

Local student qualifies for finals rodeo

DENVER – David Mainus, a sophomore at Colby High School, has earned a position on the Kansas High School Rodeo Team in bull riding and will be traveling to Rock Springs, Wyo., from Sunday to Saturday, July 15 to 21, to compete at the 64th Annual National High School Finals Rodeo.

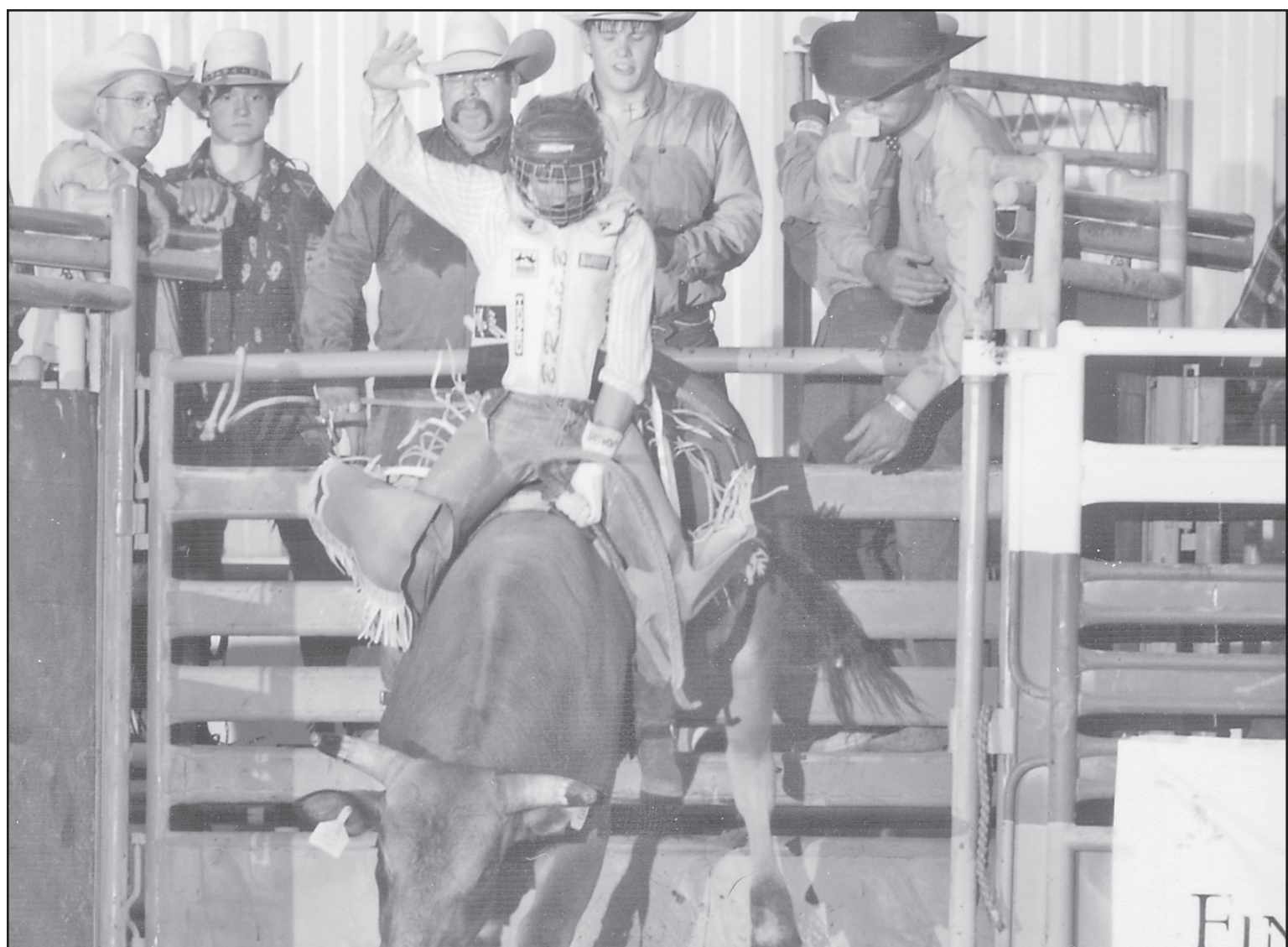
Featuring more than 1,500 contestants from 41 states, five Canadian provinces and Australia, the National High School Finals is the world's largest rodeo. Contestants compete for over \$200,000 in cash prizes and more than \$350,000 in college scholarships, plus the chance to be named a National High School Rodeo national champion.

To earn this title, they must finish in the top 20 after two go-rounds before advancing to Saturday night's finals. The rodeo will air from July 17 to 22 on RFD-

TV; check local listings for times. Go to www.nhsra.org for possible schedule changes and other times when the finals will be on the air, or you can catch all of the action live with an audio webcast at iHigh.com.

