

# Colby's Mannebach into 'Hall'

## Induction held in Topeka at All-Star event

One of the state's most respected high school basketball coaches was in the spotlight this past week at Topeka with induction into the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association "Hall of Fame."

Bob Mannebach, former basketball coach of the Colby High School Eagles, and longtime success story at Salina's Sacred Heart High School, was recognized at a reception at Washburn University and then at half-time of the boys' KBCA

All-Star Basketball Game at Washburn's Lee Arena. Both events were held last Wednesday.

Mannebach, Colby High School teacher and cross country coach, began his career at Esbon, moved on to Grinnell and then took over at Sacred Heart, where he posted a 309-167 record over 21 seasons and won four state crowns. Three of those four were consecutives — 1979, 1980 and 1981.

Mannebach's 1975 undefeated

state championship team was inducted into the KBCA "Hall of Fame" in 1989, thus his personal induction into the Hall in 2004 was another layer of flavor to a sport he's endeared throughout his adult life.

Mannebach, who was raised at Menlo, returned to this part of the state in 1990 after leaving Sacred Heart High School.

The move provided him an opportunity to be closer to family and

to also assume the head basketball coaching position at Colby High School. He was at the helm for two seasons.

Out on the trail, Mannebach has been creating his share of chatter as cross country mentor. His Colby teams are consistently Northwest Kansas League champions, or in the running for those coveted titles, and his name is familiar among those who watch state cross country competition.

# Legion baseball team finishes third at state

Colby 4, Russell 2  
Colby 2, Baxter Springs 8  
Colby 6, Silver Lake 13

The Colby American Legion baseball team went to the AA State Tournament in Wathena last week and came away with a third-place finish and respect from the American Legion community.

Led by the pitching of Brian Sulzman, Colby won their opener Wednesday against Russell. Sulzman threw seven complete, allowing just two hits to earn his fourth victory of the summer. Despite Sulzman's work on the mound, Colby was down 1-0 going into the top of the fourth though. He then decided to help his own cause.

Sulzman led off the fourth with a double down the left field line. A batter later, Bruce Arnberger singled to bring home Sulzman and tie the score. Colby scored again in the top of the fifth when Sulzman doubled home Jordan Cranston, who had singled with one out.

Russell came back in the bottom of the fifth, utilizing one of their two hits, to tie the score once again. With the score still tied at two in the top of the seventh, Jordan Cranston doubled to the right center gap. Josh Houtz then hit a 0-2 fastball through the right side of the infield scoring Cranston with the eventual game winning run. Houtz advanced to third after a succession of past balls and Brian Sulzman drove him home with a sacrifice fly to center. Sulzman put down Russell in order in the bottom of the inning for Colby's first victory of the tournament.

Jordan Cranston went 3 for 4 and scored two runs in game one. Bruce Arnberger went 3 for 3 with an RBI. Both Sulzman and Houtz had two hits apiece.

Colby advanced to the championship game of the winners' bracket

Friday night against Baxter Springs after they received a bye in the second round due to a rules violation by Larned.

Baxter Spring scored two in the first and two in the second for an early advantage.

Colby managed to make the score 4-2 in the fifth on a Brian Sulzman two run double. That was all Colby would get though, as Baxter increased their lead in the sixth and seventh innings. Josh Houtz helped the Colby effort by going 3 for 4.

Colby's last game of the tournament came Saturday morning against Silver Lake. Despite amassing 12 hits, Colby could not stop Silver Lake from doing the same, and was forced to accept a third-place finish.

Chris Gordon gave Colby an early advantage when he hammered a full count fastball over the right center field fence for two runs in the first. With Colby leading 2-1 in the bottom of the second, Silver Lake exploded for seven runs to take an 8-2 lead. Colby immediately cut the lead to 8-4 when Miles Ackerman singled up the middle scoring Brian Sulzman and Chris Gordon. Silver Lake scored one in the bottom of the third to make the score 9-4, but Colby answered once again when Josh Houtz smacked a two-run home run to reduce the lead to 9-6. Houtz was 8 for 12 in the tournament. Unfortunately those were the final runs Colby would score, as Silver Lake held on for the victory.

