

Scholarships aid two area athletes

Colby's Stover

Landon, Stover, basketball standout at Colby High School, has received athletic/academic scholarships at Sterling College. Stover, son of Lynn and Lori Stover, plans to major in accounting at the central Kansas college.

He received a basketball scholarship based on performance at Colby High and in his collegiate tryout.

He also received a track and field scholarship, based on his high school performance and his collegiate tryout.

Additionally, he has been selected to receive the Collegiate

Academic Scholarship determined by recommendation, performance and data gathered from high school and other experiences.

At Colby High, Stover participated in cross country, track and basketball.

He was also named to the All-State Third Team/basketball, the All-State Honorable Mention List/cross country, the Most Inspirational Orange and Black Classic and Orange and Black Classic All-Tournament Team. He was voted the State Runner-Up/Basketball Senior.

Brewster's Collett

Alicia Collett, an all-around outstanding athlete at Brewster High School, will be attending Sterling College this coming term as recipient of a Presidential Scholarship and Basketball Scholarship, the college said today.

Collett, daughter of Scott and Alice Collett, Levant, received the prestigious Presidential Scholarship, the highest academic award given, based on a record of high academic achievement at Brewster High.

Her basketball scholarship was based on her overall performance in high school, recommendations and other data.

Collett participated in volleyball, basketball and track at Brewster, winning a letter in each sport all four years.

Additionally, she performed at the state level in track her junior year and played on numerous All-League teams.

She was named to the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association Academic All-State Basketball Team, the National Honor Roll and the National Honor Society. Collett was also awarded the Kansas Honors Award and the Governor's Scholar Award.

She plans to major in biology at the central Kansas four-year Christian liberal arts college.

Colby golfers fourth in Goodland tourney

Colby County Club's golf team finished fourth in the recent 14th annual KLOE-KKCI-KWGB Golf Classic at Sugar Hills Country Club west of Goodland.

For the second year in a row, the Norton County Club emerged as the winner of the event with a two-stroke victory over the Goodland team. Atwood was a close third.

Other teams, in order, were Burlington, Colo., St. Francis, Sharon Springs, Tribune, Oakley, Benkelman, Neb., Hoxie and Oberlin. The tourney was delayed 20 minutes to allow a light rain to pass.

Kevin Cox of Sharon Springs was the medalist as he shot a two-under par 69. Runners-up individually were Kevan Taylor of Colby and Joe Herman of Norton, both carding par 71's. Other outstanding scores included 73's by Jason Kanak of Atwood, John Penny of Burlington, Dax Hayden of Goodland, Cole Nondorf of Hoxie and Tyson Shelley of Burlington.

Shooting 74's were John Millan of Norton, Brandon Wagoner of Sharon Springs and Jon McLean of Goodland.

St. Francis' best effort came from Dale Crabtree and Chris Bracelin with 78's. Dick Ahlberg shot a 76 for Oberlin, Stan Stark had a 75 to lead Oakley, Shawn Jones paced Benkelman with a 78 and Rich Wieser and Scott Schneider both shot 79 for Tribune.

Atwood 'Poker Run' on Saturday's schedule

The third annual Poker Run is scheduled for Saturday at Atwood with registration at noon with a "Show & Shine" at the Atwood Lake.

The Poker Run departs at 1 p.m.,

stops at the Atwood Swimming Pool, then travels to Colby, Hoxie, Oberlin, Herndon and returns to Atwood Lake for check-in at 5 p.m., followed by a sloppyjoe feed and "Show & Shine" until 6 p.m.

Announcement of winners will take place at 5:30 p.m. There will be a 40 percent payout to High Hand (15 percent), Second Hand (10 percent), Third Hand (10 percent) and Low Hand (5 percent).

The Poker Run is a fund raiser for the swimming pool and park project. For more information, contact Cathy Domsch at (785) 626-3548, Scott Chvatal 626-3251 or e-mail to hillside@ruraltel.net.

Steve Beuerlein is back in Broncos uniform

DENVER (AP) — Steve Beuerlein's head was swimming with questions as he considered returning for a 17th year.

Did he want to put his 38-year-old body through the rigors of another NFL season? Did he want to move his family to Denver again? Was it worth the trouble to return as a backup?

The answer came after Beuerlein's wife, Kristen, narrowed the questions to one.

"My wife told me to just keep it very simple. Don't think about everything else, just think about whether you want to play football or not," Beuerlein said Tuesday. "If you want to play football, then you need to go play another year. And that's what it came down to."

One of Beuerlein's biggest con-

cerns was whether he could handle being a backup.

