday, March 17, in the Colby Community Building.

The women's game is set to tip-off at 5 p.m. with the men's game to follow.

Festivities will also include a 3-point competition between games.

In addition the Brewster High

School Drill Team will perform at half-time of the men's game.

The Scott City High School Drill Team will perform at half-time of the women's game.

For more information contact Tom Stephens, head women's basketball coach, at (785) 462-3984, ext. 269.

Following is a list of players who will be participating in the event:

**Women** — Megan Schmidtberger (Victoria), Bridget Kuntzsch (Scott City), Kristin Campbell (Scott City), Brynn Williams (Wallace/Sharon Springs), April Merritt (Lebanon/Smith Center), Danna Hockman (Hill

City), Amy Green (Ludell/Atwood), Erica Hemmert (WaKeeney), Rhea Kemper (Logan), Stef Sloan (Norton), Jill Mahoney (Russell), Rachele Geist (Victoria), Tricia Sloan (Tribune), Abbey Keiswetter (Norton), Elizabeth Schroeder (Tipton), Lindsay Hager (Norton), Ashley Stevenson (Rexford), Andrea Seibert (Sharon Springs), April Roadhouse (Osborne) and Kristen Ackerman (Hays).

**Men** — Jeff Cox (Norton), Sam Jackson (Logan), Clayton Kaiser (Colby), Jeff Kuhlman (Oakley), Matt Overlease (Norton), Gunnar Tope (Weskan), Devon Weiser (Grinnell),

K. J. Wilkens (Dighton), Wes DuBois (Jennings), Josh Campbell (Hoxie), John Krayca (Tribune), Troy Okeson (Weskan), Trent Peter (Tribune), Logan Robinson (Eastern Heights/Agra), Matt Seidl (Quinter), Shey Stewart (Tribune), Stuart Withington (Atwood), Andrew Bohme (Atwood), Brandon Gehring (Palco) and David Sutton (Hoxie).

Coaches for the women's game are Stan Shafer, Tribune and Kevin Jilka, Norton.

The men's teams will be coached by Gene Wilkens, Dighton and Tim Klein, Hoxie.

# Trojan indoor track in fine showing at nationals

The Colby Community College indoor track team had very good showings at the recent National Junior College Athletic Association indoor championships at Kansas State University, reports James White, head coach.

On the women's side, said White, Megan Pilger and Azure Ming competed, with Megan running a personal best time and placed 11th, earning All-American. Azure had an off day, the

coach said, "and just could not find her step." White said she will bounce back and will be at the national outdoor meet later in the spring.

On the men's side, Monte Boydston led the way. He ran three 800m in 1:55 within 24 hours. He placed 3rd in the final of the 800m which give him the All-American title. The men's 4x800m placed 4th behind Barton County, Essex, and Northern Idaho. Phillip

Heckler ran a personal best in the 600m, and just barely missed making finals. Oscar Cazares had a great day, while said, placing 12th in the 3000m while running a personal best.

Colby College's *Athletes of the Meet* were Megan Pilger and Monte Boydston. Results — Women: Megan Pilger, 3000m, 11:31.38 (personal record) 11th place, 10th all-time, *All-American*; Azure Ming, pole vault/no

height.

Results — Men: Monte Boydston, 800m, 1:55.50, 3rd place, *All-American*; Oscar Cazares, 3000m, 9:04.04 (personal record), 12th place, 4th all-time; Phillip Heckler, 600m, 1:23.34 (personal record), 9th place, 2nd all-time; 4x4 800m relay, 7:59.29, 4th place (Phillip Heckler 1:59, Anthony Nyambuire 2:05, Justin Marquardt 1:59, Monte Boydston 1:55).

# Big 12 has six teams in the NCAA Tournament Kansas top seed in Midwest; Sooners 2nd in West

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Oklahoma fans remaining in Kemper Arena booed when the fourth-ranked Sooners — fresh off a 64-55 win over Kansas for their second straight Big 12 tournament championship — were passed over for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

Coach Kelvin Sampson just shrugged.

"I told our kids I thought we had earned a one seed by winning the championship, but ultimately the games are going to be decided on the court," Sampson said Sunday, after learning that the Sooners had been

seeded second in the West Regional behind No. 5 Cincinnati.

The No. 1 seed in the Midwest Regional went to Kansas, which went through the 16-game conference season unbeaten and had a 15-game winning streak snapped on Sunday.

Kansas (29-3) will meet 16th-seeded

Holy Cross (18-14) on Thursday in St. Louis. The Sooners (27-4) open against 15th-seeded Illinois-Chicago (20-13) on Friday in Dallas.

Four other Big 12 teams also earned NCAA bids on Sunday.

