

Teaching the kids



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
Colby Community College freshman volleyball player Emily Lubbers helped a young athlete while Trojan volleyball Coach Carey Jones watched during a volleyball camp for middle school students last Thursday at the Community Building.

Kansas golf legend almost wins open

TURNBERRY, Scotland (AP) — Tom Watson was among the British Open champions whom the R&A consulted when it decided the game was getting younger and it was time to lower the age limit to 60 for winners of golf’s oldest championship.

It might be time to reconsider.

Imagine how much different that conversation would have been had the Royal & Ancient seen a performance for the ages at Turnberry, where a 59-year-old Watson was in the lead the final three days and came within an 8-foot putt of winning.

“I’m sure if someone at age 59 had been winning the championship, bringing down the age limit would have been lower on the agenda,” R&A chief executive Peter Dawson said Monday. “But we brought down the age limit in order to give more spaces in the championship to younger players allegedly in their prime to compete.”

Watson sure looked in prime time at Turnberry.

Perhaps more people should have paid attention on the eve of the British Open when Watson spoke in reverent tones about his affection for Turnberry.

He explained all week why he can still compete on links courses that require shots to be struck pure, not necessarily with power.

Watson wound up beating all but one player in the field.

Tiger Woods didn’t even make it to the weekend, hitting the ball poorly into a northwest wind during a pivotal stretch along the coast. Two-time defending champion Pádraig Harrington was never a factor, finishing 14 shots behind.

Stewart Cink, a worthy champion who closed with a 69, still needed help from the old man. Watson’s 8-iron on the 18th had just enough bounce to roll off the back of the green. In the playoff, Watson looked his age for the first time and lost by six shots.

“It would have been a hell of a story,” Watson said. “It wasn’t meant to be. And, yes, it’s a great disappointment. It tears at your gut, as it always has torn at my gut. It’s not easy to take.”

Cink was too young to remember Watson’s victory at Turnberry, although he played a practice round with him at the Masters

this year and was struck by how cleanly Watson hit the ball. Playing against him when it counted was more impressive.

“The same Tom Watson that won this tournament in ‘77 showed up here this week,” Cink said. “And he just about did it. He beat everybody but one guy. And it was really special.”

The yellow scoreboard towered over the 18th green beneath a blue Scottish sky on a quiet Monday morning. The traditional message in red letters had yet to be removed, a somber reminder of who didn’t win the British Open.

“Well played Stewart. See you at St. Andrews 2010.”

Cink will arrive at the home of golf with the silver claret jug.

Barring another turn-back-the-clock moment, Watson will go to St. Andrews next year for a farewell party.

The British Open is the only major that sets an age limit for its champions. The U.S. Open gives only a 10-year exemption, while the Masters and PGA Championship offer their winners a chance to play as long as they want.

Augusta National announced an age limit of 65 this decade when its former champions began quitting after one round, sometimes even sooner.

The Colby Swim Club finished its season at the Northwest Kansas Swim League meet July 10 and 11 in Wray, Colo., placing second out of eight teams.

Brennon Overton and Jessica Leiker were the team’s top swimmers during the two-day meet. Overton first among boys 9-10 with 35 points and Leiker was first among girls 15-18 with 32.

Overton collected six gold medals, taking first in all five of his races and a relay.

Kalen Rasmussen broke a league meet record in the 200-yard freestyle, finishing with a time of 2 minutes, 3.44 seconds. She took first in all three of her events in the girls 15-18 class.

The club totalled 265 points, just behind the Goodland Swim Club with 287. Other teams that competed were Wray, Oberlin, Burlington, Colo., Holyoke, Colo., Oakley and Flagler, Colo.

The club had six swimmers finish in the top six in overall league points in their age classes this season: Sam Bretz (8 and under), second, 87 points; Overton (9-10), first, 140 points; Mark Faber (9-10), second, 122; Kyle Finley (11-12), second, 128; Travis Finley (11-12), second, 71; John Faber (13-14), sixth, 66; Leiker (13-14), first, 137, Emilea Finley (13-14), third, 84; and Karlton Leiker (15-18), fifth, 65.