Bruce Arnberger went 3 for 4 with a triple in the final game, and was 6 for 10 in the tournament.

Colby finished the summer third in the state with an 18-15 record. It should be noted that the players were highly regarded by the directors of the tournament for their outstanding behavior on and off the field in Wathena.

## SportsLine

### Chamber golf touney registration set

The 11th annual Colby/Thomas County Chamber Golf Tournament tees off at the Colby Country Club on Thursday, Sept. 2. Registration must reach the Chamber of Commerce office no later than Aug. 26. The entry fee is \$50 per person/one free entry with hole sponsorship. This is a four-person scramble (men and women) with registration from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tee-off is at 12:30. A buffet dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. The chamber is located at 350 S. Range and the phone number is 460-3401.

### Seventh grade football meeting set

There will be a meeting for any boys interested in playing seventh grade football at Colby Middle School, said John Miles, coach. The meeting is planned for Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria. Parents are encouraged to attend with their son, he said. For questions, call Miles at 462-3055.

### Hunter Education Course scheduled

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Colby volunteer instructors, and the Colby Recreation Department, have scheduled a "Hunter Education Course" in Colby. The course will take place at the Colby Community Building on Tuesday, Aug. 24, and Thursday, Aug. 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and on Saturday Aug. 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.. Range from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., weather permitting. This will be the only class in Colby before the "Youth Outdoor Skills Day." Students must attend all sessions. Anyone born on or after July 1, 1957 must take and pass a Hunter Education Course before they can hunt in Kansas. Students must pre-enroll at The Pirates Den, Southwind Plaza, Colby. For more information call 785-462-6631, 785-462-7602, or 785-462-3367.

### 'Youth Shoot' set for Aug. 15

The Colby Trap Club and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks' "Pass It On" program are sponsoring a "Youth Shoot" on Sunday, Aug. 15 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.. On trap house one will be a free shoot for all youth,

women, and new shooters. Trap house two and the skeet houses will be open for the more experienced shooter. Shotguns, shotgun shells, and blue rock will be provided for trap house one by the Colby Trap Club and the "Pass It On" program. The Trap Club is located five miles west of Colby on Hwy. 24 to Th.Co. Rd. 16, then south one mile. For more information call Tim Hansen at 460-2710, Bob Luck at 462-8857 (day) or 462-3701 after 6 p.m. or Benny Young at 462-7602.

### Weight room workouts winding down

The summer weight room workouts are winding down, with the final day on Thursday of this week. Colby School District athletes, boys and girls, entering grades 7-12 this year, are urged to take advantage of this opportunity. The hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday, 6 to 7:15 a.m., 7:15 to 8:30 a.m., 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. and 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. The sessions include strength training, flexibility and agility. Athletes need to attend one session daily and need to arrive 15 minutes prior to the session they want to attend.

### Colby fall sports practices begin next week

With August now underway and school openings on the minds of students and parents, the next question is: "When do fall sports practices begin?" Information from the Colby School District is that the first day of practices in Monday, Aug. 16. Practice times will be determined by individual coaches. The first day of classes is Thursday, Aug. 19.

### Brewster fall practices start Aug. 16

The Brewster School District's new "Calendar of Events" notes that the first day for fall sports practice is Monday, Aug. 16. The first day of classes will be Thursday, Aug. 19. And the first fall sports contest will be the high school volleyball team in the Healy tourney on Saturday, Aug. 28 at 9 a.m.

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& Larry Helus

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**1st Row:** Levi Schlick, Jesse Hawk, Mike Ackerman, Cory Sager, Cade Carter, Trenton Powell, JD Donn **2nd Row:** Assistant Coach Russell Rodenbeck, Joe Heier, Aric Grob, RJ Ladenburger, Stephen Dinkel, Mikel Ladenburger, Jason Ackerman, Kevin Lang, Head Coach Jeff Krzycki

Colby K-18 Team & Coaches  
on your Second Place Finish at state!!  
You made us all proud!!