

Time to hit the mat



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Head Coach Matt Sims of the Colby High School wrestling team helped two participants with a technique he and the other coaches taught them moments earlier at the team's wrestling camp at the school Tuesday. The camp ran from Monday through today, and was for elementary- and middle school-aged kids. The younger kids met from 3:30 to 5 p.m., while the older kids met from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Sims said the camp was just for learning purposes, not for fund raising. The team will have a golf tournament as a fund raiser in July.

Co-owner gains Hall of Fame honor

Vernon Schwanke, co-owner of the Colby Bowl and Fun Center, was inducted into the Kansas State Bowling Proprietors Hall of Fame on June 7 at the annual Bowling Proprietors Association meeting in Junction City.

Schwanke has been a member of the proprietors' organization since 1974. He has served as sergeant at arms, secretary/treasurer, vice-president and president from 2003-04. He has also been chairman of the board for the Heartland Federation of Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska bowling centers.



V. Schwanke

A 1974 graduate of Fort Hays State University with a degree in business administration, he has lived in Colby ever since with his wife Robin and two children, Jennifer and Connor.

Schwanke was preceded in membership to the Hall of Fame by his father Orville Schwanke, who was a founding member in 1952, and his brother Charles, who was inducted in 2006.

Colby Bowl is the only bowling center in Kansas to have three family members inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Pitcher's solid night not enough to beat A's

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Kansas City's Luke Hochevar was unhittable for five innings.

A single by Oakland's backup catcher and a controversial call on rookie Jemile Weeks' bunt changed all that and kept the Royals' right-hander winless in seven career starts against the Athletics.

Hochevar allowed five hits and both Oakland runs but got little help from Kansas City's offense, which failed to score with the tying runner on base twice in the final three innings and lost to the A's 2-1 on Wednesday night.

"It just comes down to pitch quality, making quality pitches when I need to make them," said Hochevar, who did not record a strikeout for the first time since July 26, 2008. "I still need to get better at that. It burned me tonight."

Hochevar (4-7) sailed through the first five innings, allowing only two walks to designated hitter Hideki Matsui. Oakland's only hit off him early came on Hochevar's third pitch of the game when David DeJesus lined a shot off the pitcher's right forearm.

The ball deflected to second baseman Chris Getz for an easy groundout. Hochevar was inspected by a team trainer and threw a few light tosses before staying in the game.

The hard-throwing right-hander showed no effects from the bruising shot. Matsui's two walks were the only time an Oakland player reached base until Landon Powell's line-drive single to center

leading off the sixth.

Then it all came unraveled.

Weeks followed with a bunt up the first-base line. Hochevar fielded the ball and tossed it to first baseman Eric Hosmer hustling back to the bag. Television replays appeared to show Hosmer tagging Weeks just before he reached the base, but he was called safe by first base umpire Jeff Nelson.

After DeJesus bunted into a fielder's choice, Weeks stole third base without a throw. Then Pennington drove him in with a single to give Oakland a 1-0 lead.

"Hoch pitched a great ballgame, he really did," Kansas City manager Ned Yost said. "We just couldn't get anything going against (starter Josh) Outman. There wasn't a whole bunch of chances in the game for us."

Outman allowed four hits over seven innings and the A's gave new manager Bob Melvin his first home victory.

Cliff Pennington and Daric

Barton had RBI singles for the scuffling A's, who had lost three straight and 13 of 14 in a streak that began under Bob Geren. Melvin improved to 2-4 since taking over for the fired Geren.

Outman (2-1) struck out two and walked two in the deepest outing of his major league career without allowing a run. Andrew Bailey pitched a perfect ninth for his second save in three chances.

The only noise the Royals made all game came far too late.

Alcides Escobar had three hits, including a double off reliever Brian Fuentes in the eighth, to tie his career high with an eight-game hitting streak. He scored a batter later when Alex Gordon singled to trim Oakland's lead to 2-1.

Melvin came out for a brief conference with Fuentes, who then allowed Melky Cabrera's single to put runners on first and third with two outs. Fuentes rallied by getting Hosmer to foul out along the spacious third-base line.

Youth camps, Aqua Zumba, water aerobics to begin in July

The Colby Recreation Department is holding basketball camps for kids in pre-school through eighth grades. Grades are for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year. All camps will take place at the Community Building, and all groups are co-ed. The deadline to sign up and receive a guaranteed T-shirt is Wednesday.

Here are the camp groups and their dates:

- 4 and 5 years old: July 7 and 8, 10 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$25.
- 1st and 2nd Grades: July 7 and 8, 1 to 2 p.m. Cost is \$25.
- 3rd and 4th Grades: July 7 and 8, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$30.
- 5th and 6th Grades: July 11 through 13, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$30.
- 7th and 8th Grades: July 11 through 13, 1 to 3

p.m. Cost is \$40.

An Aqua Zumba class is being offered by certified instructor Nicole Weigel. The class integrates the Zumba formula and philosophy with traditional aqua fitness disciplines. It will run Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 to 9:45 a.m. at the Colby Aquatic Park, beginning July 6. The daily fee is \$5, which is paid at the park. The class is for men and women, 16 years and older. Participants need to bring water to stay hydrated, and water shoes are recommended.

A water aerobics class is being offered by Tiffany Shaw at the Colby Aquatic Park. The class will run Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning July 5. The daily fee is \$5, which is paid at the park. The class is for men and women, 16 years and older.

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