

Colby senior wins a grant for college

Colby High School senior Troy Quenzer has won a National Leadership Grant from the National Collegiate Scouting Association Athletic Recruiting and the National Football League Player's Association.

"Receiving this prestigious award is not only an honor," said Stefanie Zimmerman, public relations director for the scouting association, "but one that is only given to a select number of student athletes throughout the country in all sports from football to track."

The grant is awarded to student athletes based on leadership in their community, academic achievement, athletics and an essay.

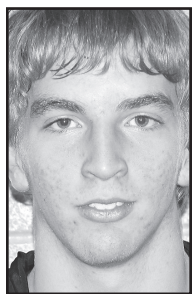
"We are very pleased to be involved with NCSA in assisting in the recognition and the selection of young, qualified student athletes to receive scholarship oppor-

tunities," said DeMaurice Smith, Executive Director of the player's association. "Anytime, you can identify, help and reward future leaders to further their education and athletic pursuits, it's a win-win, and we are pleased to contribute to this worthy effort with NCSA."

The scouting association will work with Quenzer and his family throughout high school and help him to find a college that best matches his academic and athletic achievements.

The association bills itself as an athletic recruiting network and leadership platform for student athletes to get connected with scholarships, internships and careers.

For information, contact Zimmerman at szimmerman@ncsasports.org or (312) 999-6145.



Troy Quenzer

Safe at the plate



Umpire Dalaan Organ called a Colby runner safe at home plate July 2 during a 12 and Under baseball game at the Carl

Adams Softball Field on the Colby Community College campus.

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Veteran leader retires from Shrine Bowl

After 31 years at the helm of the Kansas Shrine Bowl, Executive Director Emeritus Dave Mize has announced his retirement, effective Dec. 31.

Mize, who took over following the 1981 game, has overseen an event that has grown from just a football game to one that involves dozens of Kansas Shriners and community volunteers, and hundreds of young people, not to mention several thousand Kansas football fans and supporters.

Mize helped build an organization that has raised about \$2 million for Shriners Hospitals over the years. He says despite the growth he's seen, the basic purposes for having the game have not changed.

"We are and always have been committed to raising money for Shriners Hospitals, recognizing the top high school football talent in Kansas and raising awareness about the hospitals and the outstanding work they do," he said.

Changes have included the addition of several camps for band members (the Masonic All-State Marching Band) and cheerleaders. This year, a camp for dance teams has been added. Other additions include a football combine, where high school players can measure their skills, and an all-star cross country meet, featuring many of

the state's top runners.

Mize says one major change in the game's administration has been in communications.

"When I started," he said, "communications was a major obstacle, because the only way to communicate was by phone or by mail. We didn't even have fax machines then...."

Mize's replacement, Drew Gaschler, was hired in May 2011, shortly after graduating from Wichita State University with a master's degree in sports management.

"Drew has one year under his belt," Mize said. "He helped us go through the game last year in Hays, and has taken a big part in preparation for this year's game in Emporia."

Mize says retirement brings some bittersweet feelings.

"I hate to think I'll not be going though it again," he said. "I have a lot of friends, a lot of acquaintances, a lot of relationships. I'm going to regret losing that, but by the same token, for 31 years I've not had my summers to myself, and that's going to be nice."

The 39th annual Kansas Shrine Bowl will be played at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at Welch Stadium on the Emporia State University campus. Tickets and information are available at www.kansasshrinebowl.com or by calling (800) 530-5524.

National League routs American League

By Ronald Blum

AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Melky Cabrera, Pablo Sandoval and Matt Cain helped the National League to a Giant blowout in the All-Star game.

After all the talk about AL dominance during an offseason when Albert Pujols and Prince Fielder switched leagues, the NL romped to an 8-0 victory over the American League on Tuesday night.

The World Series will start in the city of the NL champion for the third straight year.

"It's a nice edge," the NL's Tony La Russa said after his final game as a manager.

Flashing their bright orange spikes and booming bats, the San Francisco sluggers keyed a five-run blitz against Justin Verlander in the first inning.

Cabrera homered and won the MVP award in the ballpark where he played last season, and Cain got the win in the NL's most-lopsided All-Star victory.

"I didn't come to win an MVP. That's just a surprise," the former Royals outfielder said, his mother and grandmother next to him.

"The same opportunity that Kansas City gave me last year is the same opportunity that San Francisco is giving me every day to showcase my talent."

Chipper Jones singled in his final All-Star at-bat at age 40. Ryan Braun, an All-Star again after his drug suspension was overturned last winter, doubled, tripled and made a fine catch in the outfield to help give the NL its first three-game winning streak in two decades.

Teen sensation Bryce Harper had a shaky All-Star debut with a walk, strikeout and missed catch.

Fellow rookie Mike Trout, only 20, showed off his dynamic skills.

Cain combined with Stephen Strasburg, R.A. Dickey, Aroldis Chapman and the rest of a lights-out staff on a six-hitter.

The game was pretty much decided a few moments after it started.

Sandoval hit the first bases-loaded triple in All-Star history off Verlander, who couldn't control his 100 mph heat. Cabrera singled and scored the first run, then hit a two-run homer against Matt Harrison in a three-run fourth.

"I don't get many triples," said the slow-footed Sandoval, known as Kung Fu Panda. "We had some fun with that in the dugout."

San Francisco fans, who made a late voting push to elect Sandoval and Cabrera to starting spots, might really appreciate the victory come October. The Giants are

a half-game behind the first-place Dodgers in the NL West.

Rafael Furcal also hit a three-bagger, making the NL the first league with three in an All-Star game.

As the All-Stars returned to Kansas City for the first time since 1973, La Russa bid farewell to the national stage in the city where he played for his first major league team.

Having retired after managing St. Louis to last year's World Series title, La Russa became just the fourth inactive manager to skipper an All-Star team and improved to 4-2.

"Just lucky, like I've been 30 years," La Russa said.

The NL boosted its advantage to 43-38-2 and won for just the third time in the 10 years the All-Star game has been used to determine home-field advantage in the World

Series. La Russa's Cardinals benefited from last year's NL All-Star victory, with St. Louis winning Games 6 and 7 at home against Ron Washington's Texas Rangers.

"It's very disappointing, because we're competitors and we want to win," said Washington, who lost for the second straight year. "They came out. They swung the bats. Once they got the lead, started bringing those arms in their hand, and they got the job done."

Jones, retiring at the end of the season, also had one last All-Star moment, pinch hitting in the sixth and singling just past second baseman Ian Kinsler and into right field. Jones chuckled as the ball rolled through.

La Russa asked Jones to address the team before the game and the Atlanta third baseman told players: "Whether you're 19 or 40, we are all equals here."

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