



From left to right, back row: Coach Ed Schmitt, Coach Sara Betz, Brennon Overton, Elissa Zerr, Chloe Imhof, Isabel Rosales, Natalie Oren, Isaac Rosales, Coach Kevan Taylor, Coach Kaylie Keck. Middle row: Drew Starbuck, Hagan Booi, Chance Andrews, Heath Bolyard, Ian Rosales, Taylor Barnett, Caelen Arndt, Carter Liudahl, Chloe Liudahl, Brysen Metcalf, Cade Lanning, Trey Stramel. Front row: Colin Carroll, Brysen Barton, Conner Lanning, Alizah Schielke, Maryn

King, Braden Imhof, Isaiah Rosales, Breon Barton, Zane Betz, Braeley King, Mya Betz. Not pictured: August Huffles, Bailey Kraft, Brittney Foss, Jason Krannawitter, Nathan Stramel, Emma Curry, Peyton Wahlmeier, Kellym Wahlmeier, Carson McLaughlin, Miranda Kern, Jersey Carney, Jake Franz, Alli Franz, Rathe Aschenbrenner, Hali Booi, Carter Stanley.

Junior Golf team finishes season

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The Colby Junior Golf team finished its season on July 16, after competing in contests and tournaments throughout June and the beginning of July.

“We had a great turn out this year for junior golf and increased out enrollment by 30 kids,” said Coach Sara Betz. “We had some very hot days, but everyone had great attitudes.”

Betz said the team practiced many skills every Thursday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m., including putting, chipping, going to the driving range and practicing on the course.

“We also had many contests throughout

the season,” she said. “Also, every Monday from June 4 through July 16, there were junior golf tournaments in northwest Kansas for the golfers to participate in.”

The first tourney the golfers competed in was in Oberlin. In Boys 8-9 age group, Jason Krannawitter took first place.

The team then went to Goodland, where Krannawitter took first again with a score of 40. In the Girls 8-9 group, Mya Betz finished first with 70 and Chloe Liudahl grabbed third with 83.

The team then held its home tournament at Meadow Lake Golf Course and several golfers placed. In the Girls 14-15 group, Miranda Kern took first with an 18-hole score of 124. Isabel Rosales came in second in the Girls 12-13 group with 73 and Natalie Oren finished third with 90. In the

Boys 8-9 group, Krannawitter took first with 38 and Brysen Barton grabbed third with 64. Mya Betz took second in the Girls 8-9 group with 63 and Emma Curry third with 79.

At the Hoxie tournament, Oren scored first with 74 in the Girls 12-13 group. Jersey Carney finished third in the Girls 10-11 group with 93. In the Boys 8-9 group, Krannawitter came away first again with 40 and Trey Stramel took third with 64. Mya Betz grabbed first in the Girls 8-9 group with 68, Emma Curry second with 80 and Lacy Weigel third with 93.

The golfers competed in the Oakley tourney next, where Brittney Foss finished second in the Girls 10-11 group with a score of 89. In Boys 8-9, Krannawitter took first with 46 and Ian Rosales snagged third with

61. Betz finished first in the Girls 8-9 with 69 and Weigel third with 99.

Coach Betz said the team had many that medaled in the top three of their age group for the season, which qualified them for the championship golf tournament held on July 16 in Atwood.

In the championship tourney, Krannawitter finished in third place in the Boys 8-9 with a score of 39 and Betz took first with 61 while Curry grabbed third with 74 in the Girls 8-9.

“It was a great season and we appreciate everyone that participated!” Betz said. “We hope to see everyone back next year and hopefully even more.”

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For information, go to www.CoastToCoastAthletics.com. Register for one or both events on the website or by calling (740) 373-4455.

Swimmer wins 15th gold medal

LONDON (AP) — Michael Phelps has always said he wanted to do something that no one has ever done before.

He’s all by himself now, and ready to go for more.

