

The girls of summer league

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Danielle LeClair will finally know what it is like to go to school and play softball at the same time. LeClair, from Norton, accepted a scholarship to play softball next year at Colby Community College. LeClair has not played high school softball because Norton High does not have a program. LeClair gained her experience and skills playing in recreational summer leagues most recently in Hill City, 35 miles south of Norton.

"She played with me through Sweet Thunder," said Colby softball coach Carl Adams. Adams coaches Sweet Thunder, a girls softball league played during the summer. LeClair, 18, started playing in 12 and younger leagues.

Norton has tried to start a softball program, but there were issues and softball never developed.

"Some were afraid it would compete with track," she said.

So LeClair returned to the summer league.

Adams said those who play in summer leagues are worth considering to play college ball.

"It shows some commitment to those who want to get better," he said. "I put more weight on summer ball because of better competition."

Adams said, there is a difference of play between high school softball and summer league softball.

"In high school softball, you can play with just a few seniors and have more younger kids," he said.

Typically, Adams said summer leagues have more older, more experienced players, like juniors and seniors who play in high school. Not every high school player plays in summer leagues.

The number of games played between a high school and summer league player vary too. For example, Colby High had 11 oppo-



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Danielle LeClair of Norton signed a letter of intent to play softball at Colby Community College. LeClair has not played high school softball because Norton does not have a team. LeClair plays in summer recreation league, a pool of talent according to Colby coach Carl Adams.

nents on its 2006 schedule. If all were doubleheaders, that is a total of 22 games. Adams said some summer league players play many more games because of the longer schedule.

"I usually play every weekend starting in June," LeClair said. "And there are weekend-long tournaments."

LeClair is aware most of the women on Colby's roster will share their high school game memories among each other.

"I am a little nervous because of what they had with their high school experience. But I'm still excited to play."

LeClair won't be the only player on the Trojan roster without high

school experience. Amy Long and Tiffani Foster, both from Hill City, did not play in high school. LeClair said she personally knows high school softball players and they have talked about the environment of high school softball.

LeClair played a variety of positions in summer leagues. Adams expects her to play in the outfield as Trojan.

"She's a hard worker," he said, "she's a go-getter."

LeClair is appreciative of the chance to play college softball knowing her unorthodox history.

"I would really like to thank God, my family, and a close friend for spending hours with me practicing and supporting me throughout my years of softball."

Brewster's Gilley to play in all-star game

Branson Gilley of Brewster has been selected to play for the Division II West Squad at the 21st Annual 8-Man All-Star game.

The game will be played at 1 p.m. Saturday at Trojan Field in Beloit.

Gilley's football honors include being named all league quarterback and defensive back and honorable mention all state.

Brewster was regional runner up for two years and Western Kansas Liberty League runner-up.

Gilley's other sports honors include state basketball tournament for two years, second at state track in the 4x800 meter relay and seventh in the 4x400 meter relay; all league honors three years in football and state powerlifting three

years. Gilley was an honor student all four years of high school and all league testing for two years.

He is a 2006 graduate of Brewster High School and plans to attend college and major in engineering.

He is the son of Rod and Susan Gilley of Brewster.

Jance McKee places fourth

Jance McKee of Brewster placed fourth at the 1A State Golf Tournament played May 22 at the Quail Ridge Golf Course in Winfield.

Ninety golfers played. McKee was the top individual at Regionals earning him the right to play at state.

After an hour delay due to passing storms, play started but only three holes were played when another lightning delay was called. Play resumed 40 minutes later McKee and teed off on 18 at about

9 p.m. In order for McKee's group to finish, an official had to stand next to the cup and spotters had to be placed ahead of the golfers in order for the golfers to see the cup and find their ball.

McKee's after dark finish found him in fourth place with a score of 83.

Zack Rockey of Udall won the tournament with a score of 81.

Lane Green of Argonia and Tanner Coble of Olpe tied for second with a score of 82.

