

Oklahoma coach back after family emergency

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops was back in Norman on Wednesday afternoon to catch the final 30 minutes of football practice.

Stoops left town Sunday to be with one of his children who underwent a medical procedure.

He and his wife, Carol, have a daughter and twin sons. He has not disclosed which child was treated or where the procedure took place.

“It’s good to be back,” Stoops said. “It was very difficult to leave my child, but my wife is still there and we’re seeing a strong recovery. We appreciate all the concerns and prayers. They all have been answered.”

Stoops’ absence left the game-week preparations to his coaching staff, in particular his brother, associate head coach and co-defensive coordinator Mike Stoops.

“Those coaches are very professional and they’re sharp,” Bob Stoops said.

“They don’t need me to practice. I like to think that I’ve got a role in our approach and in our mindset and I’m very excited for this game and anxious to get the season started.”

The third-ranked Sooners open the season Saturday at home against North Carolina.

Area Schedule

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| Friday, Aug. 24 Colby High School volleyball scrimmage at the high school at 7 p.m., admission is one sports drink. Golden Plains High School volleyball and football scrimages in Rexford. Volleyball at 5 p.m., football at 6:30. Admittance is one bar of soap or one blank videotape. | Saturday, Aug. 25 Colby High School varsity tennis season opener at Trego, 8:30 a.m. Varsity football videotape scrimmage at Dennen field at 7 p.m. Admission is one blank videotape and Bankwest will be hosting a free watermelon feed afterward. |
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What a catch!



PATTY DECKER/Colby Free Press

Terry Hoft, 12, of Colby, said he goes fishing almost every day at Villa High’s pond, but usually doesn’t catch anything real big — that is until last Friday night, when his luck changed and he pulled out a 7 1/2 lb., 27” catfish. He said he arrived at his favorite fishing spot around 7 p.m. and three hours later snagged his biggest fish yet. Hoft thinks his secret bait had something to do with it, but he’s not giving that away. Shown with Hoft is his sister, Tessa. Terry’s parents are Terry and Lisa Hoft.

Coach suspends back after weekend arrest

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska I-back Dahrran Diedrick will not play in Saturday’s season opener as a one-game suspension after his weekend arrest, Cornhuskers coach Frank Solich said Wednesday.

Fourth-ranked Nebraska opens the season at home against Texas Christian in the Pigskin Classic.

“My decision to suspend Dahrran for this game is not based on this situation alone, but rather a combination of the incident and how I addressed the team just prior to the incident occurring,” Solich said late Wednesday.

Solich cautioned his players after the highly publicized arrests of running back Thunder Collins and kicker Josh Brown in June.

Brown was suspended for the opener and Collins was entered in a pretrial diversion program.

Collins was listed as the team’s new No. 1 I-back on the updated depth chart released Wednesday.

Diedrick, a junior, and backup middle linebacker Tony Tata both spent about an hour in jail early Sunday.

They were arrested for disturbing the peace in separate incidents at the same bar in Lincoln.

NFL has new refs ready

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL began hiring replacement officials, paying each \$4,000 even if their dispute with the officials’ union is settled. The league also said it is ready to put them on the field for the final preseason game.

Under the agreement, they are guaranteed \$2,000 each for two games whether there is a strike or lockout or not. League spokesman Greg Aiello said the NFL is considering using them in the final preseason games on Labor Day weekend, although no decision has yet been made.

Racing Results

Here are the Thomas County Speedway results from Sunday.

Bombers

- Heat 1**
1. #24b Brendon Beesley, Gove; 2. #111 Mike Giesenhagen, Colby; 3. #25 Jeremy Blackwill, Quinter; 4. #78 Gene Sneath, Plainville; 5. #L7 Michael Wasson, Oberlin; 6. #33 Wayne Williams, Wiley, Colo. 7. #57 Andrew Kuntz, Quinter; 8. #103d Ryan Imhof, Colby.
- Heat 2**
1. #43J Jarod Smades, Goodland; 2. #14 Justin Meitl, Colby; 3. #87m Johnny Ohrman, Colby; 4. #44 Jake Blackhart, Colby; 5. #10b Ben Meitl, Norton; 6. #12 Ryan Shaw, Oakley, did not finish; 7. #25x Bryan Hagen, Culbertson, Neb., did not finish; 8. #Y9 Billy Phillips, Menlo, did not finish.
- Cash Dash**
1. Smades; 2. Blackwill; 3. Beesley; 4. Meitl; 5. Ohrman; 6. Giesenhagen.

Feature

1. Blackwill; 2. Giesenhagen; 3. Wasson; 4. Beesley; 5. Sneath; 6. B. Meitl; 7. Ohrman; 8. Williams; 9. Phillips; 10. Smades; 11. Kuntz; 12. Blackhart; 13. J. Meitl; 14. Imhof; 15. Shaw, did not start, 16. Hagen, did not start.

Super Stocks

- Heat 1**
1. #103 Dan Lauer, Norton; 2. #A1 Bill Albin, Gove; 3. #27 Todd Schwarz, Rexford; 4. #17R Casey Rhea, Sharon Springs; 5. #6t Randy Tipton, Weskan; 6. #14U Jay Nichol, Colby; 7. #54s Earl Shannon, Atwood; 8. #2 Darrin Honeyman, Oakley.
- Heat 2**
1. #23x A.J. Warta, Colby; 2. #55 Wheat Lippelman, Colby; 3. #CZ8 Eric Kinderknect, Hoxie; 4. #15 Brad Wagoner, Colby; 5. #11 Troy Plummer, Oakley; 6. #41 Ronnie Hill, Sharon Springs; 7. #3 Travis Towns, Monument.

