

# SportsLine

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## Middle school volleyball meeting noted

There will be a 7th/8th grade volleyball meeting for girls interested in the sport, and their parents, on Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria. Questions beforehand can be directed to Shonna Davis at (785) 460-5200 or Liz Strand at (785) 460-5300.

## Volleyball practice begins Monday

Colby High School volleyball practice will start on Monday at the high school gym from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Athletes must have physicals turned into the high school office before they can participate. There will also be a parent/athlete volleyball meeting on Thursday, Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school gym. If you have any questions, please call Coach Lesley Wagoner at the high school 460-5300.

## Tennis meeting today at high school

Girls interested in playing tennis at Colby High School are asked to attend a preseason parent/athlete meeting at 6 p.m. tonight in the commons area at the school. Questions can be directed to the school office at 460-5300. (This note reached the *Free Press* too late for Thursday's paper.) Also, yesterday's golf meeting missed the deadline, but those girls interested in that sport and have questions can also call the school office at the above number.

## Hunter education course next week

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. 19 and on Thursday, Aug. 21 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., and on Saturday, Aug. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with range activities from 2 to 4 p.m., weather permitting. Students must pre-enroll at the Pirates Den at Southwind Plaza if they want to participate in the skills day event on Sept. 20. For information, call (785) 462-6631, (785) 462-7602 or (785) 462-3367.

## Outdoors skills day slated in September

Youth Outdoors Skills Day will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20 for kids 15 or younger with valid hunter education card. Kids 10 years or younger should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Youth can participate in skills like shotgunning, archery, compass and map reading, muzzleloaders and game calling. A buffalo burger meal will be served. For information or registration, call (785) 462-3367 or (785) 462-7602.

## Meeting could interest locals

Colby and area interests are being advised that the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission will hold a public meeting and hearing at The Depot, Kansas Avenue and Rock Island Road in Liberal on Thursday, Aug. 21. The afternoon session will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the evening public hearing will be at 7 p.m. For information, call (620) 672-5911.

## Sunday is race time again in Colby

Thomas County Speedway's next race is Sunday with the point's battle for the track championship heating up. On Sunday, Aug. 31, the track will once again play host to the ASCS 360 sprint cars, as well as the regular featured divisions deciding track champions.

# Rockies familiar with power outages

NEW YORK (AP) — Jay Payton and the Colorado Rockies usually have no problems with power.

Until this week, that is. The Rockies found themselves smack in the middle of Thursday's massive blackout, one day after being plunged into total darkness at Olympic Stadium in Montreal.

The power outage that struck the Northeast and parts of Canada, Ohio and Michigan on Thursday afternoon postponed one major league game — San Francisco at the New York Mets — two WNBA games in New York and Cleveland,

and one minor league game in Toledo.

There was no immediate word on whether the outage would claim more games today. The Giants were forced to wait outside Shea Stadium until 10:30 p.m. Thursday, then left by bus for Philadelphia to catch an early morning flight to Montreal.

But for Payton and the big-hitting Rockies, the power problem was becoming all too familiar.

"The lights went out on us last night, too," Payton said Thursday as he killed time in the lobby of a midtown Manhattan hotel, one day before opening a series at Shea.

"You just have to hang out. Hopefully, we'll play," he said.

Colorado pitcher Adam Bernero was walking around Times Square when the lights went out. "People started coming out of the buildings. It was kind of weird."

Teammate Denny Stark had a closer call. He had just stepped out of a hotel elevator on the 21st floor when the power went out shortly after 4 p.m.

"It wasn't a minute and it was blackout! I was just thankful I wasn't stuck in an elevator. Things

can be a lot worse," he said.

On Wednesday night, the Rockies were playing at Montreal when a power failure struck the ballpark and halted the game for more than an hour. The rest of the Canadian city was not affected by that outage.

When Thursday's blackout hit, fans had not yet been let into Shea Stadium, and the Mets were still in their clubhouse. The team then went out and took batting practice, and the game was postponed about an hour before the scheduled 7:10 p.m. start.

# Pirates' manager kicked out for fourth time

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon was ejected for the fourth time this season after screaming at umpires Eric Cooper and Mike Reilly during Thursday's game against St. Louis.

McClendon came charging out of the dugout as Pirates starter Jeff D'Amico was about to pitch to Edgar Renteria with a runner on first base and St. Louis leading 2-0

in the fourth.

McClendon first yelled at Cooper, the home plate umpire, who quickly ejected him. As Reilly, the crew chief, moved in and began to steer McClendon toward the Pirates' dugout, the manager angrily tossed his hat and threw down his sunglasses.

