

Rec Department plans run

The Colby Recreation Department says Wednesday is the deadline to register for the Rec Run 5K, to be run on Thursday, Aug. 9.

Recreation Director Stacy Lee said they must have at least 10 runners to have the race.

“We’ve canceled the last two due to insufficient numbers,” she said.

The department will hold a tennis camp for all ages this weekend from 10 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$5 per participant.

The department plans a dance camp from 10 a.m. to noon Monday to Wednesday at the Community Building. Lee said there is only one group as there weren’t enough in each age division to have two.

Lee said she plans to get married and go on her honeymoon from Wednesday to Friday, Aug. 3. She will return to work on Monday, Aug. 6.

“My assistant, Mary, will still be spending some time at the ball fields and some in the office,” Lee said. “If you need to reach her during that time, her number is (402) 460-0412.”

Looking ahead to next month, the department will holding an all-night coed softball tournament Friday, Aug. 31, and Saturday morning, Sept. 1.

Games will begin at 9 p.m. Friday night and go through the night. Cost is \$100 per team.

Lee said the tournament format will depend on number of teams. Teams need to register by Wednesday, Aug. 29, for a guaranteed spot. Rules and brackets will be e-mailed to all captains by 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30.

For information or to register for any of these events, call the department at 460-4440.



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Jim Latoski, third baseman for the Pestinger Beverage men’s-league softball team, caught a fly ball Thursday during a tournament game at the Colby ball fields. Budweiser was playing Quagliano in the end-of-season tourney.

U.S. Olympic team whips Britain’s best

By Brian Mahoney
AP Basketball Writer

MANCHESTER, England – Deron Williams was in, Carmelo Anthony out, and both were better for it.

Of course, it wouldn’t have mattered what lineup the U.S. men’s Olympic basketball team used against an inexperienced and overmatched opponent.

Williams and Anthony responded to a lineup change with 19 points apiece, and the Americans beat Britain 118-78 on Thursday in an exhibition game.

LeBron James added 16 points and Russell Westbrook had 15 for the Americans, who built a 40-point lead early in the fourth quarter and every basket from there seemed to be a dunk.

Chicago Bulls All-Star Luol Deng scored 25 points for Britain against his former college coach at Duke.

“He said they just had never faced that speed and quickness, so you can’t practice that,” Mike Krzyzewski said. “You can’t simulate that, so I thought it was a great experience for them. And us.”

Krzyzewski inserted Kevin Durant for Anthony, and Williams for Chris Paul, and both Anthony and Williams flourished in their new roles.

Williams, who couldn’t scrimmage with the Americans when they opened camp because he hadn’t signed his \$98 million extension with the Nets yet, made

7-of-8 shots, going 5 of 6 from 3-point range and adding five assists.

“I feel I adjusted pretty well,” Williams said. “I was a little worried about how my conditioning was going to be, just because I hadn’t played 5-on-5, but I just trained really hard coming in so I’d just be in the best shape possible, and I feel like I’m there.”

Anthony came in for Durant in the first quarter – apparently unnoticed to the PA announcer, who credited Durant with the Knicks forward’s first basket – and shook off the change well after being a starter in three previous years with the national team and both exhibitions this year. He rebounded from a poor game in Washington by shooting 8 of 10 from the field.

“It was fine with me, definitely fine with me,” Anthony said of the change. “(Krzyzewski) came to us this morning, me and Chris, asked if we were OK with it. I’m like, why wouldn’t we be? It is what it is. He wanted to put a different lineup out there against this team, see some different things. He’s still trying to figure it out as a coach as well with this new group.”

Britain’s home game was similar to the Americans’ opener against China in the Beijing Olympics, where plays for both teams were loudly cheered. The boos were

brief, when a light “USA!” chant broke out in the fourth quarter.

Basketball has little place in British sports, but with the national team returning to the Olympics this year as the games’ host, the sport got some attention with a visit from the powerful U.S. squad.

In an unusual pregame scene, the crowd didn’t seem interested in the home team’s strange set of pregame warm-up exercises, choosing instead to watch the Americans’ practice dunks, oohing and aahing along the way.

