

Sharks on the loose reach new Colby records

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Fans from eight teams filled parking lots and lined around the Aquatic Park pool to see Colby Swim Club Sharks break four records during their annual home meet on Saturday.

The Sharks reached another season best with 266 team points, second again only behind rival Goodland's huge squad (311 points).

There were many super performances, but none better than Colby's age 11-12 tandem of Madisyn Lemman and Tayler Bieberle.

Both girls splashed to four championships, two individually and part of two relays.

Most impressive was how all four events were faster than ever swam before at the Colby Invitational.

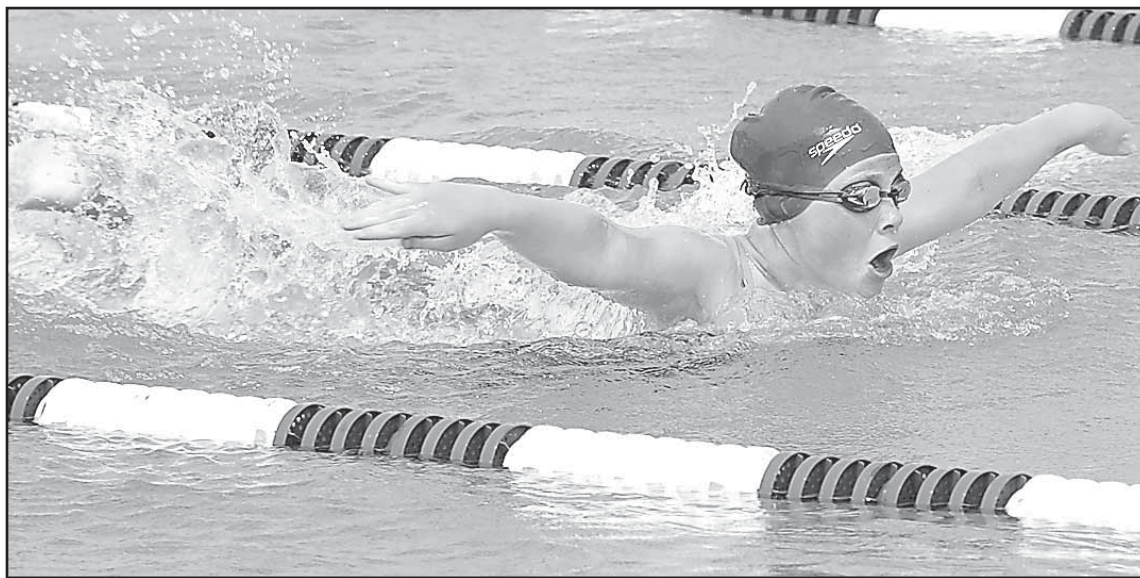
All events are measured in yards. Lemman set a new 11-12 girls' 100-freestyle mark (1:18.66) while Bieberle broke the 50-breaststroke record with her time of 43.58.

Both joined teammates Macy Catlin and Paige Schroer to swim the fastest 200-freestyle relay (2:26.29) for their age group.

If that wasn't enough for one day, the duo also helped Alexis Carney and Macy Catlin set one more record in their 200-medley relay (2:54.6).

Those all-time bests were only a few of Colby's championships during this all-day gathering.

Swimmers lined up for the National Anthem just before 9 a.m.



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One of the Colby Swim Club's many determined girls, above, focused on her finish during the Colby Invitational at Aquatic Park on Saturday. Colby girls set four new meet records while helping the team score a season-best 266 points overall. Meanwhile at right, there were some nervous moments as young Talon Wark prepared for his first competitive race. It wasn't easy, but he did finish the 25-meter freestyle and earned his first official placing.



and were still competing after 5 p.m.

Macy Catlin was a triple-event champion as she won both the 50-freestyle (34.0) and 50-butterfly (41.28) competing against 11-12 girls.

Other Sharks who captured first-place finishes:

Jade Schroer won the 25-breaststroke (27.1) for eight-and-under girls.

Kourtney Finley took first in the 9-10 girls' 25-butterfly (20.59).

Colby's 9-10 girls' relay of Carissa Brogan, Jillian Niblock, Finley and Allison Catlin won the 100-medley (1:38.91).

The Colby 11-12 boys' relay of Blaise Vrbas, Cade Lanning, Jaren

Rush and Brysen Barton won their 200-medley race (3:26.74).

Mark Faber won the 13-14 boys' 100-breaststroke (1:32.61) to go with two second-place finishes.

Madison Rogers won the 15-18 girls' 100-butterfly (1:29.72). She also placed second twice against this oldest age division.

More Colby results are included today with the remaining finishers being featured later this week in the *Free Press*.

Team scores: 1. Goodland 311.5, 2. Colby 266, 3. Oberlin 177.5, 4. Wray, Colo., 171.5, 5. Holyoke, Colo., 165, 6. Burlington, Colo., 151, 7. Oakley 91, 8. Flagler 53.5.

