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Colby K18 players Thomas Wieland, right, and Cory Sager dumped water over head coach Jeff Krzycki after the team won the state title Tuesday defeating Clifton-Clyde in Lucas.

Colby K18 wins state title

Colby defeated Clifton-Clyde 10-3 Tuesday in the 55th annual K-18 Baseball State Tournament Championship in Lucas.

Colby earned the right to play in the championship game after defeating Quinter 16-0 in the semi-final round Sunday. Colby's won its first-round game 8-2 Friday against Belleville.

This was Colby's sixth straight

state appearance. Colby won the tournament in 2002 and placed second in 2004 and last year. Russell won the tournament last year by defeating Colby 4-3. Plainville finished third.

Colby finished its season 31-5. Colby did not lose a game in its league, the Jayhawk West. The team tied the 2002 K-18 team record for

most wins in a season at 31.

Team members are Cade Carter, Heath Stephens, Preston Krzycki, Thomas Wieland, Kirt Dugger, Schlick, Tanner Kriss, Eric Blanton, Brandon Rasmussen, Chaz Winger, Stephen Dinkel, Cory Sager, Brent Arnberger and Garrett Rogers. Coaches are Jeff Krzycki, Alan Sager and Tracy Rogers.

Ex-employee: Wranglers moving

LITTLEROCK (AP) — A move by the Wichita Wranglers baseball team to Springdale, Ark., has been announced to team staff members, according to a former spokesman who said he resigned after a meeting where the news was broken.

The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reported Monday that Randall Kamm, who had been the team's media relations director, said the Wranglers announced the coming move to Springdale to staff members on Saturday.

Kamm said he resigned immediately after the meeting, in which Wranglers president Jon Dandes participated by teleconference.

"Jon said that the Wranglers have reached an agreement with Springdale and we are moving," Kamm told the Arkansas newspaper. "He said they just worked out a deal during the last few hours."

Kamm said he thinks Wranglers General Manager Eric Edelstein knew of a deal for more than a month, though Edelstein insists he is unsure of the team's future.

"We know there have been negotiations, that they have been talking numbers that might become more public," Edelstein said. "But we have no information any deal is done in any way."

The Wranglers, who play in the Class AA Texas League along with the Arkansas Travelers of Little Rock, have reportedly been negotiating with Springdale-area officials since voters in the Arkansas city approved on July 11 a bond issue to build a 6,000-seat baseball stadium for a minor-league team.

The Wranglers, a farm team for the Kansas City Royals, are owned by Bob and Mindy Rich of Buffalo, N.Y. The family also owns the National Baseball Congress, an amateur baseball organization and Wichita mainstay since the 1930s.

Jerry Taylor, director of operations for the NBC, confirmed the teleconference but said it merely

informed employees of ongoing negotiations and a potential deal.

SportsBrief

PARIS (AP) — Tour de France champion Floyd Landis, whose initial doping tests turned up positive, gets another chance to clear his name when a second set is expected to be released on Saturday.

However, the 30-year-old cyclist and his lawyer have previously acknowledged that they expect the "B" sample to show the same elevated ratio of testosterone to epitestosterone found in the "A" sample last week.

Michael Henson, a spokesman for the cyclist, confirmed that a urine test on Landis after the tour's 17th stage turned up an 11:1 ratio — far above the 4:1 limit allowed. A 1:1 ratio is average.

The "A" sample was provided July 20 by the cyclist after he zoomed his way back into contention by winning a tough Alpine leg with an epic ride that will long be remembered by race fans.

BASEBALL
BOSTON (AP) — Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek will have surgery for torn cartilage in his left knee, leaving Boston without one of its important players in the postseason chase.

Manager Terry Francona gave no information on when Varitek might return.

Varitek hurt it rounding second base in the second inning of Monday night's win over Cleveland. He was placed on the disabled list.

PRO FOOTBALL
JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Reggie Bush practiced Monday with the New Orleans Saints for the first time. Bush agreed to a six-year contract.

Colby man wins Nine Run Run 10K

The following are results from the 11th annual Nine Run Run held Saturday in Colby. Results are listed by category, finish, name, time and where the competitor is from. Places and times were not recorded for the walks.

10K run: 1. Jeff Becker, 39:31, Colby; 2. Donny Boucher, 42:51, Goodland.

5K run, men: 1. Aaron Helm, 22:13, Norcatur; 2., Doug Johnson, 22:59, Colby; 3. Nathan Reed, 25:35, Colby; 4. Kevin Cox, 25:51, Colby; 5. Dustin Reed, 26:32, Colby.

5K run, women: 1. Mary Nyambura, 23:21, Colby; 2. Becca Jones, 26:48, Manhattan; 4. Megan Barlow, 27:20, Colby; 5. Erin Jones, 33:16, Chicago, Ill.

2K run, men: 1. Jacob Helm, 10:03, Norcatur; 2. Matthew Helm, 10:30, Norcatur; 3. Tim Needham, 10:52, Sharon Springs.

2K walk, men; Timothy Helm, Norcatur; Wesley Stegeman, Colby.

2K walk, women: Debra Helm, Norcatur; Marlene Pfeifer, Trinity Pfeifer, Marilyn Herble, Ceanne Rinehart, all of Colby.

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