

# Colby still leaves mark on Global Legend

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Elbert "Tree" Gordon not only remembers many Colby faces, he truly admires one that remained strong as basketballs bounced off it again, again and again.

Ouch. "I remember Hunter Vaughn about three years ago. He was so small and the ball kept hitting him in the face," the former Harlem Globetrotter recalled. "But Hunter kept coming back, and look at him now. They're moving him up to play against older kids. I hear he's one of the best young players in town."

Hunter and big sister Hallie Vaughn are two reasons why Gordon keeps coming back to Colby. His Globetrotter travels have truly made many connections all around the world.

He's had a chance to meet Nelson Mandela and the late, great Mother Theresa. He's chatted with numerous NBA legends from Charles Barkley to Chris Webber to Gary Payton.

Yet the Milwaukee native also enjoys seeing true friends like Colby Recreation Director Stacy (Lee) Jasper, retired postmaster Kent Kriebhiel and Colby Convention Services Director Julie Saddler.

In other words, all those world travels have only made "Tree" more grounded. Though his Colby College days are now more than 25 years ago, Gordon always makes sure the Kansas town is included on his Global Legends Basketball Camp tour.

"As long as Colby wants me, I'll be back," he said. "I'll never forget how people invited me over to dinner, helped me get used to the small town. It was a different scene coming from the inner city ... but there's a lot of love out here."

"He does seem genuinely appreciative," Saddler added in a phone interview on Wednesday. "And what he does for the kids is great. It (the camp) is a big event during the year for a lot of them."

So on the same Community Building court where he recalled once "jumping clean over" a Hutchinson Community College defender to finish his best Colby dunk, Gordon now spends five consecutive days teaching basketball fundamentals.

Dribbling, passing, shooting and defense are taught in a no-nonsense fashion because "Tree" knows "parents pay a lot of money" for his camp.

"I've seen some camps where they (instructors) are just there for the money. They just go through



A strong and ready defensive stance is among many fundamentals being taught during the Global Legends Basketball Camp this week instructed by Elbert "Tree" Gordon.

the motions," he said. "I'm not like that. The best part is I can see a definite difference in most kids

from the first day of camp to the last day."

His confidence can be seen

among most of the smiling campers. Hallie Vaughn and Brielle Bange are already focused on

developing basketball skills that could help lead to a great college education.

"I'd love to make it to college and play for Kansas State," Hallie said.

"Yeah, definitely K-State over KU (Kansas, in case anyone needed clarification)," Brielle added. "It (the camp) helps with coordination and confidence. He (Tree) is really fun and nice. I really didn't like basketball camps before this one."

Global Legends campers have moved on to levels beyond major colleges. In fact, Gordon recalled how Mike Wilks eventually reached the NBA and won a championship ring with San Antonio.

However, Gordon also knows great moments of success aren't limited to athletes.

That's why his Global Legends foundation supports other youth teams.

"We've helped raise funds for marching bands so they can play in the Rose Bowl parade, or the Macy's (Thanksgiving Day) parade in New York City," he said. "Those kids deserve the chance, too, to have some great memories. It's part of our motto 'teamwork makes dreams work'."

The Global Legends Camp continues through Friday in Colby's Community Building.



JEANNIE SOLKO

Brandon Sabatka rolls a putt during the 13th annual Sacred Heart Church "Swinging Fore the Lord" golf tournament at Meadow Lake Golf Course. Witnessing this moment from left were Sam Sabatka, Lesley Wagoner and Jeff Wagoner.

## Swinging Fore the Lord leads to ties in championship flight

The 13th annual "Swinging Fore the Lord" Parish Golf Tournament was played on Friday at the Meadow Lake Golf Course.

There were 96 golfers that made up 24 teams for the tournament this year.

Tourney organizer Jeannie Solko reported that when all the expenses were paid that a little over \$8,000 was raised for the church.

The results are as follows:  
**Championship Flight**

The overall championship resulted in a tie for first place.

Darvin Strutt, Tammi Strutt, Luther Augustine and Tom Redmond shared the title with Carson McKee, Andy Leavitt, Brett Mari-

man and Chris Doneland.

Second place also turned in a tie with Dewey Augustine, Pam Augustine, Charlie Struckhoff and Audrey Hines matching the efforts of Wally Severson, Ariel Severson, Dave Keck and Kaylee Keck.

**Second Flight**  
First place: Travis Vaughn, Jessica Vaughn, Quintin Flanagan and Mary Beth Flanagan.

Second place: Brice Barton, Amber Barton, Mark Wahlmeier and Amanda Wahlmeier.

Third place (tie) Ken Christensen, Joe Stenger, Robert Schroeder and Leon Schroeder.

Third place (tie): Steve Ostmeyer, Kristen Ostmeyer, Blake

Arnberger and Kathy Arnberger.

**Third Flight**  
First place: Jay Hawk, Allan Taylor, Scott Showalter and Rick Ress.

Second place: David Denner, Mike Brocklehurst, Jason Schielke and Wendy Weishaar.

Third place: Kristy McCarty, Robin Tubbs, Michelle Spence and Sam Steel.

Golfers should mark their calendars as the 2014 Sacred Heart "Swinging Fore the Lord" tournament is already set for June 6 at Meadow Lake Golf Course.

Watch all summer season for local golf tournament results, photos and other details in *The Free Press*.

## Colby relay rules at Wray meet

More Colby Swim Club results from Saturday's Wray, Colo., Invitational.

Colby tallied 205 points and placed third among six teams.

The age 11-12 girls' 200-freestyle relay of Paige Schroer, Tayler Bieberle, Macy Catlin and Madisyn Lemman delivered one more championship not mentioned in Wednesday's Free Press. Results for age 15-18 will be featured on Friday.