Colby's legion team wins

Colby's American Legion baseball team defeated Gove County in a doubleheader May 31 in Colby.

Colby won game one 17-7. Mitchell Gatz and Brett Wilson led Colby. Wilson had three hits and Gatz had four RBI's from two hits.

Heath Bieker got the win for Colby. He struck out seven.

Game two, Colby won 11-3. Bieker and Brian Saddler each had two RBI's to lead Colby. Wilson had three hits.

Kevin Lang got the win. He allowed two hits and struck out six.

Sports Briefs

By The Associated Press

TENNIS
PARIS (AP) — Irritated by the home crowd's heckling, James Blake took the unusual step of inviting a spectator out of the stands to see for himself that one of French teen Gael Monfils' shots landed out.

In truth, Blake's biggest obstacle Sunday was Monfils himself, a 6-foot-3 blur on the baseline who advanced to the fourth round with a 6-2, 6-7 (2), 7-6 (1), 5-7, 6-4 victory over the last U.S. man in the French Open. Venus Williams is now the only American still playing.

After making 19 unforced errors in the first set against No. 7 Patty Schnyder, Williams came back to win 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, with a lot of success at the net. Had Williams lost, there would have been zero Americans in the quarterfinals at Roland Garros for the first time in the 38-year Open era.

Her quarterfinal opponent will be 17-year-old Nicole Pietrangola of the Czech Republic, a big hitter who eliminated No. 1 Amelie Mauresmo 6-7 (5), 6-1, 6-2. Maria Sharapova, a possible semifinal opponent, blew a 5-1 lead in the third set and lost 7-5, 2-6, 7-5 to Dinara Safina.

Top-ranked Roger Federer moved a step closer to completing a noncalendar Grand Slam by beat-

ing No. 20 Tomas Berdych 6-3, 6-2, 6-3, setting up a quarterfinal against No. 12 Mario Ancic.

GOLF
DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — Handy with the wedge and hot with the putter, Carl Pettersson picked up a prestigious trophy, a salute from Jack Nicklaus and a welcome break from U.S. Open qualifying by winning the Memorial on Sunday.

Pettersson turned a potential bogey into birdie by chipping in on the par-5 11th and got up-and-down on three straight holes to eliminate any suspense at Muirfield Village, closing with a 1-under 71 for a two-shot victory over Brett Wetterich and Zach Johnson.

It was the second PGA Tour victory for the 28-year-old Swede, and sweet redemption for how his week began.

Pettersson was No. 51 in the world ranking, missing by one-hundredth of a point getting into the top 50 and earning an exemption into the U.S. Open. He had planned to go through a 36-hole qualifier the day after the Memorial, but his second victory over the last 12 months was enough to get him to Winged Foot.

ST. LOUIS (AP) — This is a much larger challenge for the St. Louis Cardinals: Albert Pujols will be out indefinitely with a strained muscle on his right side.

