

## Colby college teams honored for academics

Six varsity sports teams at Colby Community College were recently recognized for academic achievement by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

Colby's women's basketball, men's basketball, softball, baseball, women's golf, and women's outdoor track teams were honored by the NJCAA.

The women's basketball team which won the 2006 Region VI Championship and played in the NJCAA tournament posted an overall team grade point average (GPA) of 3.20. The men's basketball team had a 3.02 GPA.

Lady Trojan softball team members had a 3.36 GPA. Baseball completed the year with a 3.20 GPA.

The women's golf team had a 3.47 GPA with women's outdoor track earning a 3.00 GPA.

Colby athletes Valerie Jackson, from Logan (basketball); Ivana Stojadinov, Serbia (basketball); Rita Kollo, Hungary (basketball); Jere Ebert, Canada (softball);

Heather Ebert, Canada (softball); Jordan Shay, Healy (volleyball); and Alicia Ostmeier, Grinnell (volleyball); earned Distinguished Academic All-American recognition. To achieve this special honor, student athletes must earn an overall GPA of 3.8-4.0.

Joshua Davis, Jennings (outdoor track); Sara Moore, Bird City (outdoor track); Daniel Prater, Pratt (wrestling); T.R. Keating, Lakewood, Colo. (baseball); Garrett Huck, Scott City (baseball); Suzana Sormaz, Serbia (basketball); Ivy Ramsey, Colby (basketball); and Lisa Ryan, Overton, Neb. (volleyball); were selected as Academic All-Americans. Student athletes who have a 3.6-3.8 GPA earn this award.

Coaches for the teams are Tom Stephens (women's basketball), Carl Adams (softball), Jeff Becker (cross country and track), Ryan Carter (baseball), Steve Lampe (wrestling), Pedro Gonzalez (volleyball) and John Woods (men's basketball).

## Eagle booster club names award winners

By Pam Augustine

The CHS All Sports Booster Club recently announced their 2005-2006 awards.

Jessica Stephens was named sportswoman of the year and outstanding senior academic—athletic Sportswoman of the Year. Jessica is the daughter of Pete and Sondra Stephens and will be attending Wichita State University in Wichita.

Jeremy Dietz was named the outstanding senior academic-athletic sportsman of the year. Jeremy is the son of Dale and Roni Dietz and will be attending Colby Community College.

In addition to being presented these scholarships, Stephens was recognized as being a 12 sport letter winner. She joins an elite group of athletes who have reached this pinnacle. Prior 12 sport letter winners were: Frank Loftus (1930-1934), Lynn McNutt (1937-1941), James Withers (1950-1954), Nelson Toburen (1953-1957), Dustin Pfeifer (1996-2000), Summar Stephens (1999-2003), Matt Augustine (2001-2005), and Emily Sloan (2001-2005).

Stephens lettered four years in cross country, four years in basketball, and four years in track.

Other Awards: Three Sport Letter

Colby's Jessica Stephens (#126) led a pack at the 2006 state track meet. Stephens was named sportswoman of the year and outstanding senior academic-athletic sportswoman of the year by the CHS All Sports Booster Club. Stephens also lettered in 12 sports at Colby High School, a rarity. She graduated this year.



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Winners (during senior year): Jessica Stephens and Zanae Baird. The David Cooper Spirit Award: T. J. Scholz, a teacher at Colby High School was presented this award because of his enthusiastic spirit in support of CHS athletics. He was the kid you saw in the student section with the wild wig and painted face helping cheer on the team.

Community Booster Award: This award recognizes a business in

our community that has been an outstanding supporter of Colby High School athletics. This year's recipient is Bruce Bandy and Commercial Sign.

Bandy is a sponsor of many booster club activities in addition to sponsoring other CHS activities and is very active in our community. He also provides the crane for filming football games at Dennen Field. Individual Booster Award: This

award recognizes an individual in our community that has been an outstanding supporter of Colby High School athletics. This year's recipient is Rich Epp, the voice of the Eagles.

Epp promotes CHS athletes and athletics through his radio broadcasts and his weekly Sports Talk. He is very active in the community and Colby is very fortunate to have him as our sports announcer.

## Sweet Thunder falls at state tournament

Colby's Sweet Thunder girls softball team was eliminated from the Girl's Fast Pitch 16 Class C-Open State Championship tournament played last weekend in Topeka.

