

## Colby All-Stars



Colby High School Lady Eagle seniors Zanae Baird, above, and Jessica Stephens, right, represented Colby at the 13th annual Northwest Kansas All-Star Basketball Classic. The game was



held Sunday at the Colby Community Building. The game was sponsored by Colby Community College, the Sports Shoppe and Colby Bowl.

## Missouri women edged out of tourney

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Virginia Tech used experience to beat back Missouri every time its lead was threatened.

The Hokies' four senior starters — who have been to the NCAA tournament every year — played with poise and ran a crisp offense in the opener to hold off Missouri 82-51 Sunday night.

Dawn Chriss had 21 points, and fellow senior Carrie Mason scored key second-half baskets as the Hokies pulled away to a first-round victory.

Another senior, Kerri Gardin, had 17 points and 13 rebounds. Kirby Copeland, a junior, added 10

for Virginia Tech — the No. 7 seed in the Bridgeport Regional. Next up is second-seeded Connecticut.

Chriss, Mason, Gardin and the fourth senior starter, Megan Finnerty, won a first-round game for the first time since 2003 when the Hokies beat Georgia Tech.

Missouri, which never led, cut a 15-point first-half deficit to 45-40 with about 13 minutes remaining when LaToya Bond made two free throws.

Virginia Tech, paced by a balanced offense all season, took over from there. Mason made a 3-pointer, scored on a layup after a steal, and connected with Copeland

for another basket on a break to give the Hokies a 13-point lead just 4 minutes later.

Finnerty got in on the fun, too, having connected with Gardin on some nice feeds in the post. The starters got an early rest and watched the last couple of minutes from the bench with the Hokies ahead by 30 points.

Mason took a seat to cheers from a contingent of Hokies fans wearing orange right behind the basket. The 5-foot-7 guard hails from Seneca, Pa., a small town about 2 1/2 hours from State College.

Bond led Missouri with 13 points but shot just 3-of-14 from the field. Carlynn Savant added nine points and eight rebounds for the Tigers, who had 21 turnovers compared to 10 for Virginia Tech.

The loss spoiled a comeback campaign for Missouri, which finished 21-10 after going 11-18 last season.

The Tigers were picked in the

preseason to finish 10th in the Big 12 Conference, but ended up a surprising fourth. Coach Cindy Stein hoped that she could also surprise in the NCAA's after her team was selected as a 10th seed.

The game was close early and the teams traded misses before the Hokies went on a run. Chriss started the spurt with a 15-foot jumper, and Copeland made a layup for a 15-4 lead before the Tigers called timeout.

Missouri got within 30-25 late in the first half and narrowed the deficit to five points early in the second half before Virginia Tech pulled away.

## Royals closer injures arm

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Kansas City Royals closer Mike MacDougal has a strain in his upper right arm and is expected to be sidelined for about a month.

MacDougal, who was a 2003 All-Star selection, led the team with 21 saves in 25 opportunities last season.

"He has injured a major muscle that comes off the back under the shoulder blade and attaches to the upper arm bone," Royals trainer Nick Swartz said Sunday. "He injured it where the tendon is attached to the upper arm bone is."

"Right now I'm looking at a minimum of four weeks, at the two-week mark we'll repeat his MRI and make another assessment."

Swartz said MacDougal "felt it on one particular pitch" in his previous outing, which was on Wednesday against the Seattle Mariners. MacDougal struck out two in a perfect inning against the

Mariners.

Manager Buddy Bell said he would use 21-year-old right-hander Ambiorix Burgos as the closer in MacDougal's absence. Burgos had two saves as a rookie last season.

"It's not good news, but we have to deal with it," Bell said.

MacDougal's injury is just the latest bad news for Kansas City, which lost a franchise-record 106 games last season. Right-hander Zack Greinke left camp for personal reasons on Feb. 26 and has not returned, and left-hander Mark Redman underwent knee surgery on March 6, leaving two vacancies in the rotation.

Designated hitter Mike Sweeney, who led the team with a .300 average and 21 home runs last season, has not played since March 9 because of a bone bruise in his left leg. Sweeney said he would test his leg this week, and if all goes well he could play by the weekend.

## AP Briefs

**FOOTBALL**  
IRVING, Texas (AP) — Terrell Owens has gone from stomping on the Dallas Cowboys' star logo to wearing it on his helmet.

The receiver who has proven he can wreak havoc on or off the field signed a three-year, \$25 million contract with Dallas on Saturday. The deal includes a \$5 million bonus and \$5 million salary this season, but no added penalties should Owens pull any of the stunts that caused so many problems for his two previous teams, the San Francisco 49ers and the Philadelphia Eagles.

His relationship with the Eagles soured only months after he led them to the Super Bowl, finally ending with his release Tuesday.

Until his behavior limited him to nine games last season, Owens had

at least 75 receptions and 1,100 yards receiving in five straight seasons. The last time a Cowboys receiver hit both figures in one season was Michael Irvin in 1997.

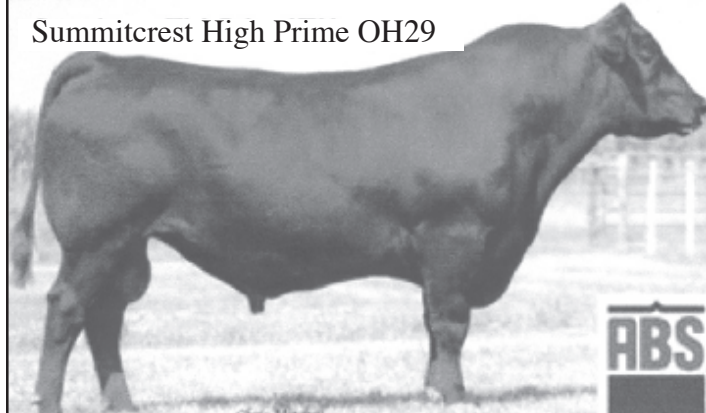
**BASEBALL**  
TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Al Leiter, a 19-year veteran who just returned from pitching for the U.S. team at the World Baseball Classic, retired following the New York Yankees' exhibition game against the Cleveland Indians on Sunday.

The end for the 40-year-old lefthander became official in the seventh inning when he got Cleveland's Eduardo Perez to ground out to third, the only batter he faced.

Leiter finished with a record of 162-132 and won World Series titles with Toronto (1993) and Florida (1997).

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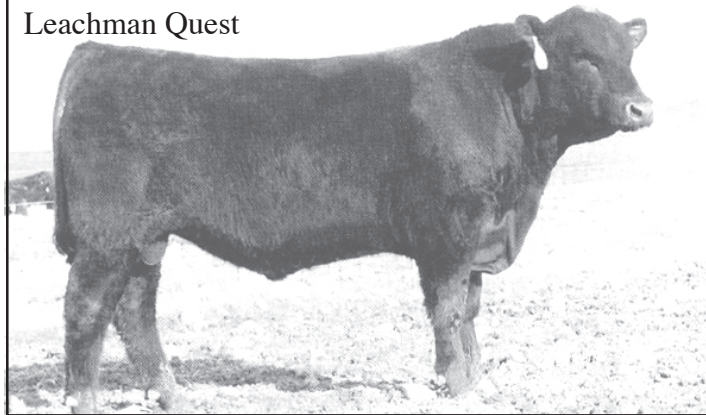
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