TV LISTINGS

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WEEKDAYS JUNE 6 - JUNE 12

	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	Good Morning Kansas		Good Morning America				Martha		The View		Millionaire	News
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News Cont'd		Today						Live With Regis and Kelly		Paid Program	Paid Program
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News Cont'd		News		The Early Show		The 700 Club		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless	
K15CG (2)	BBC World	Body Electric	Caillou	Mister Rogers	Beren Bears	Cliff Pup	Big Big World	Dragon Tales	Sesame Street		Teletubbies	Barney-Friends
ESPN (28)	SportsCenter		Sports-Center	Varied	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Sports-Center	Varied	Fast-break	Baseball Tonight
USA (37)	Walker, Texas Ranger		JAG		The District		Nash Bridges		Nash Bridges		Texas Ranger	Varied
TBS (38)	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Dawson's Creek		Movie				Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell
WGN (39)	Changing	Believer Voice	Happy Days	Happy Days	Hillbilities	Hillbilities	Rockford Files		Matlock		Magnum, P.I.	
TNT (40)	Angel		Charmed		Charmed		ER		ER		Judging Amy	
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	American Chopper		American Chopper		Varied Programs			
A&E (47)	Varied Programs								City Confidential		American Justice	
HIST (48)	Varied Programs											
NICK (55)	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	OddParents	OddParents	Dora the Explorer	Go Diego	Blue's Clues	Backyardigans	Wonder Pets	Lazy-Town	Varied Programs	
DISN (56)	The Wiggles	Higglytown	Einsteins	Doodlebops	JoJo's Circus	Charlie & Lola	Stanley	Koala Brothers	Doodlebops	Higglytown	Lilo & Stitch	Buzz Light
FAM (58)	Kong-Series	Super Robot	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	The 700 Club		Living the Life	Gilmore Girls	Step by Step		Full House	Full House
HALL (60)	New Morning		The Waltons		The Waltons		Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie		Diagnosis Murder	

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		Judge-Brown	Judge-Brown	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC Wid News
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News	Inside Edition	Days of our Lives		Passions		The Ellen DeGeneres Show		The Insider	Jeopardy!	News	NBC News
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Dr. Phil		Oprah Winfrey		News	CBS News
K15CG (2)	Reading Rainbow	Lions	Varied Programs		Clifford-Red		Cyberchase	Arthur	Maya & Miguel	Fetch! With	Zoom	Business
ESPN (28)	Varied Programs						Rome-Burning		Around the Horn	Interruption	SportsCenter	
USA (37)	Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie		Varied Programs							
TBS (38)	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
WGN (39)	News		Magnum, P.I.		Da Vinci's Inquest		Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Moesha	Moesha	Home Improve.	Home Improve.
TNT (40)	Judging Amy		Law & Order		Law & Order		Charmed		Charmed		Law & Order	
DSC (42)	Varied Programs		The New Detectives		The FBI Files		Varied Programs		It Takes a Thief		Cash Cab	Cash Cab
A&E (47)	Cold Case Files		Varied Programs						City Confidential		American Justice	
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels		Varied Programs									
NICK (55)	Varied Programs				Danny Phantom	SpongeBob	Jimmy Neutron	OddParents	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Ned's School	Danny Phantom
DISN (56)	Timon & Pumbaa	Whiskers	Varied Programs				American Drgn	Kim Possible	Even Stevens	Lizzie McGuire	That's-Raven	Zack & Cody
FAM (58)	Family Matters	Family Matters	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Full House	Full House	Grounded-Life	Grounded-Life	Gilmore Girls		7th Heaven	
HALL (60)	Matlock		Matlock		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H