Here are the complete results:

Girls 8 and under
Taylor Bieberle, sixth in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 49.08 seconds, fifth in the 25-yard freestyle with 20.98, 12th in the 25-yard backstroke with 31.28, first in the 25-yard breaststroke with 24.68 and second in the 100-yard individual medley 2:00.94.

Alexis Carney, ninth in the 25-yard butterfly with 30.78, 17th in the girls 25-yard breaststroke with 36.83 and 17th in the 25-yard freestyle with 26.37.

Kourtney Finley, 10th in the 25-yard breaststroke with 36.68, 22nd in the 50-yard freestyle with 1:25.34, 22nd in the 25-yard freestyle with 32.19, 18th in the 100-yard individual medley with 3:19.70 and 13th in the 25-yard freestyle with 37.74.

Brittany Foss, ninth in the 25-yard breaststroke with 34.13, 21st in the 50-yard freestyle with 1:17.58, 20th in the girls 25-yard freestyle with 30.66, 11th in the 25-yard backstroke with 29.83 and 15th in the 100-yard individual medley with 2:50.72.

Emeline Hutton, sixth in the 25-yard backstroke with 26.34, 12th in the 25-yard freestyle with 33.31, eighth in the 25-yard breaststroke with 31.55, 11th in the 100-yard individual medley with 2:28.49 and 14th in the 50-yard freestyle with 55.31.

Braycen Lynn, 17th in the 100-yard individual medley 3:14.77, 21st in the 25-yard

breaststroke with 48.78, 19th in the 25-yard backstroke with 41.93, 21st in the 25-yard freestyle with 31.03 and 20th in the 50-yard freestyle with 1:13.81.

Brielle Lynn, 24th in the 25-yard backstroke with 56.96, 30th in the 25-yard freestyle with 1:11.22 and 26th in the 50-yard freestyle with 2:39.63.

Kailey Shields, 16th in the 100-yard individual medley with 3:13.11, 24th in the 50-yard freestyle with 1:36.59, 25th in the 25-yard freestyle with 39.12, 16th in the 25-yard breaststroke with 36.31 and 20th in 25-yard backstroke with 42.62.

Jessilyn Weis, 13th in the 25-yard backstroke with 34.47, 14th in the 25-yard breaststroke with 31.42 and 18th in the 25-yard freestyle with 26.65.

Boys 8 and under
Sam Bretz, fifth in the 25-yard breastroke with 34.62, 12th in the 50-yard freestyle with 1:15.55, second in the 25-yard freestyle with 29.81, fourth in the 100-yard individual medley with 2:51.91 and 10th in the 25-yard freestyle with 27.24.

Cade Lanning, ninth in the 25-yard breaststroke with 37.47, 11th in the boys 50-yard freestyle with 1:15.44, 14th in the 25-yard backstroke with 44.81, 13th in the 25-yard freestyle with 29.64 and eighth in the 100-yard individual medley with 2:51.83.

8 and under relays
Taylor Bieberle, Brittany Foss, Jessilyn Weis and Alexis Carney, fourth in the girls 100-yard freestyle relay with 1:43.78.

A team of Brittany Foss, Alexis Carney, Emeline Hutton and Braycen Lynn, third in the girls 100-yard freestyle relay with the 2:18.66.

B team of Kailey Shields, Jessilyn Weis, Kourtney Finley and Brielle Lynn, fourth in the girls 100-yard freestyle relay with 3:01.84.

Girls 9-10
Cassie Berndt, eighth in the 25-yard freestyle with 17.05, third in the 25-yard backstroke with 20.83, 15th in the 25-yard freestyle with 26.18, 13th in the girls 25-yard individual medley with 1:54.40 and seventh in the 100-yard freestyle with 1:30.89.

Calley Burr, 26th in the 25-yard breastroke with 29.17, 28th in the 25-yard freestyle 20.86 and 14th in the 25-yard freestyle with 25.13.

