

# When bad golf gets worse

I'm sure they'll refer to it as 'The Day Those Tattooed Hooligans Came From Colby And Ruined Our Golf Course'.

I'll think of it as 'The Day We Had To Drive All The Way To Scott City To Golf And Got Yelled At'.

My friends, who shall remain nameless (for now, anyway), are already calling it 'Darrel Should Have Known Better And Now



Darrel Pattillo

On The Ball

WE Can Never Golf In Scott City Again'.

There we were, all bright-eyed and caffeined-up, headed for Scott City at 125 mph to participate in our first and last 'Three Guys and a Girl Charity Golf Benefit', singing road songs and fantasizing about Phoenix, Ariz., which has about 70 golf courses.

Little did I know that five hours later we would be fleeing Scott County, police sirens wailing in the distance. (Alright, they may have been wailing in the distance because Scott City was having a fair parade, but it makes for a more dramatic picture, don't you think?)

I should have stayed home and went to garage sales.

By now you must be saying to yourself "Get to the point, Darrel." Nope, not gonna do it. There's too much comic material to be squeezed from this incident for me to wrap it up now. Stay with me. You'll enjoy it.

Also, by now, you've realized that me and my gang of merry golfers must have committed some kind of heinous crime. Aside from our golfing, which could be considered a horrible crime against the sport, nothing is further from the truth.

So what could a group of fun-loving golfers do to get banned for life from the Scott City Country Club?

The following is a list of offenses that I would consider extreme enough for banishment for life:

- Felonious assault. Arson. Gross negligence. Selling crack to the other golfers. Excessive nudity. Using a putter to chip from twenty yards away for no good reason. You know, real crimes against humanity, and that type of thing.
- Violation of the cart path rules is not a crime against humanity. Especially when "cart path rules" means something different to a Colby golfer than it means to a Scott City golfer.
- Yes, dear readers, that was our heinous crime against the Scott City Country Club.
- We drove our carts on the fairways. If you could call them fairways.
- I guess, to be fair, Scott City Country Club has a rule about not driving carts on the fairways. This is fine. No problem.
- But "cart path rules", to me, mean things like, don't drive in the rough. Use the 90 degree rule for entering and exiting fairways. Stay away from the greens.
- If you don't want me to drive on the fairway, then post a sign that says "Please don't drive on the fairways." It's that simple. By the way, we weren't the only golfers doing it. But that's neither here nor there. In the interest of maintaining diplomatic relations with our neighboring counties, I offer the following:
- I apologize, Scott City Country Club, for driving on your fairways. And I accept your apology for the very, very, rude lady that banned us for life from your golf course.
- What could have been a lesson for us on golf course etiquette turned into an ugly shouting match, and that really didn't have to happen.
- My friend is also sorry that the only great shot he hit all day was the five-iron into the side of your clubhouse. I know he didn't mean it.

Darrel Pattillo is the sports editor for the Colby Free Press. His column appears on Monday.



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Sean Mengel was on the mound for Colby Saturday in the first game of the K-18 state tournament. Mengel and the rest of the Colby K-18 squad shut out Lucas 6-0. Colby heads back to Lucas Tuesday night to play at 6:30 p.m. in the semi-finals against Osborne. The championship game will take place Wednesday night.

## Colby K-18 advances to semi-final

By PAM AUGUSTINE  
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The Colby K-18 baseball team traveled to Lucas on Saturday for the first round of K-18 state baseball and came home with a big win, defeating Lucas 6-0.

Colby went into the tournament as the number one seed with a record of 16-0 in K-18 play and 28-14 overall. Lucas was the number four seed out of the east regional with a record of 10-6.

On the mound for Colby was Sean Mengel. Mengel, in a strong performance, had seven strikeouts, and gave up only 1 walk and two hits.

Colby was scoreless the first inning but came back strong in the 2nd, scoring three runs.

Deke Elliott hit a hard ground ball to the shortstop but was safe at first on an error. Dusty Quenzer then

forced Elliott out at second but was safe on first by an overthrow, advancing to second.

Sean Mengel and Jeremy Dietz both walked and Mitchell Gatz then singled scoring Quenzer. Mengel scored on Jordon Cranston's walk. Colby's next score came on a wild pitch, scoring Dietz.

The third inning started off with Matt Augustine taking a walk, Elliott with a single, followed up with a single by Dietz which scored Augustine. Elliott scored on a wild pitch bringing the score to 5-0. Augustine homered in the 4th inning to round out the scoring. Colby threatened in the 5th and 6th innings with Gatz singling in the 5th and Travis Powell in the 6th. Colby was unable to capitalize and stranded five runners in these two innings.

Mitchell Gatz lead the hitters with two singles and 1 RBI, Matt August-

ine had a home run and 1 RBI. Jeremy Dietz had a single and 1 RBI, Deke Elliott and Travis Powell each singled, and Jordon Cranston was credited with an RBI. Colby's other two runs came on wild pitches.

Colby K-18 is coached by Jeff Krzycki, Russell Rodenbeck, Wayne Sulzman and Lyle Saddler. Team members are Jordon Cranston, Travis Powell, Matt Augustine, Deke Elliott, Dusty Quenzer, Sean Mengel, Jeremy Dietz, Mitchell Gatz, Trenton Powell, Heath Bieker, Kyle Withington, Brian Saddler, David Voss, Aric Grob, Eric Paulsen, Adam Perkins.