The world’s greatest swimmer cruised through the anchor leg of the 4x200-meter freestyle relay to earn his record 19th career Olympic medal and 15th gold on Tuesday night, etching a place in history as the most decorated Olympian of all time.

Now his remaining four days in the pool at the London Games are all about putting that mark even further out of reach. Phelps has three events to go — the 200 individual medley, the 100 butterfly and the 4x100 medley relay.

He won’t be racing for a medal on Wednesday, when he competes in the preliminaries and semifinals of the 200 individual medley.

Eight badminton players disqualified from doubles

By Rob Harris
AP Sports Writer

LONDON — Eight female badminton doubles players were disqualified today from the London Olympics after trying to lose matches to receive a more favorable place in the tournament.

The Badminton World Federation announced its ruling after investigating two teams from South Korea and one each from China and Indonesia. It punished them for “not using one’s best efforts to win a match” and “conducting oneself in a manner that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the sport” in matches Tuesday night.

“We applaud the federation for having taken swift and decisive action,” IOC spokesman Mark Adams told the Associated Press. “Such behavior is incompatible with the Olympic values.”

Erick Thohir, the head of Indonesia’s Olympic team, told the AP that the Indonesian team will appeal. The BWF said South Korea had also appealed.

The competition was to continue later today. It was unclear if four eliminated teams would be placed into the quarterfinals or if the competition would restart at the semifinal stage..

“China has been doing this so many times and they never get sanctioned by the BWF,” Thohir said. “On the first game yesterday when China did it, the BWF

didn’t do anything. If the BWF do something on the first game and they say you are disqualified, it is a warning for everyone.”

IOC Vice President Craig Reedie, the former head of the international badminton federation, welcomed the decision.

“Sport is competitive,” Reedie told the AP. “If you lose the competitive element, then the whole thing becomes a nonsense.”

The eight disqualified players are world doubles champions Wang Xiaoli and Yu Yang of China and their South Korean opponents Jung Kyun-eun and Kim Ha-na, along with South Korea’s Ha Jung-eun and Kim Min-jung and Indonesia’s Meiliana Jauhari and Greysia Polii.

The players went before a disciplinary hearing today, a day after spectators at the arena booed their performance after it became clear they were deliberately trying to lose.

International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge had been at the venue but had left shortly before the drama unfolded. The IOC said it would allow badminton’s ruling body to handle the matter.

Paul Deighton, chief executive officer of the London organizers, said there would be no refunds for the evening’s badminton program. Chairman Sebastian Coe called what happened “depressing,” adding “who wants to sit through

something like that?”

Teams blamed the introduction of a round-robin stage rather than a straight knockout tournament as the main cause of the problem. The round-robin format can allow results to be manipulated to earn an easier matchup in the knockout round.

The Chinese players tried to rig the draw after its second-seeded pair unexpectedly lost to a Danish team in the morning. That placed the No. 2 pair on course for a semifinal meeting with Wang and Yu, instead of the final.

Wang and Yu then deliberately set out to lose so they would go

into the bottom half of the draw. They hardly exerted themselves, and neither did the South Koreans, drawing jeers of derision from the crowd and warnings from the umpire and tournament referee Torsten Berg. Wang and Yu eventually got what they wanted by losing.

An hour later, the South Korean team of Ha and Kim took to the court and decided to also try to lose to the Indonesians to avoid meeting Wang and Yu in the quarterfinals. Early on, all four players were warned by the umpire for not trying hard, and Berg returned and produced black cards to disqualify both pairs, but the cards were

rescinded on a promise of better play.

In the third game, Berg reappeared to urge them to finish, and the Indonesians ended up being better at losing than Ha and Kim, who fell into the playoff they didn’t want with the world champions.

One of the world’s top male players, 2004 Olympic singles champion Taufik Hidayat of Indonesia, called the situation a “circus match.”

China’s Lin Dan, the Olympic men’s champion in singles, said through an interpreter the sport is going to be damaged.

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