TUESDAY JUNE 6

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	News (CC)	Ent. Tonight	Accord-ing-Jim	Rodney (N) (CC)	Accord-ing-Jim	Less-Perfect	Boston Legal ...There's Fire! (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Fear Factor Reality Stars 1 (Part 1 of 3)		Last Comic Standing (N) (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night	Late Night
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	NCIS Family Secret (iTV) (CC)		The Unit 200th Hour (CC)		48 Hours Mystery (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late	Late Late
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Live Concert-Irish Artists		My Music Number 104: The '60s Experience		Songs of peace, love and protest. (CC)		Monty Python	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		
ESPN (28)	Sports-Center	Bonds-Bonds	2005 U.S. Poker Championships (N)		2005 U.S. Poker Championships (N)		Baseball Tonight (Live) (CC)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	Fast-break	Baseball Tonight	
USA (37)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent One		Law & Order: SVU		Movie: The Bone Collector ** 1/2 (1999, Suspense) A paralyzed detective guides the hunt for a serial killer.		Law & Order: Criminal Intent One		Law/Ord SVU			
TBS (38)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Movie: The Thomas Crown Affair (1999)	
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		MLB Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Houston Astros. Minute Maid Park. (Live) (CC)				WGN News	Becker (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)			
TNT (40)	Without a Trace In Extremis (CC)		Without a Trace Suspect (CC)		Without a Trace (CC)		Without a Trace Copy Cat (CC)		Cold Case Love Conquers All (CC)		NYPD Blue Pilot (CC)	
DSC (42)	Deadliest Catch On the Edge		Deadliest Catch Pribilof Stare		Deadliest Catch Race Against the Ice		Dirty Jobs (CC)		Dirty Jobs Ostrich farmer. (CC)		Deadliest Catch Pribilof Stare	
A&E (47)	Cold Case Files		The Secret Life of a Serial Killer (CC)		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	King of Cars	King of Cars	Crossing Jordan Fire and Ice (CC)		The Secret Life of a Serial Killer (CC)	
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels D-Day Tech (CC)		Decoding the Past The Apocalypse.		Mega Disasters: Asteroid		Mega Movers Peril in Paradise (N) (CC)		Decoding the Past 666: The Sign of Evil		Decoding the Past The Apocalypse.	
NICK (55)	OddParents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Zoey 101 (CC)	Full House	Hi-Jinks (CC)	Fresh Prince	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
DISN (56)	Phil of Future	That's-Raven	Movie: Brink! ** 1/2 (1998) An in-line skater deserts his pals to join a rival team.		American Drgn	American Drgn	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Phil of Future	Kim Possible		
FAM (58)	7th Heaven (CC)		Movie: Catch That Kid ** 1/2 (2004) Three adventurous children plot to rob a bank.		Whose Line? (CC)	Whose Line? (CC)	The 700 Club (CC)		Home Videos	Home Videos		
HALL (60)	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger Countdown		Movie: Where There's a Will (2006, Comedy-Drama) Frank Whaley. (CC)		M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)		

WEDNESDAY JUNE 7

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	News (CC)	Ent. Tonight	George Lopez	Freddie (CC)	Lost A new predator in the ocean. (CC)		Commander In Chief (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live Jessica Alba; HIM.	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Dateline NBC To Catch A Predator (N)		Law & Order Choice of Evils (CC)		Law & Order Bible Story (CC)		News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night	Late Night
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Gameshow Marathon (N) (CC)		Criminal Minds Derailed (CC)		CSI: NY Fare Game (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late	Late Late
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Doctors on Call	Second-Health	American Masters George Gershwin Remembered (CC)		Encore! With		BBC World	As Time Goes By	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
ESPN (28)	MLB Baseball: Teams to Be Announced. (Live) (CC)				Baseball Tonight (Live) (CC)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		Fast-break	Baseball Tonight		
USA (37)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		WWE vs. ECW: Head to Head The stars compete. (Live) (CC)		Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Movie: Sweet November ** 1/2 (2001, Romance) Keanu Reeves. (CC)		Law & Order: SVU	
TBS (38)	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Movie: Sweet November ** 1/2 (2001, Romance) Keanu Reeves. (CC)		America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City	Becker (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	
TNT (40)	Without a Trace He Saw, She Saw (CC)		Without a Trace In the Dark (CC)		Without a Trace Thou Shalt Not... (CC)		Without a Trace Light Years (CC)		Las Vegas Ed's identity is stolen.		Alias Tuesday (CC)	
DSC (42)	Extreme Engineering (CC)		MythBusters (CC)		MythBusters Paper Crossbow (CC)		Extreme Engineering (CC)		MythBusters Exploding House		MythBusters (CC)	
A&E (47)	The Secret Life of a Serial Killer (CC)		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Inked (N) (CC)	Inked (N) (CC)	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Crossing Jordan Fire and Ice (CC)		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels Hardware Stores		Modern Marvels (CC)		Modern Marvels Dredging (CC)		Modern Marvels Oil Tankers (CC)		Modern Marvels Commercial Fishing		Modern Marvels (CC)	
NICK (55)	OddParents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Just for								