



JUDY WASKO

Katera Harter was crowned by the previous Beef Empire Days rodeo queen, Cassie Wasko of Hanston, on June 8 as the 2012 Rodeo Queen at the Beef Empire Days Rodeo in Garden City.

Colby graduate wins title of rodeo queen

Colby High spring graduate Katera Harter won the title of 2012 rodeo queen during the three-day Beef Empire Days Rodeo in Garden City.

Harter, daughter of Lowell and Sue Harter of Colby, competed in horsemanship, speech and modeling, winning the horsemanship and speech competitions. She was crowned June 8.

"My speech was over rodeo cowboys and the lifestyle and morals that they live by," she said. "Horsemanship was the most difficult part of the competition for me because of the horse I use.

He is my new barrel horse, so he came out being a little excited, but it all turned out for the best."

During her reign, Harter said, she will be traveling across Kansas to rodeos and even make a trip to Cheyenne Frontier Days in Wyoming for "The Daddy of Them All." She said she will also be working with the All American Beef Battalion.

"This is a group of individuals involved in the U.S. beef battle industry working to support our troops fighting the global war on terror," Harter said. "Volunteering my time with the battalion at steak

feeds for troops will be a major part of my reign."

She said she would like to thank the Beef Empire Days rodeo committee and her friends and family for helping her become the young woman she is today.

Harter plans to attend Colby Community College in the fall, competing on the rodeo team. After two years, she said, she plans to transfer to Kansas State University to earn a degree in agribusiness.

"With this degree, I will be able to give back to the community and lifestyle that I love," she said.

Baseball player drafted by pro team

Daniel Devonshire, a member of the 2011-12 Colby Community College Trojans baseball team, was selected in the 37th round of the Major League Baseball draft to play for the Toronto Blue Jays.

Devonshire, a catcher and designated hitter for the Trojans, is a native of Auckland, New Zealand. He was recruited to play baseball at Colby after excelling in high school and club play in New Zealand, Canada and the United States.

"We are very proud and excited for Daniel to be drafted in this year's draft," said Baseball Coach



D. Devonshire

Ryan Carter. "We feel confident that while Daniel will probably be back in Colby for his sophomore year, he will no doubt make an impact professionally when he is ready.

"The college continues to recruit and develop quality student-athletes, and we could not be happier for what Daniel has accomplished so far here at Colby."

Devonshire was scouted in his early teens by the Seattle Mariners, Carter said. He attended a Major League Academy with the Washington Nationals and played extensively in Canada and the United States.

Olympic Committee probes black market ticket scandal

By Sylvia Hui

Associated Press

LONDON – International Olympic officials have opened a high-level investigation into allegations that authorized representatives in more than 50 countries – including a national Olympic committee – were involved in selling London Olympics tickets on the black market for profit.

The International Olympic Committee convened an emergency session Saturday to discuss a dossier of evidence presented to it by Britain's *Sunday Times*. The newspaper published an investigation Sunday claiming that officials have been offering tickets for the July 27-Aug. 12 London games, including highly sought-after events such as the men's 100-meter final, at vastly inflated prices.

One of the most damaging allegations was against Spyros Capralos, the Greek Olympic Committee president and top organizer for the 2004 Athens Olympics.

He was quoted as saying he had "pulled strings" with London organizing chairman Sebastian Coe to obtain an extra batch of premium tickets for official agents in Greece, on the pretext that demand in his country had outstripped expectations.

The paper said Capralos acknowledged in talks with its undercover reporters that demand had actually been very low and that many of the tickets were subsequently sold to people outside Greece for profit.

The London organizing committee said Capralos' alleged boasts of discussions with Coe were untrue. Coe had told the Greek Olympic Committee that tickets were allocated in accordance with IOC

ticketing policies, it said.

Capralos was not immediately available for comment. A Greek Olympic Committee official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing investigation, denied that anything untoward had taken place.

At issue are ticket allocations given to each of the 205 national Olympic committees to sell in their home countries. The committees appoint an organization within their countries to sell the tickets, a process meant to ensure equity.

IOC rules forbid national committees from selling tickets abroad, inflating ticket prices or selling tickets to unauthorized resellers.

But the *Sunday Times* said its undercover reporters, who posed as illegal ticket-sellers acting for clients in the Middle East, caught officials red-handed. It said it has presented the IOC with a dossier of evidence on 27 officials controlling the tickets for 54 countries.