Away from the arena, finals contestants may represent their team in a volleyball tournament, enjoy nightly dances, participate in a talent contest, compete in a National Rifle Association rifle shooting competition, test their skills in a Knowledge Bowl, shop the western trade show and visit the historical attractions of the Cowboy State.

To follow your local favorites, go to the National High School Rodeo Association website at www.nhsra.org for daily results. For ticket and general information, call (307) 352-6789.



Colby High sophomore David Mainus rode a bull at the Kansas High School Rodeo State Finals held June 7 to 9. He had 13.5 event points, a score of 67 and 205.2 all-around points at the state rodeo.

Meadow Lake holds golf nights

For ladies' night at Meadow Lake Golf Course on June 12, seven women played five-hole poker hand and blind draw golf. The results, for the first flight, are Shari Oren, first; Wanda Brown, second; Audrey Hines, third; and Anita Beckman, fourth.

The next ladies' night was to be Tuesday with a par 3 game. Tee off was at 6 p.m. and cost was \$2 per person with a \$10 green fee for nonmembers.

Last Wednesday, 56 men attended men's night and played a three-man scramble. The results are, for the first flight, Wark, Taylor and Kriss, first; Wattington, Sutter and Kats, second; and VanHorn, Stithem and Stithem, third. For the second flight, the results are Strutt,

Edmundson and Flipse, first; Otten, Litten and guest, second; and Brewer, Andrews and Rinehard, third.

The next men's night is tonight and the game will be three-man scramble and blind draw. Tee off is at 6 p.m. and cost is \$5 per person with a \$10 green fee for nonmembers.

On Friday, six couples played a one-couple scramble. The results are, for the first flight, R.J. and Teresa Schlomer, first and Miles and Linda Ladenburger, second. For the second flight, Nate and Kacie Goetz took first.

The next couple's night is Friday and the game is one-couple scramble. Tee off is at 6 p.m. and cost is \$5 per person with a \$10 green fee per couple for nonmembers.

Meadow Lake will be the site of a golf fund raiser for Colby High School Athletics on Saturday, July 14. It will be a four-person scramble on 18 holes and cost is \$60 per person or \$240 per team.

A meal, which is included in the cost, and an auction will follow play and sponsorship opportunities are available. Registration will be at 9 a.m. and tee off will follow at 10.

For information, call Matt Sims at 462-3500.

If you are interested in participating in these activities, call Meadow Lake at 460-6443 to register.

Pitcher acquittal latest blow in sports cases

WASHINGTON – Barry Bonds. Guilty on a technicality. At least that's how much of the public sees it. It's all that came out of a seven-year investigation into baseball's home run king.

Lance Armstrong. Not even prosecuted. A two-year, multi-continent investigation brought to a close this year with no charges filed.

Now Roger Clemens. Acquitted on all counts. A five-year investigation ended with the top pitcher of his generation celebrating with family hugs inside the courtroom.

After three expensive failures, the government is done, it seems, with the business of pursuing

high-profile cases of drugs-in-sports – with a track record not worth bragging about.

With the government striking out yet again, the policing of drugs in sports now falls to other entities. The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency filed formal accusations last week against Armstrong that could strip the cyclist of his seven Tour de France victories. Armstrong denies any doping.

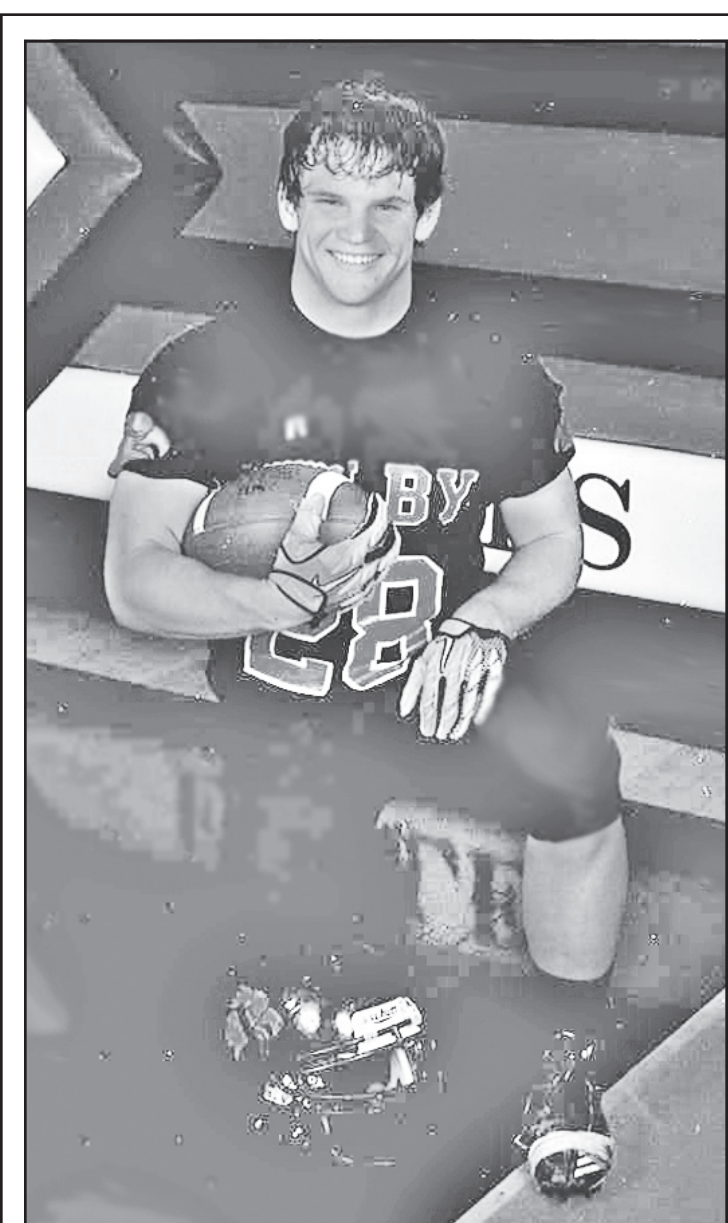
Clemens, 49, was acquitted Monday on all six counts that he lied to Congress when he denied using performance-enhancing drugs. The government had been pursuing him since 2007, when he was first mentioned in the Mitch-

