

## Sharp shooter



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Jordan Sharp was engaged in practice shots during the last day today of the Colby Eagle basketball team camp at the high school gym. The camp kicked in on Monday.

## Coaching clinic slated at Hays in late July

HAYS — The fifth annual Western Kansas Basketball Coaching Clinic will be held on July 19-20. The clinic will feature top-notch college and high school coaches who will present on-the-court demonstrations, as well as classroom instruction.

Hastings (Neb.) College head coach Tony Hobson will discuss his half- and full-court man defense, as well as his drills for improving post-and guard-play.










There will also be a special presentation by Fort Hays State University coach Jim Krob on how to motivate athletes.

The clinic is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at Hays High School, 2300 East 13th. A clinic T-shirt and tow lunches are provided with the cost, along with door prizes. Call 785-628-6581 for details, including cost and registration forms.

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## Lampe-coached product considered best shot for Gold

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The owner of the American League’s worst team remains fully confident in his manager and general manager.

That’s certain to put David Glass at odds with a growing contingent of Kansas City fans watching the Royals’ once-promising season fall apart.

With a 29-46 mark at the beginning of July, the franchise record of 100 losses seems easily within

reach. That’s triple-digit losses for a retooled team that several experts expected to capture the AL Central title and end a 19-year postseason drought.

Distribution of blame for the season began Wednesday with the firing of pitching coach John Cumberland. With a team ERA of 5.01 — 13th among 14 teams — it seemed an easy call.

But why, say many fans, stop there? What about manager Tony

## Kansas City bows 3-2 to visiting Baltimore

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Baltimore Orioles took their time on offense against Zack Greinke.

Rafael Palmeiro homered and David Newhan drove in the go-ahead run in a three-run seventh inning, leading the Orioles to a 3-2 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Thursday night.

“We’ve got a pretty good offense,” Baltimore manager Lee Mazzilli said. “I think once Raffy hit that home run, it kind of propelled the guys in the dugout.”

The Orioles scored three runs in the seventh against Greinke after managing only three hits against him in the first six innings. The Orioles won three games in the series three games to one for their first series victory since May 28-30 against Detroit.

While the clutch hitting in the seventh provided the winning margin, it was an impressive pitching performance that made the victory possible.

Rodrigo Lopez combined with B.J. Ryan, Jason Grimsley and Jorge Julio to retire the final 24 Kansas City batters. Lopez (6-4) gave up two runs on four hits in the first, then retired the last 15 batters he faced.

“They all pitched well,” Mazzilli said. “It was a perfect thing for the set-up with B.J. and Grimsley, then Julio coming in in the ninth to close it out.

“Lopie pitched a pretty good game after giving up two in the first.

The other kid (Greinke) pitched a pretty good game, too.”

Lopez said he didn’t change anything he did after the first inning — he was just more successful with his pitches.

“I had good movement on my fastball, but in the first I was high,” Lopez said. “I couldn’t set up the batters like I like. After that, I got my pitches down and that’s when I settled down.”

Lopez allowed two runs and four hits, and struck out four in six innings. Julio pitched the ninth for his 11th save in 13 chances, completing the four-hitter.

Greinke (1-5) was cruising until the seventh, when the Orioles broke through against the rookie right-hander.

Palmeiro said he hit a changeup off Greinke to cut the deficit to 2-1.

“He was throwing well, throwing the ball in and out and keeping everyone off balance,” Palmeiro said.

“I just got a good pitch to hit.”

Javy Lopez followed with a double and scored on a one-out double by Jerry Hairston.

Luis Matos was hit by a pitch and Robert Machado reached on an infield hit, loading the bases and ending Greinke’s night. Shawn Camp came in and gave up Newhan’s RBI single.

A former Colby Community College Trojan wrestler — a product of coach Steve Lampe — could be this country’s best bet for winning a gold medal in the sport at the Summer Olympics.

The Olympic freestyle wrestler is considered one of the world’s most talented young athletes.

“I will be attending the event on Aug. 27-29,” coach Lampe said.

“I am so proud of Daniel — he

counters major adversity and makes amazing things happen with his life,” Lampe said.

It’s the general consensus of the sports crowd here that Cormier is the biggest success story ever regarding a former Colby Community College athlete.

The *Colby Free Press* will be passing along additional information on Daniel Cormier in the days ahead.

## Royals’ owner confident in Pena and Baird

Pena and general manager Allard Baird?

“I am pleased with Allard and Tony both,” Glass said Thursday from his office in Bentonville, Ark.

“I think they’re doing the best they can. They are both very capable individuals,” Glass said. “You’re not always right with everything you do.”

The Royals finished June with the league’s worst home batting record for the month — .221.

Glass insists he’s suffering right along with the fans.

“I am obsessed with winning and I despise losing,” he said.

“I don’t handle losing well. It’s a very disappointing year for all of us.”

## SportsLine

### Dennen Field Complex closed

The Dennen Field Complex in Colby is now closed until further notice for the track resurfacing project. The school district apologizes for the inconvenience this may cause, but would appreciate the cooperation of the community in helping keep people out of the area until completion. As soon as the project is finished, expected in early August, the public will be notified and the facilities will reopen for public access..