He's filled nearly every role imaginable as a quarterback and didn't see any reason to stick around if he wasn't going to start. Besides, who'd miss the backup?

Broncos coach Mike Shanahan put an end to those thoughts.

Just two days after signing Jake Plummer to be the Broncos starter, Shanahan visited the Beuerleins at their home in Charlotte, N.C. He outlined the team's plans for Beuerlein and expressed how much the team needed him for at least one more season.

It worked.

"He and I go way back, so I didn't think it was too odd that he would make a gesture like that," Beuerlein said. "But I did think it was odd that

they would think enough of me to make that effort at the point."

Shanahan's rationale was simple: He needed another quarterback. Plummer was the future, but Beuerlein would make it easier for him to get there.

No one knows the Broncos' offense better than Beuerlein. And with several years of experience as a starter, including three games last season, Beuerlein could step right

in if needed.

"I've got a lot of confidence in Steve and he's one play away from being a starter," Shanahan said. "Steve's a guy who's got a lot of experience and I look at him as a starter in the league. If we weren't been able to pick Jake or Kurt Warner, the two guys we had projected as possible starters for us, Steve Beuerlein would have been our quarterback."

Scoreboard

National Baseball Congress World Series, Wichita
Tuesday's games
Santa Barbara (Calif.) Foresters 3, Fairbanks (Alaska) Goldpanners 1
(Fairbanks eliminated)
Chinese Taipei 7, Athletes in Action-Alaska 2
(Athletes in Action eliminated)
Seguin (Texas) SMI Steelers 6, Nevada (Mo.) Griffons 4
(Nevada eliminated)

Prairie Gravel (Ill.) 2, Hays Larks 1
Havasu (Ariz.) Heat 6, Wichita Braves 2
El Dorado Broncos 6, Edmond (Okla.) Mudcats 2
(Edmond eliminated)
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Febles done at Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Carlos Febles, once considered Kansas City's second baseman of the future, was designated for assignment Tuesday and in all likelihood is finished with the club.

Febles had been a disappointment both offensively and defensively despite occasional flashes since his rookie season in 1999.

Febles and center fielder Carlos Beltran came up together through the minor league system and were expected to become impact players.

Beltran, in fact, has. But Febles never got his career going and came into this season with a .252 lifetime average. "I'm disappointed. But I'm mainly disappointed in myself," the 27-year-old Febles said. "I

came out of spring training with big expectations and didn't fulfill them. I didn't do my job."

Febles was hitting .235 with 11 RBIs in 196 at-bats for the AL Central leaders. His fielding error on a potential double-play grounder in the ninth inning last week led to a three-run rally by Tampa Bay and a demoralizing 3-2 loss.

The Royals' new full-time second baseman will become Desi Relaford, the versatile infielder-outfielder who started in center field against New York on Tuesday night as Beltran rested a sore elbow.

Mendy Lopez, who came off the disabled list after missing 53 games with a right calf strain, took the roster spot of Febles.

Mighty blast nails victory

MONTREAL (AP) — The Colorado Rockies' biggest threat off the bench delivered another clutch hit.

Greg Norton came through with a pinch-hit, three-run homer in the 11th inning and Colorado beat the Montreal Expos 6-3 Tuesday night.

Norton, who leads the majors with 16 pinch hits, has three homers and 12 RBIs in that role this season.

"That's a tough job to do and he does it as good as anybody," Rockies left fielder Jay Payton said. "We've had a lot of close ball games this year and we've ended up on the short end of most of them so it was nice tonight. Norty picked us up big there in the extra innings."

Chin-hui Tsao, the majors' first Taiwanese pitcher, remained undefeated in four starts, allowing five hits and three runs in 5 1-3 innings.

The Rockies ended a three-game skid and improved to 20-42 on the road this season. Colorado is 2-7 in extra-inning games.

Vladimir Guerrero homered for

the second night in a row and drove in three runs for the Expos.

Montreal, which had won five straight at home, has lost six of eight to fall to 60-60.

Larry Walker hit a leadoff single in the 11th off Expos closer Rocky Biddle (3-5), who was working his second inning.

Walker advanced on a wild pitch and, after Payton fouled out on a bunt attempt, Charles Johnson walked.

Both runners advanced on Juan Uribe's grounder to third before Norton hit Biddle's 1-1 pitch high down the right-field line, just inside the net that serves as a foul pole at Olympic Stadium.

Brian Fuentes (3-1) pitched the 10th for the win, narrowly avoiding the loss when Jose Vidro's two-out drive struck high up the right-field wall for a double.

Guerrero was intentionally walked for the second straight plate appearance and Orlando Cabrera fled out to end the threat.

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