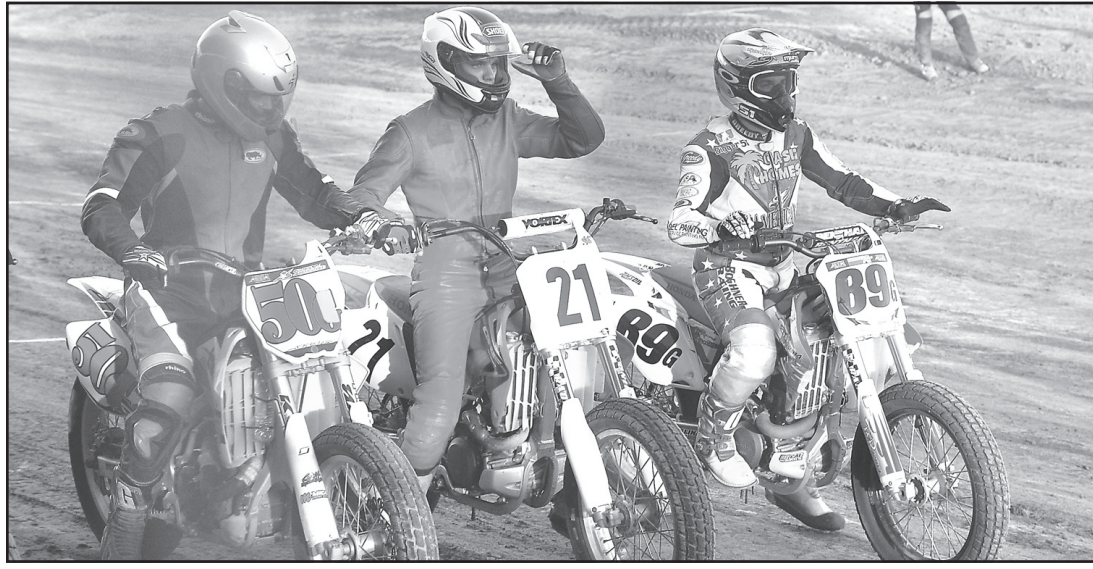


Kick start your fun



Motorcycle racers got ready to start a race during the Cycle Zone event last year. This year's races will be on Friday, Aug. 12.

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# College coach to teach clinic

The annual Colby Community College men's basketball golf tournament will be held Friday, Aug. 26, at the Meadow Lake Golf Course in Colby.

Registration for the four-person scramble will begin at noon with a shotgun start set for 1 p.m.

"The event includes a meal and auction following the tournament," said Head Coach Dustin Pfeifer. "There will also be hole prizes and other fun events."

Cost is \$240 per team. Limited golf carts will be available. All proceeds will be used to support the Colby Community College's men's basketball program.

For more information or to register, contact Coach Pfeifer at (785) 460-5470, or [dustin.pfeifer@colbycc.edu](mailto:dustin.pfeifer@colbycc.edu).

Rusty Grafel, assistant Colby Community College's men's basketball coach, will be holding a kindergarten through sixth grade boys and girls basketball clinic

from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 28 at the Community Building.

The Trojan Basketball Clinic will go over the basic fundamentals of basketball, but will also allow the kids to come and have a fun afternoon involving basketball.

Please call to pre-register, but kids will also be allowed to register the day of the camp. Cost is \$15. Contact Grafel at (785) 475-8360.

The newly formed Kansas College Wrestling Fund has announced that it is now accepting contributions. Get involved in supporting wrestling in Kansas colleges and universities. Your support may make the difference between keeping a program available and losing it forever. For information on this new fund, go to the Kansas College Wrestling Fund web site at [www.usawks.com](http://www.usawks.com).

# Softball coach sets dates for tourney

Colby Community College Athletic Director and Head Softball Coach Ryan Sturdy has announced the dates for the fourth annual Duck Soup Softball Tournament.

The double-elimination tournament will be Saturday, Aug. 20, and Sunday, Aug. 21, at the City of Colby recreation fields located in the northeast corner of town. Games will begin at 6 p.m. on Aug. 20, and at 1 p.m. on Aug. 21.

Cost is \$100 per team. Games will be six innings. Teams include 10 players (five men and five women.)

"Several 'special' rules apply during this tournament," said Coach Sturdy. "The visiting team will be spotted 1/2 run so there are no extra inning games. The home team will be decided by answering a trivia question about the CCC softball program. Several other unusual rules will be explained prior to the tournament."

There is a 60-minute time limit on all games. All proceeds will be donated to the Colby Community College softball program. Deadline to register for this fun event is Thursday, Aug. 17.

