

Colby swimmer wins medals; team places second at meet

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The Colby Swim Club finished a close second out of eight teams in the Holyoke Swim Meet on Saturday with 211 points overall.

Jessica Leiker brought back three gold medals in individual events, finishing first in the 15-18 girls 100-yard freestyle with a time of 1:02.29, in the 50-yard freestyle with 27.99 and in the 100-yard breaststroke with 1:21.66.

Mark Faber snared two individual golds and two for relays. He took first in boys 9-10 25-yard breaststroke with 23.90 and in the 25-yard backstroke with 20.34,

and helped two relay teams to winning times.

The Goodland Swim Club came in first with 220 points. Top Colby swimmers included:

Jersey Carney finished second in the girls 25-yard freestyle for swimmers 8 and under with a time of 38.74 seconds and third in the 25-yard individual medley with 2:57.93.

Sam Bretz placed first in the boys 8-and-under 25-yard butterfly with 31.51 and second in the 25-yard breaststroke with 37.34.

Cassie Berndt finished fourth in the 9-10 girls 25-yard backstroke with 22.46 and fifth in the 25-yard individual medley at 2:02.93.

The club's A team of Micheala

Giebler, Quinlee Niblock, Berndt and Mark Faber placed first in the 9-10 mixed 100-yard freestyle relay with 1:25.04. The team of Tate Carney, Mark Faber, Brennon Overton and Niblock took first in the boys 100-yard medal relay at 1:30.70.

Kylie Ritter placed fifth in the 11-12 girls 50-yard butterfly with 1:05.46 and Sydney Stephens finished fifth in girls 50-yard freestyle at 36.10.

The team of Paige McNinch, Brenly Terrell, Sydney Stephens and Shaila Giebler finished third in the 11-12 girls 200-yard freestyle relay with 2:55.65.

The team of Aaron Faber, Gabriel Schriener, Cheyne Weis and

Kyle Finley placed second in the 11-12 boys 200-yard freestyle relay with 3:05.05. The team of McNinch, Terrell, Ritter and Giebler placed third in the 11-12 girls 200-yard medley relay with 3:30.97.

Kayla Weber took third in the 13-14 girls 100-yard backstroke with 1:24.15. Faber was second in the 13-14 boys 100-yard butterfly at 1:39.99 and third in the 100-yard individual medley with 3:25.83.

Karlton Leiker finished first in the 15-18 boys 100-yard backstroke with 1:21.15.

The club's next meet will be Saturday at Burlington, Colo.



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Colby High senior Breck Arnberger ran with the baton during the men's 4 by 800 relay at the state meet last weekend at Cessna Stadium in Wichita. He and juniors Kalen Rasmussen, Chase Moore and Torey Taylor finished the relay with a time 8:21.3.

Tampa Bay hammers Royals 9-0

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Jeff Niemann appears to be finally pitching up to his potential.

Niemann took a perfect game into the fifth inning and wound up with a two-hitter, and Ben Zobrist hit a grand slam to help lead the Tampa Bay Rays to a 9-0 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Wednesday night.

"That was really fun to watch," Rays manager Joe Maddon said.

Niemann (5-4) retired his first 14 batters before Mark Teahen lined a two-out single to center in the fifth. The right-hander struck out a career-high nine and walked one in his first complete game.

The Royals' other hit against the fourth overall selection in the 2004 amateur draft was a two-out infield single by Alberto Callaspo in the ninth. Niemann has been

lost by shoulder problems during his professional career.

"I've always felt that I can do that," Niemann said. "To come out here and do it, it was awesome. You get that confidence boost that you really can do it."

Niemann's outing was the eighth shutout with two or fewer hits by a Rays' pitcher, and the first since Matt Garza had a two-hitter last August 15 at Texas.

"He throws it hard and it breaks a lot," Teahen said of Niemann's breaking ball. "He was getting it over for strikes. He established that early and made it tough for us all day."

Zobrist became the first Rays' player with four career grand slams when he gave Tampa Bay an 8-0 lead in the fourth.

He has two grand slams this

year, with the other coming on April 17 against the Chicago White Sox.

"It makes it easy to hit when you're going out there and he's (Niemann) shutting the door time after time," Zobrist said. "He was on his game the whole time."

Zobrist's four grand slams came in a span of 195 at-bats, dating back to August 29, 2008.

Kansas City closer Joakim Soria got two outs in the eighth in his first outing since being sidelined May 7 with a right rotator cuff strain.

B.J. Upton hit a two-run double and later scored on a wild pitch by Brian Bannister (4-3) as Tampa Bay took a 4-0 lead in the second.

Bannister gave up eight runs, nine hits and three walks in 3 2-3 innings for the Royals, who have

lost six in a row and 11 of 13.

"It's just a lack of production that leads to a lack of confidence," Royals manager Trey Hillman said of his teams' recent struggles. "We need some good at-bats back-to-back, and we need a pitcher to go out there and throw a heck of a game."

Bannister has lost two straight starts, allowing 15 runs over 8 2-3 innings.

"This one was all my fault," Bannister said.

Niemann is 3-1 in his last five starts.

During that stretch he has given up eight runs in 31 innings.

Tampa Bay has won four of five following a season-high five-game losing skid.

Basketball camp caters to young athletes

The "Be Your Best" basketball camp will be from noon to 2 p.m. for 1st through 3rd graders and from 2 to 4 p.m. for 4th through

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