

Colby seniorsigns with Tabor

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Colby High School senior Wil Higerd has signed a letter of intent to run cross-country at Tabor College, a four-year liberal arts school in Hillsboro, which is about an hour north of Wichita.

"I got a letter from Tabor while I was

a junior," Higerd said. "That sparked my interest."

Karol Hunt is the cross country coach at Tabor and she said she is looking forward to working with Wil.

"He'll be adding depth to our group," she added. "I'm looking forward to watching him develop into a competitive college runner."

Wil's mother, Tammy, said the Higerds really felt at home with Tabor. "I like that it's a small college where Wil will be treated as a person, rather than just a number."

Lynn Higerd, Wil's father, said "Tabor is a well guided Christian school with the highest of standards. We're very happy with Wil going there."

Trojans split double-header in Pratt

The Colby Community College Trojan baseball team earned a split in Pratt on Monday behind solid outings by sophomore right handers Chris Johnson and Adrian Pressnall. Johnson threw seven complete and gave up just two earned runs in game one, but came away with the loss.

A two out, two rbi single in the third and a two out, three run home run in the fourth were two of Pratt's three hits for the game. Sophomore Brian Berryman and freshman Justin Dickson both homered for the Trojans but it was not enough.

The Trojans again received solid pitching in game two and this time came away with a victory.

Adrian Pressnall struck out four in five innings of work and the brother duo of lefty freshman Casey Wernke and lefty sophomore Andy Wernke threw the sixth and the seventh to com-

plete the game.

Freshman center fielder Dustin Pfeifer had two hits including a home run.

The Trojans received two big insurance runs in the sixth inning by sophomores Josh Prickett and Jeff Theisen. Theisen scored sophomore Brady Mangus with a sacrifice fly after Mangus walked and got to third on an errant pick off throw by the pitcher. Later in the inning Prickett scored freshman Chris Lebeda with a two-out double to the left center gap.

The Trojans are now 18-28 overall and 8-16 in conference play. They take on Garden City (14-28, 8-15) this afternoon in Colby. The Trojans are currently tied with the Broncbusters and were swept at Garden City earlier in the season.

Game 1

Colby 0010011 3 7 4

Pratt 002300x 5 3 1

LP: Johnson 2-3

Batteries: Colby- Johnson and Theisen

2 hits: Colby- Wollis

2b: Colby- Wollis

HR: Colby- Berryman, Dickson

Pratt- Winfrey

2 rbi: Pratt- Smith

3 rbi: Pratt- Winfrey

Game 2

Colby 1020020 5 5 1

Pratt 0000120 3 6 4

WP: Pressnall 2-5

S: A. Wernke 2

Batteries: Colby- Pressnall, C. Wernke 6, A. Wernke 7 and Theisen

2 hits: Colby- Pfeifer

Pratt- Bradley, Smith

2b: Colby- Prickett

Pratt- Smith

HR: Colby- Pfeifer

Pratt- Smith

Trojans sign third in-state basketball recruit

The Colby Community College Men's Basketball team added a third member of the 2002 in-state recruiting class recently with the signing of Garden City High School standout, Zane Davis. Davis, a 6-foot-3 wing player, averaged 10.2 points, 6.0 assists and 3.2 rebounds per game for the 14-8 Garden City Buffalos.

Garden City coach Jeff Tanner commented on Zane Davis, "It's a good fit. His best basketball is ahead of him. He has earned the opportunity to move on to the next level. I credit Colby's coaches for recognizing his future talent. Colby is getting an outstanding player as well as outstanding kid."

Davis scored 590 points and recorded 243 assists in his three-year varsity career at Garden City. An outstanding shooter, Davis connected on 49% (53-109) of his three-point attempts his senior season. Zane Davis commented on going to Colby, "Colby is a good fit for me athletically and academically. I can help the team for the next two years. Coach Ostermann is a great guy and a very good coach who has a lot to offer to the team and me for the next two years."

Davis joins All-State guard KJ Wilkins (Dighton) and 6-foot-6 for-

ward Sam Jackson (Logan) as members of the Colby Community College 2002 in-state recruiting class. Coach Ostermann commented on the signing of Davis, "Zane may just be the best three-point shooter in the state this year. He's consistent and has great

range. We are looking forward to helping him continue to develop other areas of his game. I'm just elated he's going to be knocking in three's for us rather than against us!" Davis also considered conference foes Dodge City, Cloud County and Garden City.

Getting ready for WaKeeney



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Colby senior Phil Schindler worked out at Fike Park as the Colby Eagle tennis team prepares for tournament action in WaKeeney Thursday.

Rocker gets another shot at majors

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — John Rocker was back with the Texas Rangers, even though the struggling reliever never reported for his minor league assignment.

The Rangers recalled Rocker, a former Atlanta Brave and Cleveland Indian, because they are desperate for help in the bullpen.

But there are no plans to use him in

the closer role he held when he was sent down.

He threw only one pitch in a 2-1 loss to Toronto, getting Eric Hinske to ground into a double play.

Sports briefs

HOCKEY

OTTAWA (AP) — The sale of the Ottawa Senators to an investment group for \$116 million was put on hold.

The team issued a statement saying the sale to OSHC 2001 Limited Partnership, originally announced in January, was called off "at least for the present."

AUTO RACING

NEW YORK (AP) — Unable to talk because of the tubes in his throat, NASCAR car owner Jack Roush grabbed a notepad and wrote "1-2-3-4." He showed the numbers to driver Mark Martin, indicating he wanted to know the finishing order in the last Winston Cup race.

To Martin, it was a sure sign that Roush is rapidly improving, though still in serious condition, four days after the small plane he was piloting Friday night crashed into a lake.

NAZARETH, Pa. (AP) — IRL drivers Jaques Lazier and Tomas Scheckter were released from Lehigh Valley Hospital after treatment for injuries from their crash two days earlier at Nazareth Speedway.

Lazier had a lower spinal fracture and a concussion. Scheckter, a rookie, had a bruised lung and a concussion, and his status for the Indy 500 on May 26 also is unknown.

BOXING

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Former Reno judge and boxing referee Mills Lane, who had a stroke last month, is continuing to show improvement in his rehabilitation at a suburban New York hospital.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Former Nebraska fullback Sam Francis, a member of the College Football Hall of Fame, died at his home in Springfield, Mo. He was 88.