"This is a really fun tournament," said Coach Sturdy. "We have a special rule for each inning including running the bases in reverse order, batters hitting with their opposite hand and one inning of kickball."

For additional information or to sign up a team, call Coach Sturdy at (785) 460-5548.

# Royals' player gets four hits, leads team over Orioles 9-4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Alex Gordon who the Kansas City Royals drafted second overall in 2005 is finally reaching expectations six years later.

Gordon matched his career-high with four hits and Yamaico Navarro drove in three runs to the lead the Royals over the Baltimore Orioles 9-4 on Thursday night.

Gordon hit .215 in 74 games last year and entered 2011 with a .244 average. With the four hits, Gordon hiked his average to .311. After he grounded out in his final at-bat, Billy Butler approached him in the dugout.

"I went down there and told him, 'You couldn't get five?'" Butler said laughing. "He's doing great. I'm happy for him. He's swinging the bat better than I've ever seen him. I hope he can ride it and keep staying consistent like he is. He's really turned the corner. He's made a lot of adjustments and really come into his own."

Gordon leads the Royals with 34 doubles and is tied for the team

lead with 14 home runs.

"He's as close as you can get to dominating right now," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "He's putting great at-bats together. He's hitting the ball hard. He's hitting doubles, home runs. He's driving in runs. He's doing everything. He had four great swings tonight and smoked the ball four times."

The Royals sent 11 men to the plate in a six-run sixth inning to break open the game. The inning included eight hits with Navarro doubling home two runs and Chris Getz stroking a two-run single. Melky Cabrera and Butler added run-producing singles in the inning.

"We started that inning down a run," Butler said. "Then we just broke out and put the game away. We took the momentum. We got some big hits here and big hits there. We put up nine runs and we cruised to an easy victory, which is always fun."

The Royals had 17 hits with every starter having at least one.

Gordon, Cabrera and Butler, the first three Kansas City hitters, combined to go 8 for 14 with six runs, two doubles and three RBIs.

Reliever Blake Wood (5-0) worked two hitless innings, walking two and striking out two, to pick up the victory. He pitched out of a bases loaded jam in the sixth. "Woody holding the fort was big for us," Yost said.

Royals starter Jeff Francis, who pitched eight scoreless innings to beat Cleveland in his previous start, gave up four runs and 10 hits in five-plus innings before Wood replaced him.

Orioles rookie left-hander Zach Britton (6-9) again ran into difficulties in the first inning. Britton, who had allowed 13 runs in a combined one inning in his previous two starts, allowed three runs and three hits in the first. Two of the runs were unearned after his throwing error. Britton, who allowed six runs and 12 hits in 5 1/3 innings, is 1-8 in his past 14 starts after starting the season 5-1.

# Volleyball team holds night golf tournament

Glow balls, glow sticks, tons of prizes and a great dinner will all be part of the first Night Golf Tournament held by the Colby Community College volleyball team. Registration for the 18-hole, four-person scramble will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 3, at the Meadow Lake Golf Course in Colby. Tee-off is set for 6 p.m.

"I would like to encourage all our fans to attend the Colby Classic Volleyball Tournament that will be Friday and Saturday, Sept. 2 and 3, at the Community Building and Colby High School gymnasiums," said Head Coach Carey Jones. "Matches will begin

at noon on Friday and continue on Saturday at 9 a.m. with the final match beginning at 3 p.m. That should give everyone time to make it to the golf course for tee-off at 6 p.m."

The cost of \$240 per team includes dinner, green fees and night golf supplies. Prizes will be awarded for winning teams, longest drive, etc. Proceeds from the event will help support the Colby Community College volleyball program.

To register a team, contact Chad or Carey Jones at (785) 269-7724, or email [carey.jones@colbycc.edu](mailto:carey.jones@colbycc.edu).



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# Big Splash Event

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Help the City win the \$100,000 Take Charge Challenge



Learning Tree event will be held at the Community Building and will start at 11:00 AM with a 10 minute Energy Bandit skit, followed by three projects (each about 15-20 minutes long) taught by a teacher who has completed the Kansas Association for Conservation & Education Workshop.



The first 400 people age 4 and above, to complete Learning Tree activities will be admitted to the free barbecue sponsored by Farmers & Merchants Bank and held at the Colby Aquatic Park.



The first 200 people who complete Learning Tree activities will receive free admission to Colby Aquatic Park that afternoon.



The barbeque will start at 12:30 PM and the pool opens at 1 PM. The Take Charge Committee will have a booth set up in the entrance to the pool so we can count it as an event, and we will get credit for everyone attending the pool that day.



The city gets 30 points for each participant that completes the three projects, and 10 points for each person present for the Energy Bandit Skit.

For more information please call the City office at 460-4400

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