McClendon said Renteria bunted through a pitch, only to have Cooper call it a ball. He also said he

didn't use any profanity before being ejected.

"Absolutely didn't say enough to warrant getting thrown out of this game," McClendon said.

"All I said was he (Renteria) bunted through a pitch, it's not that hard of a call — and he threw me out."

At one point during the relatively brief argument, McClendon appeared to bump at least one of the

umpires.

"I'm sure the (umpires') report that goes to the league office will be written up differently than what really happened," McClendon said. "I'm sure it will say I cussed them and everything else. That's what makes me mad — all they ever do is take the other guy's word."

The umpiring crew left immediately after the game to catch a plane and was not available for comment.

## Briefs

• **BASEBALL**  
DETROIT (AP) — The All-Star game will return to Detroit in 2005, for the first time in more than 30 years.

The All-Star game is the latest in a series of high-profile sporting events awarded to the area in recent years.

The 2006 Super Bowl will be played at Ford Field, next to Comerica Park, about six months after the All-Star game.

The 2004 Ryder Cup will be held at Oakland Hills in suburban Detroit and the 2009 NCAA Final Four also will be played at Ford Field, the home of the Detroit Lions.

• **GOLF**  
ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Phil Mickelson fashioned a 4-under 66 at Oak Hill for a share of the lead at the PGA Championship with Rod Pampling of Australia.

Tiger Woods finished at 4-over 74, the sixth consecutive time in a major he has failed to break par in the opening round.

Billy Andrade, the seventh alternate when the PGA field first was announced two weeks ago, made five birdies — the last one on the difficult 18th — for a 67.

SYLVANIA, Ohio (AP) — Laura Diaz had three consecutive birdies on the front nine and shot a 6-under 65 in the opening round of the Jamie Farr Kroger Classic to take a one-stroke lead over defending champion Rachel Teske.

Teen sensation Michelle Wie struggled early, but recovered to shoot a 2-over 73 in her fourth LPGA Tour event of the year.

• **NFL**  
CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) —

Sobbing and apologizing to the family of NFL running back Fred Lane, Deidra Lane pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter for gunning her husband down as he walked through the front door of their home.

Deidra Lane, 28, faces more than 19 years in prison, but prosecutors said she likely will get a sentence of about 10 years.

She was originally charged with first-degree murder, and a brief statement issued jointly by prosecutors and Lane's defense team didn't explain why the charge was downgraded.

Mecklenburg County assistant district attorney Glenn Cole also refused to explain, though he said a plea bargain had been discussed by attorneys for months.

• **TENNIS**  
TORONTO (AP) — Top-ranked Kim Clijsters was upset by unseeded Lina Krasnoroutskaya 1-6, 6-4, 6-1 in the third round of the Rogers AT&T Cup, ending her streak of reaching the semifinals at every tournament this year.

The Belgian made at least the semifinals at the first 14 events she

entered in 2003, and she leads the tour with six titles.

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Chang, 31, was among eight men granted a wild-card entry to the U.S.

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# Last chance faces some KC hopefuls

RIVER FALLS, Wis. (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs' preseason game against Minnesota on Saturday night may be the last chance for some young players to earn a chance at making the roster, head coach Dick Vermeil said.

"Or younger players have to play better this week than they did last week," Vermeil said as the team prepared to break camp Friday and head home. "That's our whole goal this week: to see all those young kids play a lot better."

Vermeil wasn't happy with the performance of Kansas City's second- and third-string players in last weekend's loss to the San Francisco 49ers.

"We couldn't even get a quarter-back-center exchange or handoff," Vermeil said. "We had a guy who was a candidate for the Heisman Trophy who couldn't take a handoff. It's a different league. You've got to do it right."

With Jarmar Julien hobbled by a sprained ankle, first-round pick Larry Johnson is expected to see more playing time at Arrowhead Stadium on Saturday.

Vermeil said Julien may see some action against the Vikings, but he expects to get a good look at Johnson.

Playing the Hall of Fame Game on Aug. 4 gave the Chiefs five exhibition games instead of four this year, which Vermeil said gave the coaching staff more time to study the younger players but also was helpful for the starters.

"Sometimes, four's not enough," he said. "What happens is, you play three and the fourth, no one hardly plays. You get a few plays and get everybody out and you watch the reserves play. Some of them you know they're not going to be here. This way, you get four real good legitimate preseason games and one more opportunity to evaluate."

An incident during a Chiefs-Vikings scrimmage two weeks ago left receiver Dameane Douglas

with an injured knee and caused him to miss the rest of training camp.

But Vermeil said he doubted there would be any repercussions Saturday night.

"I don't know if there's any bad blood," he said. "We had a receiver hurt, but that's one incident."

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