

Sometimes you gotta take care of business

I would like to take a line or two to explain to readers and local racers as to the hit and miss of my being at the Thomas County Speedway, and some of my NASCAR columns of late. As we all know that computers are great and the Internet is fantastic, but sometimes they go south on us and we lose stuff, or we send things via the net and they never get to where we send them. Where does all this stuff go, I don't know, but I wish junk mail would got there, so that explains my NASCAR columns. I was downsized by the company that brought me to this area 5 years ago, so I'm spending a lot of time trying to solve this problem, so when I get a call for an interview, I go.

With that in mind please understand that sometimes this takes priority over covering the local races, or my NASCAR columns, as I'm sure you would understand. TD and all the good people at the Colby Free Press are understanding as to my situation and are allowing me to have fun with my hobby of writing my column. As we all know sometimes a hobby has to take a back seat to priorities.

I hope you all had a great 4th of July weekend, and that you enjoyed your type of racing. The Kansas Speedway had Truck Races, IRL Races, and the New Infinity Races, which should have been a fantastic racing event for the Speedway, and fans at the track. I really enjoyed watching the first night race at Daytona for the Busch Series, and of course the Pepsi 400 Winston Cup race on Saturday night. The Busch Series boys had a wild Friday night race, with Front Row Joe Nemecheck #87 Cellular One Pontiac winning the race. Now I don't know if you noticed this or not, but Joe had a hot rod that was on a string around the bottom of the track all night long. I found it interesting that his team had hung a Pontiac body on his Chevy for the race at Daytona. As it was reported, the



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Busch Series has no ties to manufacturers like the Cup guys do, so Joe ran the Pontiac body just for this race, as it's more aerodynamic for speedways than his normal Chevy body. Also I heard that he and his team went to Talladega and tested for this race and ran around 1,060 miles around the track to work on this speedway car. I also heard that Dale Earnhardt Inc. was involved in this deal, I just don't know how in depth it was, but it all came together for Joe and his team.

The majority of the rest of the racers reminded me of a 30-lap feature race with 10 laps to go, on a short track. They just never figured out that getting in line and drafting off of each other would get them farther ahead than racing three or for four wide all night. I think them there Busch boys need more speedway races to figure that out, it sure would have saved a lot of sheet metal.

There was some fantastic driving going on in the Pepsi 400 on Saturday night. Guys were bouncing off one another and saving their cars and kept on racing, which was pretty unbelievable at 180 mph. I really thought that we were going to get away with not having the big one, until ole D.J. #88 UPS Ford tried to block the #99 Citgo Ford Driven by Jeff Burton, and then it happened, the big one, and it took out 14 cars. I really don't think that D.J. had his head in the right place, if you know what I mean, to do what he did, but that's racing. The other thing that really blew me away was how the

emergency crews responded. I have never seen such a disaster as that was, somebody really dropped the ball on that whole deal. I can understand some of the delay getting to D.J., but not coming to the aid of Brett Bodine and letting his car set there and burn like it was, was unbelievable, there is no excuse for that at all. Brett was hurt pretty bad and finally got out of his car, but they just let it burn. I would have had somebody's butt over that deal period. I'm sure we won't see that happen again as NASCAR WILL cure that problem, without a doubt. Anyhow Mike Waltrip #15 Napa Chevy and Dale Earnhardt Jr. #8 Budweiser Chevy, both Dale Earnhardt Inc. teammates, had the race pretty well covered. I really was expecting that, as those teams have really massaged those bodies and have the horsepower to run well at the speedways. As they should as it was reported on Saturday night, as to who was the most winningest driver at Daytona? Dale Earnhardt, nuff said. I don't know what is wrong with the #1 Pennzoil team right now, but I'm sure that Steve Park is on his way out. Whether that's the answer or not, I'm sure that things would be different if Dale was still with us, but non racers are making the decisions now at DEI, so time will tell.

If you made it this far, thank you for your time. We have Chicago this weekend, and it will be interesting. I'm sure the Fords will have a heyday, as this is a down force type of track. So pull those belts tight and enjoy the thrills.

Colby College student-athletes recognized

The combination of athletic skills and academic excellence has brought national recognition to eight Colby Community College varsity teams.

The National Junior College Athletic Association named the women's indoor track, women's outdoor track and the men's indoor track teams as the top spring academic teams-of-the-year.

The women's indoor and outdoor track teams finished the semester with a combined GPA of 3.66.


The men completed the semester with a 3.07 GPA. CCC wrestling, women's softball and men's outdoor track were also recognized for academic excellence, placing third in the nation.