Texas (20-11) will also play in Dallas on Friday — but against Boston College (20-11) in the Midwest Regional.

Texas Tech will play Southern Illinois (26-7) on Friday in the East Regional at Chicago.

Oklahoma State (23-8) opens against 10th-seeded Kent State (27-5) on Thursday in Greenville, S.C.

Missouri meets fifth-seeded Miami (24-7) on Friday in Albuquerque, N.M.

54-50 in 3A; Augusta beat Spring Hill 60-55 in 4A; and Shawnee Heights downed McPherson 66-52 in 5A.

## GIRLS

Wichita Heights and St. Thomas Aquinas took their Class 6A game to the wire, with Taylor McIntosh scoring the game-winning lay-up with two seconds left to give Wichita Heights a 44-43 win and its first state championship in 23 years.

In the other Kansas girls basketball championship games Saturday, Centralia beat Little River 47-42 in 1A;

Osborne crushed Ness City 55-38 in 2A; Silver Lake defeated Smith Center 40-38 in 3A; Andale topped Topeka Hayden 47-43 in 4A; and Bishop Miege overcame Schlagle 61-56 in 5A.

# Here's how state tourneys turned out

By The Associated Press

## BOYS

Wichita East took a commanding lead early in the Class 6A championship game, then held on as Hutchinson clawed back in it.

But Hutchinson's bid to repeat as state champions fell just short, and the Aces won their fifth state title 45-42.

In other boys championship games Centralia beat Tribune-Greeley County 57-49 in overtime in 1A; St. Mary's-Colgan outlasted Olpe 58-56 in two overtimes for the 2A title; Lakin remained undefeated by beating Beloit

Don Fosdick

- Life in the Fast Lane

# One engine rule pondered

(The Free Press had problems importing Don's column prior to the weekend race. But using it today will give his readers a little bit of insight as to his thinking before it took place.)

Well, I wonder what we are going to see this weekend in the last 100 miles of the race at Atlanta. I'm sure that we are going to hear a lot about the one engine rule, and the effects it will have on the outcome of the race. It seems that the majority of owners and drivers like the new rule, and we all know that it will save race teams several million dollars. For the less financed teams this new rule can only be a tremendous benefit to them, and may help somewhat to level the racing field so to speak.

As for myself I believe that it is going to be a good deal for all concerned, along with the fact that it may return some of the racing back to the drivers and pit crews. Today, building an engine that will run 500 miles is truly easy as compared to 15 to 20 years ago. Now that's not saying that I can go and build an engine that will stand up to Winston Cup Racing. With the technology that race engine builders have today as compared to the past is unbelievable. Today, with computerized CNC machines, and computerized lathes, and every other high dollar machine needed. And full-blown engineers building these 750hp rockets in cookie cutter style, I'm sure they will get it figured out. Something else to take into consideration is that every engine built is dyno tested and documented as to its horsepower level, torque curve,

power bands, and what manifold will work best. Man, it's nothing like when I was racing and building engines and cars. I was one of those low buck weekend racers. Our win ratio was tremendous when we were bench racing, or cooler racing, or whatever you want to call it today.

I'm really looking forward to this weekend's race at Atlanta. It's really a fast track, and the General boys are usually strong there. It's almost as good as Charlotte. The track at Atlanta has always been a fast track, but since it was reconfigured and NO RESTRICTOR PLATES, this place rocks. Most drivers like the track due to the fact that they can mat it, go fast, and turn left, and that's NASCAR!

Okay, now for last weekend's race at Las Vegas, what a yawner, unless you like Fords & Dodges, and flat tracks. I don't know why but that track is really suited for the Fords and Dodges.

I do need to give kudos to Sterling Marlin for winning on Sunday and that won't be the last time either. That is a real strong team and the Coors Light #40 Dodge is for real, and unless something happens, that team will contend for the Winston Cup Championship.

As always, if you made it this far, thanks for your time. Remember to pull the belts tight, get up on the wheel, and DRIVE safely.

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## It's tennis time



PATTY DECKER/Colby Free Press

The Colby High School Eagles' tennis team is taking advantage of the favorable weather to get in some practice sessions in anticipation of the upcoming season. One of the team members caught by the Free Press camera is Ian Myers. Mike Sprengel is head coach.

## Trojan Schedules

**BASEBALL**  
March 13 vs. McCook, at home, 1 p.m.  
**SOFTBALL**  
March 13 vs. Hutchinson, there, 3 p.m.

March 15 in Midwest Classic, Sapulpa, Okla., times to be announced  
March 16 in Midwest Classic, Sapulpa, Okla., times to be announced.  
Call the college at 462-3984 for additional information.

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