The team, made up of players 16 and younger, won its first game Friday 20-8 over the Lady Sixers, from

Topeka. Sweet Thunder lost its second game 8-6 to We Twisters, played Saturday. We Twisters is from Wellington.

In the losers' bracket, Sweet Thunder lost to VCTwisters 2-1 on Saturday.

VCTwisters is from Wichita.

## SportsBriefs

**HORSE RACING**  
KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. (AP) — Barbaro spent another "comfortable" day in the intensive care unit at the George D. Widener Hospital for Large Animals, and his veterinarian reports the Kentucky Derby winner's attitude "remains positive."

There was no indication Barbaro's condition had improved since 80 percent of his left rear hoof wall was removed Wednesday to combat the often-fatal disease laminitis. For the third straight day, though, Dr. Dean Richardson said the colt's condition remained stable.

Barbaro had another restful night, Richardson said Sunday, and assistant trainer Peter Brette emerged after a morning visit and said the colt "is in a good frame of mind."

**GOLF**  
SYLVANIA, Ohio (AP) — Natalie Gulbis has waited 4 1/2 years for her first LPGA Tour victory. Mi Hyun Kim made her wait a little longer.

Kim rolled in an 18-foot birdie putt on the third playoff hole to beat Gulbis and win the Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic on Sunday.

Kim earned her second victory of the year and seventh in seven seasons on the tour. The South Korean also won the Ginn Clubs & Resort Open in April.

**SILVIS, Ill. (AP) —** Australia's John Senden birdied the 17th hole and saved par on 18 to hold off J.P. Hayes and win the John Deere Classic, earning his first PGA Tour victory and qualifying for the British Open.

Senden shot a 3-under 68 to finish at 19-under 265 and beat Hayes (65) by one stroke. Alex Cejka (67) and Heath Slocum (68) tied for third at 16 under.

**DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) —** Bobby Wadkins overcame a four-stroke deficit, 95-degree heat and a double bogey on the final hole to win the Senior Players Championship for his first major victory on the 50-and-older circuit.

**LUSS, Scotland (AP) —** Sweden's Johan Edfors shot an 8-under 63 to beat England's Luke Donald by two strokes in the Barclays Scottish Open.

**STATELINE, Nev. (AP) —** Actor Jack Wagner made a 12-foot birdie putt on the final hole to shoot an even-par 72 and narrowly claim his first victory in the American Century Celebrity Golf Championship.

**PRO FOOTBALL**  
DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cow-

boys safety Keith Davis was shot twice while driving on a Dallas highway early Sunday and was hospitalized in stable condition after undergoing surgery to remove bullet fragments.

His agent, Curtis Stephens, said the injuries were minor and that Davis expected to be released late Sunday or Monday.

This is the second time in three years that Davis has been shot. He was an innocent bystander last time, and this time Stephens said the player was driving home from a family vacation.

**AUTO RACING**  
LOUDON, N.H. (AP) — Kyle Busch had to go to overtime Sunday at New Hampshire International Speedway for his first NASCAR Nextel Cup victory of the year.

Busch passed Elliott Sadler for the lead 61 laps from the end and appeared to have the victory all wrapped up before a crash involving Hendrick Motorsports teammate Brian Vickers and rookie Clint Bowyer brought out a caution flag on lap 298, just three laps from the scheduled end of the Lenox Industrial Tools 300.

The race was extended even longer when Michael Waltrip ran into the back of Robby Gordon on lap 303.

The last restart finally came on lap 307. By that time, both rookie Denny Hamlin and Carl Edwards had moved past Sadler.

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**NOW PLAYING:**  
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**COLBY CINEMA & ARCADE**

**JULY 14 - JULY 20**

**PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN**  
Fri. & Sat. : 7:00 & 9:45 (PG-13)  
Sun. - Thurs.: 7:00 2:35

**SUPERMAN RETURNS**  
Fri. & Sat. : 7:00 & 9:50 (PG-13)  
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**JULY 14 - JULY 20**

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Fri. & Sat. : 7:00 & 9:15 (PG-13)  
Sun. - Thurs: 7:00 1:50

**THE LAKE HOUSE**  
Fri. & Sat. : 7:15 & 9:00 (PG-13)  
Sun. - Thurs: 7:15 1:40

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