Bailey Foss, 17th in the 100-yard individual medley with 1:59.46, 19th in the 25-yard breaststroke with 26.19, 14th in the 25-yard freestyle with 18.81, 12th in the 100-yard freestyle with 1:37.14 and 10th in the 25-yard backstroke with 22.09.

Michaela Giebler, 21st in the 25-yard freestyle with 20.22, 22nd in the 100-yard individual medley with 2:08.28, 18th in the 25-yard backstroke 24.22, 23rd in the 100-yard freestyle 1:52.27 and 16th in the 25-yard breaststroke with 25.58.

Jordan Hartwell, 21st in the 25-yard backstroke with 25.55, 32nd in the 25-yard freestyle with 22.05, fourth in the 25-yard breaststroke with 22.49, 21st in the 100-yard freestyle 1:50.78, 14th in the 100-yard individual medley with 1:55.55.

Quinlee Niblock, 22nd in the 100-yard freestyle 1:51.12, eighth in the 25-yard backstroke with 21.97, 20th in the 25-yard freestyle with 29.37, 10th in the 25-yard breaststroke with 24.47 and 18th in the 100-yard individual medley with 2:01.01.

Boys 9-10
Heath Bolyard, 19th in the 100-yard freestyle with 2:08.65, 20th in the 25-yard freestyle with 26.56, 18th in the 25-yard backstroke with 31.68, seventh in the 25-yard breaststroke with 26.07 and 17th in the 100-yard individual medley with 2:19.55.

Dustin Depe, 21st in the 25-yard freestyle with 30.85, 20th in the 25-yard backstroke with 44.14, 13th in the 25-yard breaststroke with 34.09 and 13th in the 100-yard individual medley with 2:13.94.

Mark Faber, second in the 100-yard individual medley with 1:34.77, second in the 100-yard freestyle with 1:21.53, fourth in the 25-yard freestyle with 15.78, second in the

25-yard backstroke with 20.12 and first in the 25-yard breaststroke with 22.33.

Kory Finley, eighth in the 25-yard backstroke with 23.23, 12th in the 25-yard freestyle with 19.13, sixth in the 25-yard breaststroke with 25.87, eleventh in the 100-yard individual medley with 2:02.19 and 11th in the 100-yard freestyle with 1:48.83.

Kaiser Lopez, 15th in the 100-yard individual medley with 2:15.74, 18th in the 25-yard freestyle with 21.44, 11th in the 25-yard breaststroke with 28.26, 18th in the 100-yard freestyle with 2:04.35 and 17th in the 25-yard backstroke with 29.17.

Braiden Lynn, 12th in the 25-yard freestyle with 30.46, 17th in the 100-yard freestyle with 2:00.72, 10th in the 25-yard backstroke with 24.87, ninth in the 100-yard individual medley with 2:18.23 and ninth in the 25-yard breaststroke with 27.44.

Lander Niblock, 14th in the 25-yard freestyle with 19.39, 16th in the 100-yard freestyle with 1:58.27, 16th in the 25-yard backstroke 28.62, 13th in the 25-yard freestyle with 30.76 and 10th in the 100-yard individual medley with 2:29.54.

Brennon Overton, first in the 25-yard freestyle with 17.51, first in the 100-yard individual medley with 1:29.34, first in the 25-yard freestyle with 14.53, first in the 100-yard freestyle with 1:17.84 and first in the 25-yard backstroke with 18.81.

9-10 relays
Cassie Berndt, Calley Burr, Michaela Giebler and Quinlee Niblock sixth in the girls 100-yard freestyle relay with 1:22.83.

A team of Mark Faber, Lander Niblock, Kory Finley and Brennon Overton second in the boy’s 100-yard freestyle relay with 1:11.70.

B team of Kaiser Lopez, Dustin Depe, Heath Bolyard and Braiden Lynn fourth in the boy’s 100-yard freestyle relay with 1:46.43.

Jordan Hartwell, Sam Bretz, Braycen Lynn and Emeline Hutton, fourth in the mixed 100-yard freestyle relay with 2:17.25.