Age 8-and-under girls
Alisabeth Barton placed 26th in 25-freestyle (37.56), 22nd in 50-freestyle (1:29.3) and 15th in 25-breaststroke (44.48).

Amanda Jaeger placed 20th in 25-freestyle (31.97), 23rd in 50-freestyle (1:29.45) and 25th in 25-backstroke (42.61).

Anna Brown placed 33rd in 25-freestyle (45.58) and 26th in 50-freestyle (1:41.89).

Anne Morris placed 30th in 25-freestyle (42.11), 29th in 25-backstroke (44.53) and 13th in 25-butterfly (46.64).

Baylei Kraft placed ninth in 25-freestyle (28.34), 10th in 50-freestyle (1:07.65) and 14th in 25-breaststroke (44.39).

Calista Carney placed 28th in 25-freestyle (39.85), 16th in 25-backstroke (37.39) and 17th in 25-breaststroke (56.84).

Hailey Bolyard placed 35th in 25-freestyle (47.56) and 39th in

25-backstroke (1:12.66).

Jade Schroer placed fourth in 25-freestyle (25.89), first in 25-breaststroke (27.1) and fourth in 100-individual medley (2:29.74).

Jayla Rush placed fifth in 25-butterfly (36.08), seventh in 25-breaststroke (35.38) and sixth in 100-individual medley (2:47.25).

Kamrynn Eiling placed third in 25-butterfly (34.54), fourth in 25-breaststroke (28.31) and fifth in 100-individual medley (2:39.16).

Kayla Jaeger placed 25th in 25-freestyle (36.08), 21st in 50-freestyle (1:22.96) and 28th in 25-backstroke (43.03).

MaKenzi Rhymer placed 29th in 25-freestyle (40.36), 25th in 50-freestyle (1:31.33) and 15th in 25-butterfly (50.44).

Maya Rodriguez placed 20th in 50-freestyle (1:19.98), seventh

in 25-butterfly (42.35) and 11th in 25-breaststroke (53.05).

Relays: Swim Club A of Kraft, Rush, Kayla Jaeger and Schroer placed fourth in 100-freestyle (1:54.05). Swim Club B of Barton, Carney, Rodriguez and Amanda Jaeger placed eighth in 100-freestyle (2:30.14). Swim Club C of Morris, Brown, Bolyard and Rhymer placed 11th in 100-freestyle (3:19.6). Swim Club A of Carney, Schroer, Eiling and Kraft placed second in 100-medley (2:14.65). Swim Club B of Amanda Jaeger, Rush, Rodriguez and Kayla Jaeger placed seventh in 100-medley (2:41.02). Swim Club C of Morris, Barton, Rhymer and Brown placed eighth in 100-medley (3:20.63).

Most of the remaining Colby results are being planned for Thursday's sports page.



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Another runner for the Colby third through sixth grade team slid home safely with one of seven first-inning runs to start a doubleheader sweep against visiting Oberlin Monday night at Carl Adams Field.

Huge sweep moves Colby team to 15-1

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It's official throughout western Kansas this summer: baseball beatdowns know no age limits when meeting Colby legion teams.

In fact, the youngest squad of third through sixth graders currently owns Colby's best record of 15-1. They blasted past Oberlin, 13-0 and 11-1, to capture their two most recent victories at Carl Adams Field Monday evening.

Yet coach Jeff Krzycki isn't taking one more win for granted.

"We have big games against probably the toughest team in our league," he said about tonight's road trip to WaKeeney. "They're the one's chasing us, and we want to keep it that way. But you have to show up and be ready to play them. You can't just show up."

The youngest Colby squad showed great focus throughout Monday's two league contests. Before one inning was finished, the lead over Oberlin was 7-0.

Carter Stanley later crushed his second home run of the season to back the shutout pitching from Heath Bolyard (two innings) and

Tommy Cline (one).

Game two featured a trio of strong Colby pitchers as Tyler Zerr, Stanley and Gage Winger threw one inning apiece.

Both games were called after three frames due to a 10-run mercy rule.

"Our pitching and defense was as good as it's been all year," Krzycki observed. "That was good because our kids have been working hard to improve both areas."

Cade Carter also coaches the third through sixth grade team.

Other players not mentioned earlier are Collin Geihlsler, Konner Griffin, Tucker Branum, Kyler Britt, Aaron Platt, Jason Krannawitter, Isaac Rosales, Seth Huttles, Jakob Tubbs and Mason Wright.

After WaKeeney tonight, Colby hosts two more 6:30 p.m. doubleheaders next week against Hoxie (Monday) and Quinter (Wednesday).

All home games are played at Carl Adams Field on the Colby Community College campus.

The league tournament then takes place July 11-13 with those final contests in WaKeeney.

