

Colby swimmers earn season honors, trophies

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Several members of the Colby Swim Club earned high-point honors for the season in girls or boys age groups.

Every time a swimmer places in the top six in a race, he or she earns points, said Colby Coach Sondra Finley. A swimmer receives 7 points for first place, 5 for second, 4 for third, 3 for fourth, 2 for fifth and 1 for sixth.

"The points keep totaling up over all the swim meets," Finley said. "At the end of the season, the top six point earners (in each division) receive trophies."

In the All-League High Point category, Colby's Cade Lanning placed third in the Boys 9-10 group with 92 points. In the Girls 11-12 group, Madisyn Lemman grabbed fourth with 77 and in the Boys 11-12 group, Kory Finley was sixth with 62.

In the Boys 13-14 group, Brennon Overton placed first with 138 points, Travis Finley was second with 129, Mark Faber fifth with 77 and Aaron Faber sixth with 59.

Madison Rogers took fourth in the Girls 15-18 group with 84.5 points.

"We also give a trophy to the first-place point earner over the two-day league meet," Finley said. "This is a total of points per swimmer for each age group of boys and girls for this final league meet. They are titled League High Point for the boy and girl of each age group divisions."

Overton was the sole Colby swimmer to receive a trophy for League High Point, placing first in the Boys 13-14 group with 33 points at the Northwest Kansas League meet in Goodland on Friday and Saturday.

The Colby Swim Club is losing one senior this year, Christina Ostmeier, so the league meet was her last swim meet.

Coach Finley said she has been in swim club since 1998 and her mom, Kathy Kersensbrock-Ostmeier, has been the head referee for the Northwest Kansas Swim League for that last 10 years. Since Christina is leaving the team, this was her mom's last swim meet refereeing as well.



EMILEA FINLEY/Colby Swim Club
Brennon Overton accepted a trophy after the Northwest Kansas League Swim Meet in Goodland last Friday and Saturday. Overton took first place in the All-League High Point and League High Point category for the Boys 13-14 division.

Colby runners take top spots in Atwood race

The County Challenge Race was held around Lake Atwood on the Fourth of July, and Thomas County runners Ben Baird, Noah Pardee and Tom Pardee took second, third and fourth places, respectively.

The race drew 24 women and 14 men from Sheridan, Rawlins, Thomas, Cheyenne, Decatur and Lincoln counties.

Katie Friess, 21, of Sheridan County, won the women's race with a time of 17 minutes, 15.1 seconds. Sara Thompson, 39, of Rawlins County was second with 19:21.1. Shayla Hubbard, 16, of Rawlins County was third with 20:56.2. Kari Wahlmeier, 26, of Decatur County was fourth with 21:33.6 and Lacy Walker, 30, of Rawlins County was fifth with 21:39.9.

Luke Friess, 18, of Sheridan County, won the men's race with a time of 30:34.3. Baird, 17, was second with 31:06.6; Noah Pardee, 13, third with

38:39.0; and his father, Tom Pardee, 44, was fourth with 38:39.7. Matthew Withington, 29, of Rawlins County, ran fifth with 38:53.8.

Other Thomas County runners in the race were Kathy Baird, 54, who took 24th with 47:24.5, and Jake Pardee, 7, who took 14th with 52:17.2.

The women's county competition was won by Rawlins County with a total of 1,600 points. Sheridan was second with 205, Decatur third with 155, Thomas fourth with 65 and Lincoln fifth with 60.

The men's county race was very competitive, with Cheyenne and Thomas tying for first with 315 points. Rawlins took second at 310 and Sheridan third with 200.

The County Challenge Race is the first event of the annual Lake Atwood Day celebration held by the Atwood Rotary Club.

Pro basketball rookie has shot for U.S. Olympic team

By Brian Mahoney
AP Basketball Writer

LAS VEGAS — Anthony Davis was seated on the court, the best players in the world towering above him.

The NBA rookie had just been fouled while making a 3-pointer, falling backward toward the U.S. bench, looking up to see the likes of LeBron James and Kevin Durant dancing in celebration.

The Americans weren't just giddy over the basket.

Their joy was in knowing they can count on the kid in the Olym-

pics.