Bailey Foss, Jordan Hartwell, Cassie Berndt and Calley Burr fourth in the girls 100-yard freestyle relay with 1:31.90.

A team of Kory Finley, Mark Faber, Brennon Overton and Lander Niblock first in the boys 100-yard freestyle relay with 1:28.61.

B team of Kaiser Lopez, Heath Bolyard, Braiden Lynn and Dustin Depe fourth in the boys 100-yard freestyle relay with 1:55.78.

Taylor Bieberle, Michaela Giebler, Sam Bretz and Cade Lanning fourth in the mixed 100-yard freestyle relay with 2:05.44.

Girls 11-12
Brittany Carney, 23rd in the 50-yard freestyle with 1:16.27, 12th in the 50-yard backstroke with 1:20.91 and 17th in the 50-yard breaststroke with 1:21.81.

Randi Cloe, sixth in the 50-yard backstroke with 46.34, 15th in the 50-yard breaststroke with 55.44, eighth in the 50-yard freestyle with 35.44, 10th in the 100-yard freestyle with 1:22.22 and 11th in the 200-yard individual medley with 1:35.26.

Shaila Giebler, 15th in the 100-yard freestyle with 1:28.78, 17th in the 100-yard individual medley with 1:45.27, ninth in the 50-yard breaststroke with 49.02, 12th in the 50-yard butterfly with 55.08 and 11th in the girls 50-yard freestyle with 37.03.

Maura Hansen sixth in the 50-yard breaststroke with 46.23, ninth in the 50-yard butterfly with 47.85, 16th in the 100-yard individual medley with 1:38.68, 10th in the 50-yard freestyle with 36.74 and 14th in the girls 100-yard freestyle with 1:28.34.

Brenly Terrell, 11th in the 100-yard freestyle with 1:23.63, ninth in the 50-yard freestyle with 36.05, 11th in the 50-yard butterfly with 49.34, fifth in the 50-yard breaststroke with 45.78 and 14th in the 100-yard individual medley with 1:38.04.

Boys 11-12
Bryce Butts, 15th in the 100-yard freestyle with 1:51.12, 17th in the 50-yard freestyle with 48.23, ninth in the 50-yard backstroke 1:00.50, 12th in the 50-yard breaststroke with 1:13.27 and 13th in the 100-

yard individual medley with 2:16.62.

Aaron Faber, seventh in the 50-yard freestyle with 36.02, fifth in the 200-yard freestyle with 3:10.90, fourth in the 50-yard backstroke with 47.02, ninth in the 100-yard freestyle with 1:23.78 and eighth in the 100-yard individual medley with 1:39.37.

Kyle Finley, fourth in the 100-yard freestyle with 1:15.02, first in the 50-yard freestyle with 29.84, second in the 50-yard butterfly with 35.99, second in the 100-yard individual medley with 1:21.59 and first in the 50-yard breaststroke with 39.72.

Travis Finley, third in the 50-yard freestyle with 31.53, fourth in the 100-yard individual medley with 1:28.02, third in the 50-yard butterfly with 42.43, sixth in the 100-yard freestyle with 1:18.03 and fourth in the 50-yard breaststroke with 44.61.

Gabriel Schriener, seventh in the 50-yard butterfly with 1:01.65, 13th in the 100-yard freestyle with 1:38, 10th in the 50-yard backstroke with 1:08.81, 11th in the 100-yard individual medley with 2:00.94 and 14th in the 50-yard freestyle with 44.62.

Cheyne Weis, eighth in the 50-yard breaststroke with 56.89, sixth in the 50-yard backstroke with 56.40 and 16th in the 50-yard freestyle with 48.02.

11-12 relays
Brenly Terrell, Brittany Carney, Maura Hansen and Randi Cloe, fourth in the girl’s 200-yard free style relay with 3:09.49.

Cheyne Weis, Travis Finley, Gabriel Schriener and Kyle Finley, second in the 200-yard freestyle relay with 2:36.18.