Goodland downs K-18

Goodland ended Colby's unbeaten run through the Jayhawk League with a surprising 13-3 win Tuesday night at Goodland.

The 15-and-under team did recover for a 4-3 game-two victory. Colby's now 16-3 overall and 9-1 in league doubleheaders.

"A few errors kind of hurt us and when Goodland hit, they hit the gaps," coach Brian Quagliano said.

K-18 was coming off a busy five-game weekend en route to winning its home tournament. More details appear on Thursday.

Extra cars deliver more Speedway drama

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Thomas County Speedway was able to pick up several extra cars due to the tracks that were rained out in the area Sunday evening.

With an exciting night of racing action, the fans were able to leave the track with something to talk about.

Ray West lead the field for the majority of the Econs. Just past the halfway mark, Alex West grabbed the lead.

West pulled away from the rest of the pack to get his first feature win of the season. Top three were West, Ryan Baalman and Eric Clayville.

The IMCA Hobby Stocks saw quite a few wrecks to get the action started.

The race went under a red flag after Cody Graham had a nasty roll on the back stretch. Once racing resumed, Tyrel "Young Gun" Smith led the pack around the track.

Towards the end of the race, Richard Boone was able to grab the lead and pick up his first win at the track in 2013. Top four in the Hobby Stocks were Boone, Smith, Colton Pfeifer and Curt Kennedy.

In the IMCA Sport Mods, Dustin Daniels pulled out to an early lead.

Clay Sellard was able to work his way up to second with Ryan "Flyin'" Wark on his rear. "The Money Man" Clay Money and Jason Breeze put on a nice battle for the fifth spot.

Daniels, Sellard, Wark, and



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Clay Sellard, car No. 85, tried to pull away during some intense Sport Mod racing at Thomas County Speedway Sunday evening. Sellard eventually placed second in Sunday's main event.

Jasen Gray made up the top four.

The IMCA Stock Cars had the largest representation in pits for the night.

Michael Pepper started on the pole and had his hands full the entire race.

The Tubbs brothers quickly found their way to the front to battle Pepper for the top spot. Nick "Spiderman" Tubbs worked the high line while his brother Jeff "The Gambler" Tubbs tried to make the lower line work on their attempts to get around Pepper.

"The Bullet" BJ Wagoner was the fastest on the very bottom on his attempts to battle the top three cars.

Fans also had plenty of side by side action to watch behind the top four cars. The finish was exciting to watch as the leaders were three wide at the flag stand.

Top four in the Stock Cars were Pepper, N. Tubbs, Jeff Tubbs and Wagoner.

Todd Schwarz came out like a rocket to lead the Modified feature.

Adam Morris and Darren "The Culligan Man" Deloach had a nice battle for second in the early running. Nate Moore and Michael "The Natural" Wadel quickly moved up to the front.

Once Wadel got to second he quickly ran down the leader

Schwarz. While Wadel was driving his way to his third win of the season; Morris, Moore, and Schwarz had some great action behind the leader.

Wadel, Morris, Moore, and Schwarz were the top four.

Thomas County Speedway will be running next on Saturday, July 6 at 7 p.m. with hot laps starting at 6p.m.

Also the URSS 305 Sprints will be coming to the track with what should be a large group of cars.

The American Legion Families 363 will be hosting a Military Appreciation Night as well. Anyone with a military I.D. or a DD 214 will get free admission.

League golfers compete for weekly titles

They were scrambling, putting and playing 1-putt scotch during league activities at Meadow Lake Golf Course last week.

Ladies' Night

A total of 13 ladies strived to prove they're not playing the greens like Tiger Woods these days.

First flight: 1. Lisa Stithem, 2. Audrey Hines, 3. Cheryl Edmondson.

Second flight: 1. Kristy McCarthy, 2. (tie) Lynette Ball and Leanna Soehner, 3. Rachel Wolf.

Men's Night

The week's biggest draw was a 2-Man Scramble which featured 65 participants.

First flight: 1. Jeff Dennis/Brett Suter, 2. Kyle Molstad/Dylan Stithem, 3. Vern Schwanke/Scott Focke.

Second flight: 1. BJ Wagoner/Jeff Tubbs, 2. Eric Sperber/Tom Redmond, 3. Loren Jacobs/Rick Ritter.

Third flight: 1. Jay Hawk/Alan Taylor, 2. Ken Brewer, Chad Jones, 3. Larry Waddington/Justin

Burriss.

Couples' Night

A 1-Couple Scotch using three women's drives capped the week at Meadow Lakes Friday night.

There were 14 hopefully happy couples competing for top team places.

First flight: 1. Mary Beth Flanagan/Quinton Flanagan, 2. Kaylee Keck/Dave Keck, 3. Audrey Hines/Lou Hines.

Second flight: Jamie Liudahl/Dave Liudahl, 2. Mindy Curry/Shawn Curry, 3. Amy Rosales/Alex Rosales.

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