The rules of the game were then shown on the overhead video scoreboard and explained by the public address announcer before play began.

The British, also including the Portland Trail Blazers’ Joel Freeland and coached by Houston Rockets assistant Chris Finch, hung with the Americans for 10-plus minutes before the visitors’ athleticism ran them off the floor.

“We knew what kind of level we had to get to compete in the Olympics,” British forward Kieron Achara said. “This was a level higher than we were used to.”

Coming off a tough test against Brazil in an 80-69 victory Monday in Washington in which they trailed by 10 after one quarter, the Americans led by only three

inside 1 1/2 minutes left in the opening period. They closed with 10 straight points, with Anthony nailing consecutive 3-pointers that made it 33-20.

Krzyzewski went with an explosive lineup of Durant, Kobe Bryant, James and Anthony – four of the NBA’s top six scorers – and Paul late in the second quarter, and James scored twice on feeds from Anthony and set up Durant for another basket in an 8-0 spurt that extended a 10-point lead to 18, and the game was never close again.

“It doesn’t get more explosive than that and that’s the dynamic of our team,” James said. “We have an opportunity to do multiple things with our lineups and it’s a luxury we have.”

Durant scored 13 points and No. 1 pick Anthony Davis had 11 for the Americans, who shot 60 percent from the field and led by as much as 47.

This was possibly the Americans’ last easy game before London, with exhibitions remaining in Barcelona against 2008 bronze medalist Argentina and Spain, the team they beat in the gold-medal game four years ago.

Former NBA player Pops Mensah-Bonsu scored 12 points and Andrew Sullivan had 11 for Britain.

Fight against discrimination still continues

By Barry Grissom
U.S. Attorney for Kansas

We recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of Title IX, the ground-breaking federal law that prohibits gender discrimination in educational programs and activities that receive federal money.

In the decades since the law was passed, much has been accomplished to ensure that no educational opportunity is denied to women on the basis of gender and that women have equal opportunity to aspire, achieve, participate in and contribute to society.

Despite the gains, though, inequalities in education persist. At the U.S. attorney’s office, we are committed to pursuing the goal of equality in education through continued enforcement of Title IX and other federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination based on sex.

Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities operated by those who take federal money. The law applies to activities offered by schools, including admissions to, and financial aid for, colleges and post-secondary institutions, student services and counseling and athletics and physical education. Schools are also responsible for taking steps to prevent sex-based harassment and responding quickly and effectively to harassment when it occurs.

Congress passed Title IX in response to the marked educational inequalities women faced prior to the 1970s. Before Title IX, women were often excluded from or had only limited access to some educational programs. Elite colleges and universities set quotas for the admission of women or prohibited them from attending altogether.

Institutions that accepted women often required higher

test scores and grades for admission. Once admitted, women had less access to scholarships. They were excluded from “male” programs such as medicine and faced more restrictive rules, such as early curfews. Women faculty were more frequently denied tenure than their male counterparts, required to take pregnancy and maternity leaves, or prohibited from entering faculty clubs. In part as a result of these inequalities, only 8 percent of women age 19 and older were college graduates in 1970, compared to 14 percent of men.

Since 1972, women have made great strides in their educational attainment, benefiting from the protections enacted through Title IX. The percentage of women between the ages of 25 and 34 with at least a college degree has more than tripled. Women now have higher graduation rates and lower high school dropout rates, take more Advanced Placement exams and earn more advanced degrees than their male counterparts.

Title IX has also vastly expanded women’s access to athletic programs. For example, from 1972 to 2011, female participation in high school sports rose dramatically. Women enjoyed similar gains at the college level.

Because education is linked to other benefits, such as participation in the labor force, increased earnings, better health and increased access to health care, the benefits of Title IX extend far beyond those experienced in school.

The U.S. attorney’s office remains committed to enforcing and strengthening the protections of Title IX and striving to ensure that all members of our society have equal access to the training and education necessary to succeed in America.



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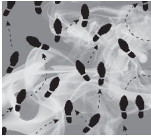
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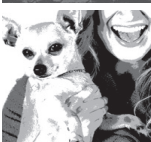
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