

# Area players to join teams at Colby High

Colby High School has agreed to let two players from St. Francis High School, one golfer and one cross country runner, join its teams this year.

The Kansas State High School Activities Association came up with a cooperative agreement between the schools to allow the players compete with Colby since St. Francis doesn't have the money in its budget to have teams for these two sports.

"They're such a small school that it would pull athletes away from other sports as well," said Colby High Principal Larry Gabel.

To compete in tournaments for individual sports, participants have to be part of a team; they cannot be an independent representative for their school. Therefore, during the regular season, the players will be considered part of the Colby team, but during the post-season, each player will be considered a "school of one" representing St. Francis.

Gabel said that this change won't affect the Colby players' points or the right for them to make the team. In other words, a St. Francis player cannot beat out a Colby player for a spot on the team.

"We just don't want to take away from any of the Colby kids and still be cooperative to our agreement," Gabel said.

Another agreement could occur in more of the individual

sports, but as of now, Gabel said this is not happening in any other sports. An agreement like this would not be helpful in a more team-oriented sport because the schools would have to combine their enrollment numbers and this could possibly change Colby's classification.

Also, the Kansas Cross Country and Track and Field Coach's Association has selected Gordon Rasmussen and Leslie Wagoner as 4A girls track coaches of the year.

They were selected as co-head coaches even though technically Wagoner is in charge of the girls' team, and Gordon is in charge of the whole program, but the association thought it was appropriate to give it to both of them.

They will be honored on January 7 in Junction City at the Track and Field Clinic Luncheon.

The 2011 girls state track team was the first track team to win a state championship in the history of Colby High School.

"It's very appropriate that they be recognized for their hard work," Gabel said. "And without just singling those two out, there are some outstanding assistant coaches that have made the difference too. It's really a reflection on all of the coaches I think. Those things don't just happen overnight, I think it takes a lot of work."



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Danny Mainus (pictured above) fought in an amateur mixed martial arts fight. His record is 6-0 going into his professional career, which begins in September. His first fight will air on pay-per-view. David Mainus rode a bull in a rodeo in Scott City. He is 15 years old and has been bull riding for three years.

# Local fighter schedules first pro fight

Danny Mainus is starting his professional career in mixed martial arts. He is one of only a few professional athletes to come out of Colby.

He will be fighting in his first professional fight on Saturday, Sept. 10 in Independence, Mo., that will air on pay-per-view. The fight is being put on by Shark Fight Promotions.

Mainus has only been fighting as an amateur for one year, but in that time, he was undefeated at 6-0. Before he started in mixed martial arts, Mainus was a wrestler at both Colby High School and Colby Community College.

His fighting specialties are muay thai and Brazilian jiu-jitsu.

Mainus said he is looking for sponsors for the upcoming event. "Sponsorships would be greatly appreciated since I will be taking time off of work and the fight has a lot of expenses," said Mainus.

For information about sponsoring Mainus, contact him at (785) 443-3897 or at 445 S. Cleveland St., Colby, Kan., 67701.

David Mainus, the younger brother of Danny, is also getting noticed for his talents.

He has qualified in bull riding for the 2011 National Little Britches Finals Rodeo.

The finals will take place on Monday, July 25, to Saturday, July 30, in Pueblo, Colo.

David Mainus has been bull

riding for three years, and said he wants to thank his dad and his sponsors for their support.

Silvia and Dan Mainus are their parents.



# Couples' night delivers 23 teams

The Meadow Lake golf ladies' night results for the first flight on June 21 are Audrey Hines, first; Anita Beckman and Leslie Focke, tie for second. The winner for the second flight was Susan Wark and Joy Rothfuss was second.

The winning team for the three-man scramble on men's night for June 22 was Barry Lucas, Randy Wilson and Larry Gable.

There were 23 teams who participated in couple's night on June 24. Winners for the first flight were Shawn and Mindy Curry, Alex Rosales and Dana Foss, Brandon and Kami Booi, Ken and Suki Idol, Tanner Kriss and Brittany Bange, Quintin and Mary Beth Flanagan, Travis and Jessica Vaughn and Ike and Diane Donn.

The Meadow Lake results for the low net event on ladies' night for June 28 are Cheryl Edmundson, first; Wendy Weishaar, second; and Joy Rothfuss, Susan Wark and Suzanne Schielke, three-way tie for third.

The winning team for the 3-man scramble on men's night for last Wednesday was John White, Dave Kern and Jack Stroud.

The results for the first flight of the 1-couple scramble on couple's night for Friday are Rock and Jacque Bedore, first; Nate and Casey Goetz, second; and Gene and Joy Rothfuss, third. The second flight results are Chris and Nickki Carroll, first; and Alex Rosales and Dana Foss, second.

# All-star pitcher's perjury trial begins today

By Mark Sherman and Nedra Pickler

WASHINGTON (AP) - The perjury trial of pitching great Roger Clemens has begun.

U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton turned immediately Wednesday to selecting a jury from a pool of 125 Washington residents. The judge has said he hopes to find 12 jurors and four alternates by early next week for a trial that is expected to last into August.

Like other players who have been indicted in baseball's steroids era, Clemens has not been charged with drug crimes, but is accused of lying about drug use. Clemens told a House committee under oath in 2008 that he never used performance-enhancing drugs during a standout career in which he won a record seven Cy Young Awards as his league's top pitcher.

Clemens won 354 games during a career that spanned nearly a quarter-century.



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