Lady Trojan softball players posted a combined GPA of 3.48. Men's outdoor track had a 3.10 GPA. Trojan wrestlers finished the semester with a combined 3.00 GPA. The baseball team finished 6th with a 3.03 GPA. The Lady Trojan basketball team posted a 3.32 GPA, finishing 12th in the nation.

"I'm very proud of the academic achievements of these athletes and their teams," said Colby College President Dr. Mikel Ary. "The first priority of student athletes is to gain an education. The scholastic achievements of

our athletes reflect well upon the recruitment efforts of our coaches, the values they have instilled, as well as the commitment of these students."

James White is the indoor and outdoor track coach. Trojan wrestlers are coached by Steve Lampe with assistant Eric Toraya. Carl Adams, CCC athletic director, coaches the Lady Trojan softball team. He is assisted by Ryan Sturdy. Head coach for the baseball team is Ryan Carter. He is assisted by Ray Nolan. The Lady Trojan basketball team is coached by Tom Stephens with assistant Dawn Stephens.



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Sixteen-year old Becky Lang competed in the butterfly and took second at the Oakley swim meet recently. Lang and the rest of the Colby Swim Club are hosting the Northwest Kansas Swim League meet today and Saturday at the Colby Swimming Pool.

Colby Swim Club hosts league meet

By DARREL PATTILLO
Colby Free Press

More than three hundred swimmers from ten different swim clubs are in Colby today and Saturday for the Northwest Kansas Swim League Championship meet.

Teams from Colby, Burlington, Flagler, Colo., Goodland, Holyoke Colo., Limon, Oakley, Oberlin, St. Francis, and Wray Colo., along with families, friends, and supporters, descended on the Colby Swimming Pool for the two-day competition.

Wray, Colo., with 58 swimmers, brought the largest team, followed by Burlington with 51 and Colby

with 49.

"This has really been an awesome year," Colby Swim Club head coach Rhonda Faber said. "We had twenty eight and unders (the beginning level) this year and they are really doing great."

Eighteen-year old Becky Shuman and eighteen year-old Adam Smith will receive special recognition at the end of the meet. Shuman swam for ten years with the Colby Swim Club, and Smith for twelve.

Leading point-getters for the Colby Swim Club are: 8/under girls-Christina Ostmeyer (3rd in league); 8/under boys-Karlton Leiker (1st in league); 9-

10 girls- Jennifer Kappenman (30th in league); 9/10 boys-Kalen Rasmussen (1st in league); 11/12 girls-Jessica Leiker (9th in league); 11/12 boys-Levi Schlick (1st in league); 13/14 girls-Lacee Cooper (1st in league); 15/18 girls-Sally Schlick (4th in league); 15/18 boys-Adam Smith (5th in league).

Trophies will be awarded this weekend for the top six league finishers, and the top points winner at the championship.

Competition continues Saturday morning at 9 a.m. at the Colby Swimming Pool, located just west of the Colby Community Building.

Several Wildcats in trouble this summer

MANHATTAN (AP)—Some Kansas State football players have encountered problems with the law this summer.

Kansas State junior running back Daniel Davis was confined to the Riley County Jail after two auto-related arrests, and junior fullback Travis Wilson faces battery charges from a June 28 arrest.

Also, defensive tackle Allen Reese

was arrested twice in June for driving with a suspended license.

"We are going to let the judicial system run its course, and anything after that will be handled as an internal team matter," Kansas State sports information director Doug Dull said Thursday.

Davis was confined on a no-bond warrant for failure to appear, Riley County police said Wednesday.

Davis failed to report to jail for a

weekend in June after being convicted in April on an auto-related charge. He received a 90-day jail sentence but was to receive parole after serving 10 days over weekends.

He also was arrested for failure to appear after a May charge of driving with an expired registration and no proof of insurance. His bond was set at \$380, the amount of a fine he failed to pay.

NBA's Iverson to be charged

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Allen Iverson will be charged with assault and other offenses for forcing his way into an apartment with a gun and threatening two men while looking for his wife.

The NBA All-Star will be allowed to surrender to police Tuesday morning after his lawyer returns from vacation, police Commissioner Sylvester Johnson said. Iverson must remain inside his suburban Philadelphia mansion until then.

Iverson and an uncle are accused of barging into a cousin's apartment on the morning of July 3 as the Philadelphia 76ers' guard searched for his wife, Tawanna. Iverson allegedly had thrown her out of their house naked.

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