Cash Dash

1. Warta; 2. Albin; 3. W. Lippelman; 4. Lauer; 5. Kinderknect; 6. Schwarz.
- Feature**
1. Plummer; 2. Hill; 3. Tipton; 4. Albin; 5. Rhea; 6. Wagoner; 7. Schwarz; 8. W. Lippelman; 9. Lauer; 10. Nichol, did not finish; 11. Honeyman, did not finish; 12. Shannon, did not finish; 13. Towns, did not finish; 14. Kinderknect, did not finish; 15. Warta, did not finish.

Modifieds

- Heat 1**
1. #21 Darren DeLoach, Lamar, Colo.; 2. #8 Frank Perez, Lamar, Colo.; 3. #38 K.B. Murphy, Sharon Springs; 4. #2d Dwayne Dechant, Lamar, Colo. 5. #44 Kevin Hoeme, Hays; 6. #70 Bobby Jo Scott, Liberal; 7. #383 Milo Lippelman, Oberlin.
- Heat 2**
1. #23x Jeff Hartwell, Colby; 2. #3 Brady Coen, Wiley, Colo.; 3. #9 Monty Nordyke, Holly, Colo.; 4. #34H Doug

Holzmeister, Colby; 5. #21 John Icke, Colby; 6. #75 Ken Maloney, Kingsburg, Colo. 7. #7K Kevin Wark, Colby.

Cash Dash

1. Hartwell; 2. DeLoach; 3. Coen; 4. Perez; 5. Murphy; 6. Nordyke, did not finish.

Feature

1. Coen; 2. DeLoach; 3. Perez; 4. Murphy; 5. D. Dechant; 6. Scott; 7. Maloney; 8. Hoeme; 9. Wark; 10. M. Lippelman; 11. Hartwell, did not finish; 12. Icke, did not finish. 13. Nordyke, did not start. 14. Holzmeister, disqualified.

Cruisers

Heat 1

1. #88 Pete Schlageck/Mark Fabrizius, Colby; 2. #73 Adam Meitl/Rick Cooper, Colby; 3. #16 Brett Glassman/Jim Glassman, Oakley; 4. #H20 Tanner Tuttle/Arron Packard, Gove; 5. #01 Larry Roehl/Troy Burkhardt, Rexford/Liebenthal; 6. #17

Chris Herra/Jarrold Smith, Colby.

Heat 2

1. #01W Bruce Plumisto/Dwayne Plumisto, Colby; 2. #29A Dustin Vrbas/Ron Vrbas, Colby; 3. #54U Scott Urban/Nathan Wright, Atwood; 4. #7AC Jason Cook/Shawn Anderson, Colby; 5. #00 Jake Haines/Dwight Allenbaugh, Colby.

Cash Dash

1. Schlageck/Fabrizius; 2. #73 Meitl/Cooper; 3. #29A Vrbas/Vrbas; 4. #54U Urban/Wright; 5. #01W Plumisto/Plumisto, did not finish; 6. #16 Glassman/Glassman, did not start.

Feature

1. Schlageck/Fabrizius; 2. #73 A. Meitl/Cooper; 3. #00 Haines/Allenbaugh; 4. #16 Glassman/Glassman; 5. #01 Roehl/Burkhart; 6. #H20 Tuttle/Packard; 7. #29A Vrbas/Vrbas, did not finish; 8. #7AC Anderson/Cook, did not finish; 9. #01W Plumisto/Plumisto, did not finish; 10. #54U Urban/Wright, did not start; 11.

#17 Herra/Smith, did not start.

Classic Modifieds

Heat 1

1. #07S Jay Schilling, McCook, Neb.; 2. #4 Darren Polhmann, McCook, Neb.; 3. #D22 Loren Polhmann, Culbertson, Neb.; 4. #413 Larry Polhmann, McCook, Neb.; 5. #8 Bryce Bailey, Indianola, Neb.

Heat 2

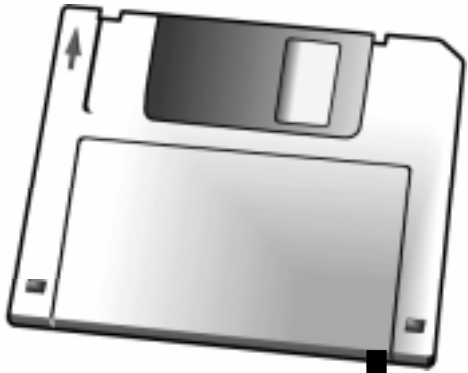
1. #81 Jarred Hilker, McCook, Neb.; 2. #9 R.C. Heil, North Platte, Neb.; 3. #D2 Don Hagen, Culbertson, Neb.; 4. #10 Greg Reiners, McCook, Neb.;

Cash Dash

1. Shilling; 2. Heil; 3. D. Polhmann; 4. Hilker; 5. Hagen; 6. L. Polhmann, did not start.

Feature

1. Schilling; 2. Hilker; 3. Larry Polhmann; 4. Bailey; 5. Reiners; 6. Heil, did not finish; 7. Hagen, did not finish; 8. D. Polhmann, did not finish; 9. L. Polhmann, did not start.



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