Colby will be in action on Tuesday night in Lucas at 6:30 p.m. in semi-final action. Colby will play Osborne, which defeated Phillipsburg 16-14 Sunday night.

## Hampton struggling in Colorado

MILWAUKEE (AP) — For Mike Hampton, it's become downright humiliating.

"It's past the point of embarrassment," the Colorado Rockies pitcher said. "I don't know what to do."

Hampton had a 3-2 lead with two outs and nobody on in the sixth inning. Then the Milwaukee Brewers rallied and completed their first series sweep against Colorado with a 5-3 victory Sunday.

"The team gave me a 3-0 lead, and that should have been enough," Hampton said. "Three was plenty. ... I made stupid pitches and it cost us the game."

Hampton (5-13), who signed an eight-year, \$121 million contract with Colorado before the 2001 season, lost his fourth straight decision. He gave up five runs and nine hits in six innings, raising his ERA to 6.87.

In Hampton's fatal sixth inning, Jose Hernandez singled and scored on Izzy Alcantara's double. After an intentional walk to Robert Machado, pinch-hitter Jeffrey Hammonds walked to load the bases.

Ronnie Belliard then singled to left to score two runs. Hammonds was caught between second and third to end the inning, but the Brewers had the lead for good.

Earlier, Hampton surrendered a 437-foot, two-run homer to Ryan Thompson on what he said was a "terrible" pitch.

The game matched two of the worst starters in the NL in Hampton and Milwaukee's Jamey Wright, who has a 6.52 ERA.

Wright (3-10) allowed three runs and eight hits in six innings. Mike DeJean pitched the ninth for his 17th save in his second outing since being fined for his blowup on the mound with Royster.

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# Ozzie Smith inducted into the Hall of Fame

By JOHN KEKIS  
AP Sports Writer

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — This was even harder than getting around on Tom Niedenfuer's fastball in the playoffs 17 years ago.

"This is tough," said Ozzie Smith, halting to brush away a tear after his son, Dustin, read the inscription on his plaque. "I've faced many challenges in my career, and if I was to rank them by difficulty, this moment in Cooperstown would rank at the top of the list."

Smith, a dazzling shortstop during a 19-year career with St. Louis and San Diego, was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame on Sunday, the only player to enter the shrine this year.

Flanked by 46 Hall of Famers, including former Cardinals greats Stan Musial, Bob Gibson, Lou Brock and Red Schoendienst, the "Wizard of Oz" accepted the honor with an eloquent speech.

Comparing his baseball odyssey to Dorothy's journey down the Yellow Brick Road in "The Wizard of Oz" and holding a copy of the famed children's book in his hands, Smith recounted his rise to stardom. He even orchestrated the ending, with a tape of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" playing in the background as he spoke.

Smith said his recipe for success was simple: He had the mind to dream that the Scarecrow cherished, a heart to believe that the Tin Man ached for and the c-c-c-c courage of the Lion to persevere.

"Ozzie Smith was a boy who decided to look within, a boy who discovered that absolutely nothing is good enough if it can be made better, a boy who discovered an old-fashioned formula that would take him beyond the rainbow, beyond even his wildest dreams," he said.

The 47-year-old Smith, who retired after the 1996 season, thanked everyone from his mother, Marvella, to his high school coach, to the man who brought him to St. Louis in 1982, former manager Whitey Herzog.

Smith had said he didn't know how he would act at his induction. There was no trademark back flip, but when

Smith was introduced, he came on stage wearing an Afro wig with a Padres cap. He wanted to break the tension because he was nervous.

In a summer that has been hard on St. Louis fans following the deaths of longtime Cardinals broadcaster Jack Buck and pitcher Darryl Kile, Smith gave them and the audience of 19,000 a reason to smile.

"I sincerely believe that there is nothing truly great in any man or woman, except their character, their willingness to move beyond the realm of self and into a greater realm of selflessness," Smith said before reading a poem he dedicated to Buck, a lover of poetry whose memorable call of Smith's game-winning home run against Niedenfuer and the Dodgers in the 1985 playoffs urged fans to "Go crazy."

"Giving back is the ultimate talent in life," Smith said, calling it the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. "That is the greatest trophy on my mantel."

Smith elevated the defensive standard for shortstops during his time with the Cardinals and Padres. He holds six career fielding marks for shortstops, including most assists (8,375), double plays (1,590) and chances (12,624). Smith won 13 straight NL Gold Glove awards.

He revealed how he became such a deft fielder. Money was scarce while he was growing up in Watts in Los Angeles, and Smith's first glove was a paper bag. That helped him practice getting rid of the ball quickly.

He also would lie on the floor of his house, close his eyes, and toss a baseball in the air, then catch it without looking up. He even tried to throw a baseball over the roof, then run around and catch it.

"No, I never caught it," he said with a smile. "But it never stopped me from trying. Luckily, I didn't just experience the dream for a moment and then dismiss it as foolishness."

Also honored were longtime Detroit sports writer Joe Falls, who was given the J.G. Taylor Spink Award for his six decades of work, and Phillies broadcaster Harry Kalas, who accepted the Ford C. Frick Award.

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