Randi Cloe, Brenly Terrell, Maura Hansen and Shaila Giebler, second in the girls 200 yard medley relay with 2:57.87.

Aaron Faber, Gabriel Schriener, Cheyne Weis and Bryce Butts, second in the boys 200 yard medley relay with 3:34.44.

Boys 13-14
Zell Bieberle, sixth in the 200-yard freestyle with 2:53.52, fifth in the 100-yard freestyle with 1:12.53, fifth in the 50-yard freestyle with 29.62, third in the 100-yard butterfly with 1:44.06 and third in the 100-yard backstroke with 1:28.78.

John Faber, sixth in the 100-yard freestyle with 1:20.73, sixth in the 50-yard freestyle with 30.14, second in the 100-yard butterfly with 1:32.68, fourth in the boys 100-yard breaststroke with 1:38.07 and fifth in the 200-yard individual medley with 3:20.96.

Girls 15-18
Emilea Finley, second in the girls 100-yard freestyle with 1:05.06, fourth in the 50-yard freestyle with 28.82, second in the girls 100-yard butterfly with 1:16.59, second in the 200-yard freestyle with 2:24.25 and second in the 400-yard freestyle with 5:19.22.

Jessica Leiker, first in the 100-yard breaststroke with 1:17.90, third in the 100-yard backstroke 1:15.44, first in the 50-yard freestyle with 27.13, first in the 100-yard freestyle with 1:01.31 and first in the 200-yard freestyle with 2:21.70.

Christina Ostmeyer, seventh in the 100-yard backstroke with 1:20.94, sixth in the 100-yard butterfly with 1:24.56, fifth in the 400-yard freestyle with 5:43.62, sixth in the 50-yard freestyle with 30.55 and fifth in the 100-yard freestyle with 1:08.77.

Boys 15-18
Karlton Leiker, sixth in the boys 200-yard freestyle with 2:40.31, fourth in the 100-yard butterfly with 1:16.05, third in the 100-yard backstroke with 1:19.14, sixth in the 100-yard freestyle with 1:03.39 and fifth in the 50-yard freestyle with 28.03.

Kalen Rasmussen, first in the 100-yard freestyle with 52.55, first in the 400-yard freestyle with 4:47.01 and first in the 200-yard freestyle with 2:03.44.

15-18 relays
Emilea Finley, Christina Ostmeyer, Karlton Leiker and Jessica Leiker, third in the mixed 200-yard freestyle relay with 1:57.14; second in mixed 200-yard medley relay with 2:15.67; second in the mixed 200 yard medley relay with 2:15.67.

Royals lose to Tampa Bay Rays 4-3; team loses on tiebreaking walk in eighth

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Gabe Gross drew a bases-loaded walk to force in the tiebreaking run with two outs in the eighth inning, and the Tampa Bay Rays rallied against a struggling Kansas City bullpen for a 4-3 victory over the Royals on Sunday.

The Royals blew a 3-0 lead. It was the third straight game the bullpen failed to hold a lead. The Rays scored seven runs in the eighth innings in sweeping the three-game series.

The Royals (37-54) dropped to a season-worst 17 games below .500.

With the Rays trailing 3-2, Carl Crawford reached on an infield

single in the eighth and went to third on an errant pickoff throw by Jamey Wright (0-3).

After Evan Longoria was intentionally walked, Carlos Pena singled home Crawford before Ben Zobrist drew a walk from John Bale to load the bases. Roman Colon then walked Gross after having him down in the count 0-2.

Grant Balfour (4-1), the third of five Rays pitchers, got the win by allowing one hit in 1 1-3 scoreless innings. J.P. Howell, who has converted his past seven save opportunities, earned his ninth save in 13 chances. He logged saves in all three games against the Royals.

Royals starter Luke Hochevar struck out a career-high nine and

did not walk a hitter for the first time this season, but had to settle for a no-decision.

He left with a 3-2 lead, giving up seven hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Alberto Callaspo had three hits and drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single with two outs in the Kansas City fifth.



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