

# Colby wins first swim meet

Colby Swim Club made a big splash to open its summer schedule by winning the Hoyloke, Colo., Meet Saturday with 286 points.

Following Colby were Oberlin, 194; Goodland, 157; Wray, Colo., 137; Holyoke, Colo., 128; Burlington, Colo., 88; St. Francis, 68; Flagler, Colo., 53; Oakley, 12; and Limon, Colo., 2.

Partial results from the Holyoke meet are listed below. The rest will be included in Thursday's Free Press.

## UN&8 Girls

**Taylor Bieberle** placed 6th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :27.65Y; placed 18th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :39.96Y; placed 5th in the 50Y Freestyle with a time of 1:07.81Y.

**Jersey Carney** placed 3rd in the 25Y Butterfly with a time of :41.02Y; DQ in the 25Y Breaststroke; DQ in the 25Y Individual Medley.

**Kourtney Finley** placed 20th placed 8th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :42.91Y; placed 24th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :52.22Y; placed 11th in the 50Y Freestyle with a time of :1:47.89Y.

**Kelsey Garrett** placed 14th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :36.74Y; placed 17th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :36.24Y; DQ in the 50Y Freestyle.

**Michaela Giebler** placed 7th in the 50Y Freestyle with a time of :1:21.60Y; placed 11th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :29.05Y; placed 4th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :29.56Y.

**Emeline Hutton** placed 21st in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :44.34Y; placed 10th in the 50Y Freestyle with a time of :1:41.59Y; placed 22nd in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :43.34Y.

## UN&8 Girls Relays

**Colby Swim Club A** placed 1st in the 100Y Freestyle Relay with a time of 2:13.94Y with the following swimmers; Emeline Hutton, Taylor Bieberle, Michaela Giebler and Jersey Carney.

**Colby Swim Club A Mixed** had a DQ with the following swimmers Emeline Hutton, Taylor Bieberle, Michaela Giebler and Jersey Carney.

## UN&8 Boys

**Heath Bolyard** placed 8th in the 50Y Freestyle with a time of 1:34.97Y; placed 9th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :39.31Y; placed 6th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :43.53Y.

**Sam Bretz** placed 7th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :50.49Y; placed 7th in the 50Y Freestyle with a time of 1:33.43Y; placed 12th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :41.31Y.

**Kory Finley** had a DQ in the 25Y Butterfly; placed 1st in the 25Y Breaststroke with a time of :41.63Y; had a DQ in the 25Y Individual Medley.

**Kelby Garrett** placed 20th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of 2:55.65Y.

**Austin Hamel** had a DQ in the 25Y Backstroke; placed 18th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of 1:03.14Y; placed 11th in the 50Y Freestyle with a time of 1:57.14Y.

**Parker Hamel** had a DQ in the 25Y Backstroke; placed 10th in the 50Y Freestyle with a time of 1:55.22Y; placed 14th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :45.53Y.

**Kaiser Lopez** placed 6th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :29.65Y; had a DQ in the 25Y Breaststroke; placed 5th in the 50Y Freestyle with a time of 1:03.87Y.

**Lander Niblock** placed 2nd in the 25Y Butterfly with a time of :42.58Y; placed 2nd in the 25Y Individual Medley with a time of 3:52.12Y; placed 2nd in the 25Y Breaststroke with a time of :59.22Y.

**Cole Wyrick** placed 9th in the 50Y Freestyle with a time of 1:40.85Y; placed 11th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :40.12Y; placed 2nd in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :35.78Y.

**Seth Wyrick** placed 19th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of 1:42.31Y; placed 8th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of 1:24.31Y.

## UN&8 Boys Relays

**Colby Swim Club A** placed 2nd in the 100Y Freestyle Relay with a time of 2:11.96Y with the following swimmers; Heath Bolyard, Lander Niblock, Kaiser Lopez and Kory Finley.

**Colby Swim Club B** placed 3rd in the 100Y Freestyle Relay with a time of 3:03.68Y with the follow-

ing swimmers; Sam Bretz, Austin Hamel, Parker Hamel and Cole Wyrick.

**Colby Swim Club A** placed 1st in the 100Y Medley Relay with a time of 3:28.46Y with the following swimmers; Heath Bolyard, Lander Niblock, Kory Finley and Austin Hamel.

**UN&8 Mixed Relay**  
**Colby Swim Club A Mixed** had a DQ in the Freestyle Relay with the following swimmers; Kelby Garrett, Seth Wyrick, Kelsey Garrett and Kourtney Finley.

## 9-10 Girls

**Cassie Berndt** placed 24th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :23.18Y; placed 15th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :25.94Y; had a DQ in the 25Y Breaststroke.

**Kambri Garrett** placed 32nd in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :26.78Y; placed 21st in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :30.12Y; placed 10th in the 25Y Breaststroke with a time of :30.12Y.

**Shailla Giebler** had a DQ in the 25Y Individual Medley; had a DQ in the 25Y Butterfly; placed 15th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :21.44Y.

**Khyla Hamel** placed 9th in the 100Y Freestyle with a time of 2:14.81Y; placed 24th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :31.62Y; placed 29th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :24.46Y.

**Jordan Hartwell** placed 33rd in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :26.91Y; placed 7th in the 25Y Breaststroke with a time of :27.28Y; placed 19th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :27.62Y.

**Amber McDonald** placed 11th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :20.37Y; placed 8th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :23.92Y; placed 9th in the 25Y Butterfly with a time of :30.68Y.

**Alexus Nelson-Jones** placed 23rd in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :30.23Y; placed 8th in the 100Y Freestyle with a time of 2:05.57Y; placed 27th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :23.88Y.