With Blake Griffin heading for left knee surgery that will keep him from London, Davis is expected to join the Americans as they chase another gold medal. He got his first taste of playing with them in a 113-59 exhibition victory over the Dominican Republic on Thursday night, which ended about the time the Los Angeles Clippers were announcing the news about Griffin.

"Hopefully he gets back quick and has a great season next year because he deserves it," U.S. teammate Kevin Durant said.

Durant had 24 points and 10

rebounds for the Americans, who will add Griffin to at least four other players who were knocked out of the Olympics because of injuries.

Griffin returned to Los Angeles on Thursday for further evaluation after reporting discomfort in the same knee that bothered him in the playoffs following Wednesday's practice. The Clippers said he will require arthroscopic surgery to repair a torn meniscus, and he should be ready for the start of the NBA season.

"We're relieved that this does not affect Blake's ability to be

ready in time for training camp," Clippers coach Vinny Del Negro said in a statement. "Missing out on the Olympic experience will be tough for him to take. I know how dedicated he was to doing that. We're glad we can get this fixed now and take advantage of the available time for him to fully recover."

USA Basketball officials said following the game they hadn't been told Griffin would be forced to pull out. Once he does, the Americans will be able to replace him on their 12-man roster.

Davis, the national college

player of the year who had failed to make the roster Saturday after a sprained ankle forced him to sit out scrimmages, was told to return to Las Vegas. He scored nine points in 10 minutes against the Dominicans, who were led by his college coach, John Calipari of national champion Kentucky.

"As far as I know I'm still an alternate. I'm not on the team yet, so got to keep working," Davis said.

The Americans love Davis' rebounding and shot blocking, but not his youth. Griffin is older and stronger, and coach Mike Krzyzewski noted he's played against

Spain center Pau Gasol in the NBA. Griffin was being counted on to play center and looked sharp earlier in camp, throwing down some of his impressive highlight dunks.

The Clippers, who just signed Griffin to a 5-year, \$95 million extension, will see another specialist Sunday, and surgery is expected to be scheduled soon. Once it was determined he was leaving, the U.S. staff told Davis to return from Los Angeles, where he had attended the ESPY awards Wednesday and was scheduled to meet with his agent Thursday.

35 named in drug case; KU players alleged clients

WICHITA (AP) — Nearly three dozen people were indicted Thursday for what federal prosecutors say was a ring that supplied about \$17 million worth of "high-grade" drugs to customers, including marijuana to members of last year's University of Kansas basketball team.

The U.S. Attorney's office for Kansas said the 101-count indictment involves 35 defendants, most of them from Kansas. The defendants supplied marijuana and cocaine to residents in Johnson and Douglas counties, prosecutors said.

At a hearing last month, assistant U.S. attorney Terra Moorhead said one of the defendants, a 32-year-old Overland Park man, supplied marijuana to multiple members of the Jayhawks' 2010-11 basketball squad. The university would not comment on the case then and officials with the school did not immediately return a phone message seeking comment Thursday.

The university said then that its internal drug-testing policy requires all freshman or new transfer student athletes to take a drug test "within a reasonable amount of time" after arriving on campus. All teams that qualify for postseason play also may be subject to testing.

The indictment stemmed from an original federal complaint filed in June that accused 25 people and included only one count. The new charges include conspiracy to possess and distribute more than 5 kilograms of cocaine and 1,000 kilos of marijuana, conspiracy to commit money laundering and unlawful possession of firearms.

In announcing the indictment Thursday, the U.S. Attorney's office said in a release that two Law-

rence residents, Los Rovell Dahda, 30, and Chad Eugene Bauman, 33, "made millions" leading the drug ring. Lawyers listed in online court records as representing Dahda and Bauman did not immediately return phone messages left Thursday evening.

Prosecutors are seeking additional penalties for several of the

defendants for distributing drugs within 1,000 feet of high schools, a middle school and Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence from about 2005 to 2012. They're also asking a judge to order the forfeiture of \$16.9 million in cash and real estate they allege was gained from the scheme.



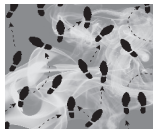
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