The paper even posted on its website videos of its reporters' negotiations with Capralos and some of the agents. They include official ticket agents in Serbia, Lithuania and China, who offered to sell the undercover reporters premium tickets for up to 6,000 British pounds (\$9,407) each.

Official ticket prices for the games range from 20.12 pounds to 2,012 pounds.

One of those accused of falling for the newspaper's ruse was former Olympic swimmer Yoav Bruck, who is authorized to sell tickets in Israel and Cyprus. He

denied allegations that he offered the *Sunday Times* reporters the best seats to the 100 final.

The report also alleged that Greg Harney, an executive at travel company Cartan Tours and a former top official at the U.S. Olympic Committee, told the undercover reporters how to conceal an illegal ticket sale.

The IOC said in a statement on its website that it "takes these allegations very seriously and has immediately taken the first steps to investigate."

The report was the latest in a string of similar allegations. In May, a top Ukrainian Olympic official resigned following allegations that he offered to sell thousands of dollars' worth of tickets for the London Games on the black market.

Volodymyr Gerashchenko, secretary general of Ukraine's national Olympic committee, was accused in a BBC television report of telling an undercover reporter posing as an unauthorized dealer that he was willing to sell up to 100 tickets for cash.

Ticketing problems have plagued London's organizers for months, with many people in Britain complaining about the official website's intractable computer problems and its inability to cope with huge demand.

Many Britons have been frustrated that they couldn't attend an event that is costing the nation 9.3 billion pounds (\$14.6 billion) to host, and ticketing problems have prompted some London officials to demand more transparency on how the tickets were allocated.

Royals defeat Cardinals in 15th inning with homer

ST. LOUIS (AP) – Cardinals manager Mike Matheny had no trouble with closer Jason Motte's two-strike pitch to pinch-hitter Billy Butler.

Problem is, either did Butler. Down to the Royals' last strike in the ninth, Butler hit Motte's fastball 438 feet for a tying home run and Kansas City went on to beat St. Louis 5-3 in 15 innings Sunday.

The home run was Butler's 12th this season, but the first of his career as a pinch hitter.

Butler, though, was ready for the fastball.

Motte said he was just trying to end the game.

"That's the way it is" Motte said. "One mistake in those situations (can cost you). Give credit to Butler. Sometimes you have to tip your cap."

Yuniesky Betancourt hit a two-run homer with two outs in the 15th to lift the Royals to the win.

Yost and Matheny combined to use all 43 position players in the 5-hour game.

Betancourt gave the Royals a 3-2 lead in the 14th on an RBI double, but Kansas City closer Jonathan Broxton (1-1) gave it back. Betan-

court then came through with his next opportunities.

Jarrold Dyson began the 15th inning with a bunt single off St. Louis reliever Eduardo Sanchez (0-1). Dyson was sacrificed to second and, after an out, Betancourt hit an 0-1 pitch into the Royals' bullpen.

Alex Gordon opened the 14th

with his fifth walk, tying the club record he set on July 30, 2008, at Oakland.

Yadier Molina, the last available St. Louis position player, had a pinch-hit RBI single in the 14th off Broxton to tie it 3-all. Broxton was perfect in the 15th for the victory.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

With the 2012 Wheat Harvest in full swing the Northwest Kansas tiny-k program is once again encouraging everyone to remember they can support the program through their Bushels for Babies Campaign.

Research has shown that significant brain development occurs in the first 3 years of life. Early intervention for infants and toddlers with disabilities improves many conditions and can minimize the need for services after the age of 3. In fact certain conditions cannot improve unless treated at an early age. Specific Federal and State funds earmarked for Early Intervention Services are available and help provide services to eligible families regardless of income. However the funding is not developed to provide the widest level of services for all eligible families. Federal and state grants require community agencies to provide local funding including private sources. The ability for our programs to best meet the challenge of providing needed services at the highest level depends on help from you.

The Bushels for Babies campaign allows farmers to donate grain to help us better serve children with special needs and their families in Northwest Kansas. To participate is easy! Simply notify the grain merchandiser at settlement time that you want to donate "x" number of bushels to the Northwest Kansas tiny-k network housed at the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center (NKEESC a not-for-profit organization committed to quality services for children and families). All donations are tax deductible.

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