ell Report on drug use in baseball, and he famously and vehemently disavowed any link to steroids and human growth hormone at a nationally televised hearing in 2008.

In the end, the government could only find one person who could claim firsthand knowledge of Clemens' using performance-enhancing drugs. He was a flawed witness, something even prosecutors acknowledged. Longtime strength coach Brian McNamee said he injected Clemens with steroids in 1998, 2000 and 2001 and

with GHG in 2000, but his story changed over the years and his only physical evidence was kept haphazardly in a beer can.

Yet the case came to trial. The public perception that the government had better things to do was evident during jury selection, when many prospective jurors felt the congressional investigation was a waste of taxpayer money. One man used the word "excessive" to describe the 2008 hearings – and he actually made it onto the final panel of 12 jurors.



Colby football player to play in Blue-Grey

Beau Brown, a senior at Colby High School, has been invited to go to Canton, Ohio, to participate in the Blue-Grey National Super Combine on Saturday.

Brown hopes to be chosen for the first Blue-Grey All Star game Jan. 12 at Raymond James Stadium, home of the Tampa

Bay Buccaneers, which will be televised on Fox Sports

In April, Brown participated in a regional Blue-Grey football competition at St. Joseph, Mo., setting the record in the 40-yard dash and tying for best performer.

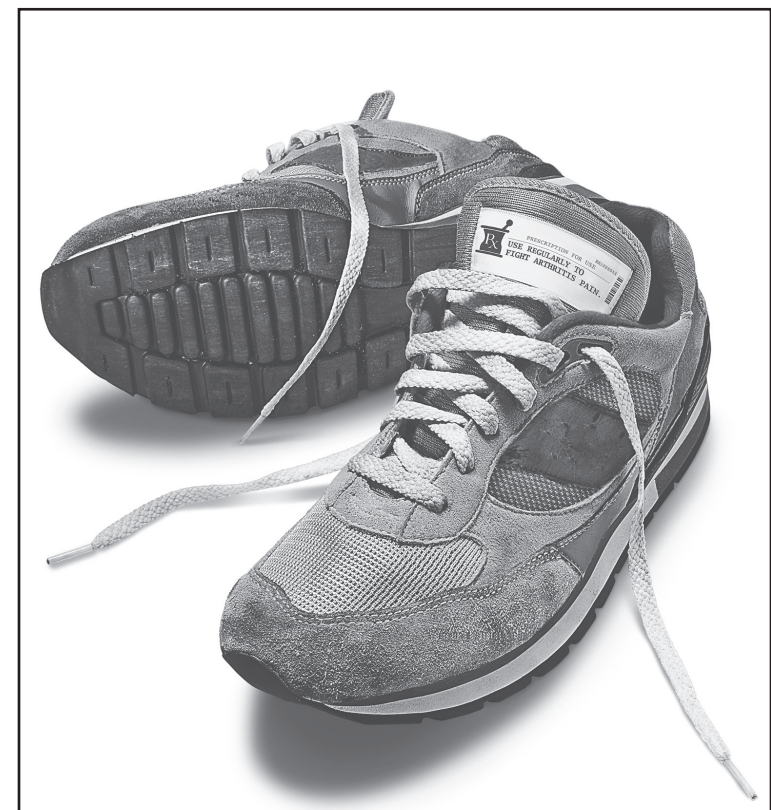
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