**Quinlee Niblock** placed 14th in the 25Y Breaststroke with a time of :33.37Y; placed 20th in the 25Y Backstroke :29.55Y; placed 35th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :29.37Y.

**Kylie Ritter** placed 9th in the 25Y Breaststroke with a time of :28.84Y; placed 14th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :20.94Y; placed 9th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :24.37Y.

**Brenly Terrell** had a DQ in the 25Y Breaststroke; placed 25th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :33.53Y; placed 13th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :20.82Y.

## 9-10 Girls Relays

**Colby Swim Club A** placed 3rd in the 100Y Freestyle Relay with a time of 1:28.10Y with the following swimmers; Kylie Ritter, Brenly Terrell, Shailla Giebler and Cassie Berndt.

**Colby Swim Club B** placed 6th in the 100Y Freestyle Relay with a time of 1:40.53Y with the following swimmers; Khyla Hamel, Alexis Nelson-Jones, Amber McDonald and Kambri Garrett.

**Colby Swim Club A** had a DQ in the 100Y Freestyle Relay with the following swimmers; Jordan Hartwell, Brenly Terrell, Shailla Giebler and Cassie Berndt.

**Colby Swim Club B** placed 4th in the 100Y Medley Relay with a time of 2:06.24Y with the following swimmers; Amber McDonald, Quinlee Niblock, Kylie Ritter and Kambri Garrett.

## 9-10 Boys

**Bryce Butts** placed 10th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :40.27Y; placed 16th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :32.18Y.

**Tate Carney** placed 7th in the 25Y Butterfly with a time of :29.84Y; placed 7th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :19.66Y; placed 5th in the 100Y Freestyle with a time of 1:49.09Y.

**Aaron Faber** placed 8th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :19.68Y; placed 2nd in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :23.68Y; placed 4th in the 25Y Butterfly with a time of :22.50Y.

**Mark Faber** placed 5th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :27.40Y; placed 2nd in the 25Y Breaststroke with a time of :25.65Y; placed 2nd in the 25Y Individual Medley with a time of 2:07.32Y.

**Travis Finley** placed 3rd in the 25Y Butterfly with a time of :21.02Y; placed 1st in the 25Y Breaststroke with a time of :22.87Y; placed 1st in the 25Y Individual Medley with a time of 1:47.72Y.

**Hayden Miller** placed 2nd in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :16.52Y; placed 6th in the 25Y Butterfly with a time of :26.53Y; placed 4th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :24.25Y.

**Brennon Overton** placed 1st in the 25Y Butterfly with a time of :18.84Y; placed 1st in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :15.06Y; placed 1st in the 100Y Freestyle with a time of 1:23.17Y.

## 9-10 Boys Relays

**Colby Swim Club A** placed 2nd in the 100Y Freestyle Relay with a time of 1:28.75Y with the following swimmers; Bryce Butts, Mark Faber, Hayden Miller and Tate Carney.

# Lady Trojan gets All-American

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After Colby Community College sophomore designated hitter Ninostka Amaro wasn't named to the Jayhawk All-Conference First Team earlier this spring, Lady Trojan head coach Ryan Sturdy admitted to having his doubts as to whether she would be named to an All-American team.

Little did Sturdy know, he had nothing to worry about.

Not only did Colby's all-time home run leader and the nation's leading home run hitter this season make an All-American team, she was named a Division I NJCAA First Team All-American by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association, becoming the first player in the 23-year history of the Trojan softball program to receive that honor.

"I was a little concerned, but I knew she had good enough numbers to earn her the respect of other coaches in the region and in the conference," said Sturdy. "I thought she should have gotten other awards, but this is a well-deserved honor."

Amaro hit .434 with 27 home runs and 72 RBIs and finished her career with 40 home runs—the most in school history. She also went 10-9 in the circle for the Lady Trojans, who finished 30-32.

Amaro joins Heather Ebert (2004), Lynette Bohannon (2000), Kara Brown (1991), Dana Reep (1991) and Jolene Ricard (1990) as the only All-Americans in Lady Trojan softball history. Ebert's Second-Team All-American honor was the highest for any Colby player prior to Amaro this year.

Even though Amaro didn't make First-Team All-Conference, she was eligible for the NFCA All-American honor after being selected First Team All-Region at the end of May.

Amaro was the only player in the Jayhawk Conference to make the first team. Garden City's Rebecca Diehl was on the second team along with Butler County's Gabrielle Hart.

The NFCA and NJCAA each select their own national junior college All-American teams.

Amaro wasn't named to the NJCAA All-American Team, but Sturdy says that had more to do with the team's sub-.500 record.



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Sophomore Ninostka Amaro was named to the NFCA All-American First Team after batting .434 with 27 home runs and 72 RBIs for the Lady Trojan softball team this past season.

"She was up against five other kids and she fell a little bit short because the team didn't finish as well," said Sturdy. "She had it just on statistics, but there's other factors that coaches look at to determine who gets in the spots."

Sturdy said he notified Amaro via e-mail of her recognition on the NFCA team. Amaro is back in her native Puerto Rico playing for the Puerto Rican National softball team.

Amaro is still unsure of her next collegiate destination. She is talking with Division I Bethune-Cookman and Sturdy said if she didn't go there, she would go to a Division II school in Texas to play her final two years.

Amaro's two-year stint at Colby now ranks among the best ever, and Sturdy hopes her success will help attract others like her to his program in the coming years.

"I would like to think this would help, because it's a fairly big honor," said Sturdy.

"We've established a great academic tradition. For the last 10 years we've been above a 3.0 in team GPA, and eight of the last 10 years we've been in the top six in the nation. This can be the same type of deal. If we can establish getting kids on that All-Region First Team, it will show other kids the type of players we're trying to bring in."



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