### Lake Atwood county challenge is Sunday

The 24th running of the Lake Atwood County Challenge Race will be held starting at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 4. The men will run four times around the lake for a distance of 8 kilometers (5 miles) and the women will run twice around the lake for a distance of 4 kilometers. Every age division finisher scores points for his or her county. In nearly every race, the team having the most participants won the competition. There are no awards or entry fees. Runners take part for the honor of his or her county. The County Challenge Race is the first event of the annual Lake Atwood Day celebration hosted by the Atwood Rotary Club. For information, call (785) 626-3295.

### Weight room workouts continue

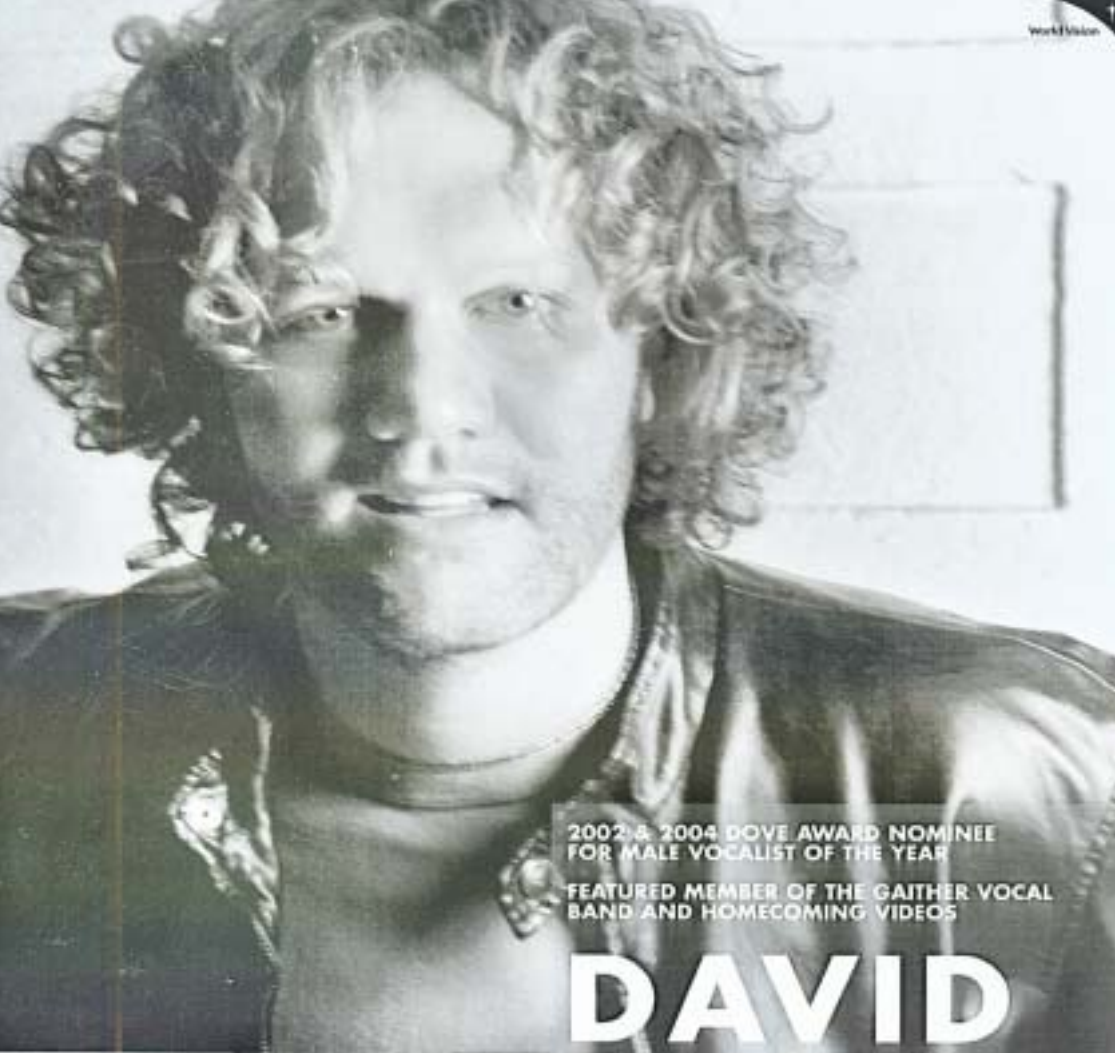
The summer weight room hours for all Colby School District athletes, 7th through 12th grades, are underway and will continue through Aug. 12 at the high school gym. The room is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, with workout sessions from 6-7:15 a.m., 7:15-8:30 a.m., 8:30-9:45 a.m., and 6:30-7:45 p.m. These sessions will include strength training and also flexibility and agility. Athletes will need to attend one session daily, but need to arrive 15 minutes prior to the session they want to attend.

### MAYB updates

Today is the registration deadline for tournaments for 4th-12th boys and girls at Dodge City, Hillsboro and Gardner on July 23-25. Five games guaranteed.

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