**Age 9-10 girls**  
Madison Krejci placed 16th in 25-freestyle (24.86), ninth in 25-butterfly (34.02) and 10th in 25-breaststroke (26.74).

Allison Catlin placed fifth in 100-freestyle (1:42.56), fifth in 25-freestyle (19.08) and second in 25-backstroke (23.43).

Kourtney Finley placed third in 25-freestyle (16.96), first in 25-butterfly (19.75) and second in 100-individual medley (1:40.91).

Jillian Niblock placed eighth in 100-freestyle (2:14.96), eighth in 25-butterfly (33.62) and 12th in 25-breaststroke (33.92).

**Age 9-10 boys**  
Dawsyn Lemman placed third in 25-freestyle (19.03), sixth in 25-butterfly (25.81) and fifth in 100-individual medley (2:16.65).

Joshua Yanez placed 15th in 100-freestyle (3:13.97), 19th in 25-freestyle (35.52) and 13th in 25-breaststroke (38.26).

Wade Rush placed fourth in 25-butterfly (22.03), third in 25-breaststroke (24.36) and second in 100-individual medley (1:48.66).

Mixed relays: Colby Swim Club A of Yanez, Niblock, Krejci and Rush placed fourth in 100-freestyle relay (1:55.26). Colby Swim Club of Krejci, Catlin, Finley and Lemman placed first in 100-medley (1:38.93).

**Age 11-12 girls**  
Meghann Elling placed 28th in 50-freestyle (48.71), second in

50-backstroke (56.67) and 18th in 50-breaststroke (1:13.37).

Alexandra Quattlebaum placed ninth in 50-freestyle (36.41) and 13th in 50-backstroke (50.95).

Alexis Carney placed seventh in 100-freestyle (1:28.69), ninth in 50-backstroke (48.42) and seventh in 50-breaststroke (49.23).

Macy Catlin placed second in 100-freestyle (1:15.98), first in 50-freestyle (32.04) and first in 50-butterfly (36.54).

Madisyn Lemman placed first in 100-freestyle (1:09.52), second in 50-butterfly (37.19) and first in 100-individual medley (1:22.75).

Paige Schroer placed 10th in 50-freestyle (36.5), sixth in 50-breaststroke (46.43) and seventh in 100-individual medley (1:40.66).

Tayler Bieberle placed third in 50-freestyle (34.12), first in 50-breaststroke (40.29) and second in 100-individual medley (1:40.66).

Relays: Colby Swim Club of Schroer, Bieberle, Catlin and Lemman placed first in 200-freestyle (2:13.06). Colby Swim Club of Carney, Bieberle, Lemman and Catlin placed first in 200-medley (3:13.36).

**Age 11-12 boys**  
Brysen Barton placed ninth in 100-freestyle (1:34.2) and 11th in 50-freestyle (40.85).

Jaren Rush placed fifth in 100-freestyle (1:27.95), second in 50-butterfly (51.26) and fifth in 100-individual medley (1:43.84).

Joseph Yanez placed 19th in 50-freestyle (1:06.8), 15th in 50-backstroke (1:21.88) and eighth in 50-breaststroke (1:17.89).

Mixed relays: Colby Swim Club A of Quattlebaum, Yanez, Carney and Barton placed fifth in 200-freestyle (3:03.66). Colby Swim Club A of Barton, Quattlebaum, Rush and Schroer placed third in 200-medley (3:10.96).

**Age 13-14 girls**  
Lynnsey Elling placed 20th in 100-freestyle (1:29.99), 30th in 50-freestyle (41.65) and 13th in 100-breaststroke (1:49.08).

Kyndra Rush placed third in 100-backstroke (1:31.41), sixth in

100-butterfly (1:49.84) and seventh in 100-breaststroke (1:36.7).

Desiree Foster placed 15th in 100-freestyle (1:23.86), 18th in 50-freestyle (35.49) and 10th in 100-backstroke (1:45.68).

Quinlee Niblock placed 22nd in 50-freestyle (36.9), seventh in 100-backstroke (1:37.47) and 10th in 100-breaststroke (1:36.7).

Relays: Colby Swim Club A of Niblock, Elling, Foster and Rush placed in the 200-freestyle (2:29.92) (place not obtained).

**Age 13-14 boys**  
Kory Finley placed fourth in 100-butterfly (1:36.17), eighth in 100-breaststroke (1:42.77) and fifth in 200-individual medley (3:22.79).

Lander Niblock placed 12th in 100-freestyle (1:24.44), 13th in 50-freestyle (37.73) and seventh in 100-backstroke (1:57.39).

Mark Faber placed second in 100-backstroke (1:19.45), second in 100-breaststroke (1:24.07) and second in 200-individual medley (2:57.22).

Michael Quattlebaum placed fourth in 100-freestyle (1:06.23), fifth in 50-freestyle (29.63) and fifth in 100-butterfly (1:38.77).

Relays: Colby Swim Club A of Faber, Niblock, Finley and Quattlebaum placed third in 200-freestyle relay (2:12.55).

Mixed relays: Colby Swim Club A of Faber, Elling, Finley and Quattlebaum placed second in 200-medley (2:38.87). Again, age 15-18 results will be featured on Friday.

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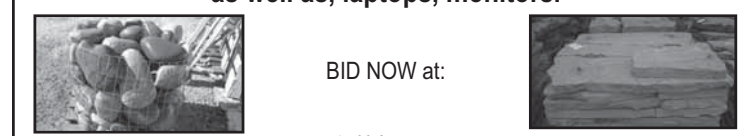
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