

Eagles split with TMP at home

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Matt Augustine's three-run blast over the center field fence at the Colby Recreation Complex in the bottom of the sixth inning Thursday was the game winner in game 1 of a double-header against Thomas More Prep. Jared Cranston pitched a complete game to get the 3-0 shutout.

In game two, Colby had a chance in the bottom of the seventh, but came up short, losing 4-3. Josh Houtz went the distance in the see-saw game, where TMP went up 2-1, then the Eagles went up 3-2, and finally TMP went up 4-3.

The Eagles finished the regular season 15-5, and, as the number 2 seed in the regionals, will host seventh-seeded Ulysses Monday at 4 p.m. at the Colby



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Colby Eagle third baseman Clayton Kaiser applies the tag to a TMP runner in the top of the sixth inning Thursday afternoon, ending the inning and TMP's rally.

Recreation Complex. If the Eagles win, they will play either Hugoton or Larned Wednesday at the ballfield. Larned and Hugoton will play at Hugoton, while in the other bracket, the 10-8 Scott City Beavers will take on the 8-10 Pratt Greenbacks at Scott City. Number one seeded Nickerson has a first-round bye and will play the winner of Scott City-Pratt in Colby on

Wednesday. Wednesday's semi-final game times (2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.) will depend on which teams have to travel the farthest. The regional championship game will be played at 7 p.m.

Taking a break from racing for Mother's Day

The races at Richmond last weekend were a real wreck-fest for both series. Was it the sealer put on the track last November, or was it the weather, no one knows for sure but there were a lot of upset drivers and numerous wrecked racecars.

I'm not for sure what the problem was but it sure wasn't racing at Richmond, as I know it. Even though the track officials said that they didn't do anything different to the track than in the past, I bet there will be some changes come the this fall at the Richmond track.

If you don't know by now, and I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but there is no Winston Cup Racing this weekend. It's Mothers Day on Sunday and the Winston Cup takes that weekend off to honor their Moms.

Now for us NASCAR watchers there is a Busch Race on Saturday from the New Hampshire Speedway, so for us diehards we can get our Nascar racing fix for the week. Someone to watch to get his first Busch win is Bobby Hamilton Jr. #25 Marines Ford. Bobby has been slowly improving every week with the #25 Marines team, and I believe he was real close to getting that



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first win last weekend at Richmond.

He was leading with 11 laps to go when his engine started going south on him and that's when Jason Keller #57 Albertson's Ford passed Bobby and went on to win the race. So keep an eye on #25 U.S. Marines Ford driven by Bobby Hamilton Jr. to be in the winner's circle soon.

With a break in the race season it's going to allow me to voice my opinion on a matter that is somewhat close to my heart.

In the last couple of weeks we have started hearing about the start of the silly season. What that pertains to is the fact of teams members and drivers moving around from team to team either by contracts ending, quitting, being fired, or by various other reasons. It started by a few crew chief changes and then it was leaked by the media,

that Elliott Sadler driver of the #21 Motorcraft Ford owned by the Wood Brothers, had asked to be let out of his contract for next year.

Elliott's reasons were that he felt that he wasn't doing his job for the Woods Brothers as a driver, and as we all know there is probably numerous other reasons that would take up to much time speculating.

From some reporter or someone that maybe did, or didn't realize the feeding frenzy that was about to begin broke this information to the rest of the racing community and the world.

From this then came reports that Elliott Sadler was talking to Dale Earnhardt Inc. and others, and then with people trying to up the next racing reporters or news organization on maybe breaking news, started speculating on which driver might be gone

from a race team with out what I believe to be hard evidence.

As we've heard from all of this is that Steve Park #1 Pennzoil Chevy, and Michael Waltrip #15 Napa Chevy both with Dale Earnhardt Inc. might be on there way out due to the reports of team racing analysis by Ty Norris General Manager of DEL

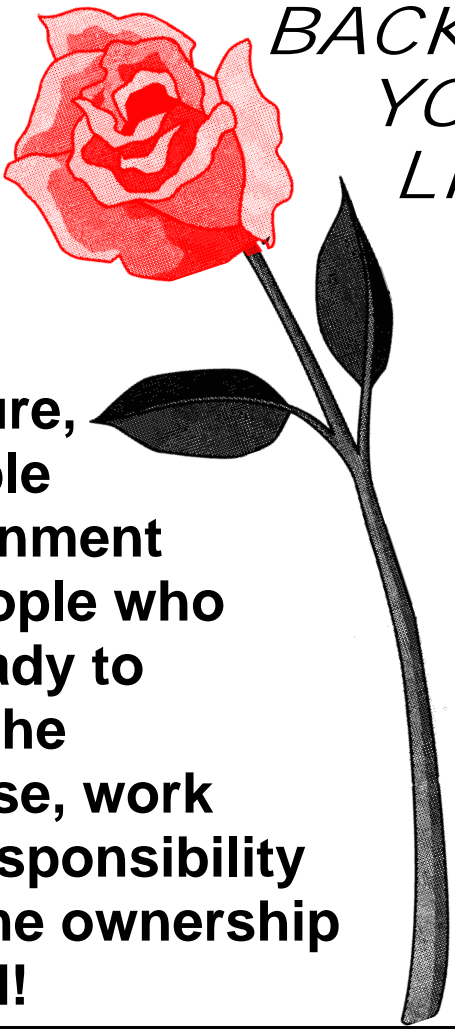
Then it was reported that Steve Park was going to be gone from the #1 Pennzoil Chevy after the Cola Cola 600 in a couple of weeks and that Kenny Wallace would take his place in the car. Which at this point all of this reported speculation has been re-reported as untrue.

Now I know that I'm somewhat of a reporter of NASCAR news, but I do my best to report only things that I know to be as true as possible.

Bottom line, I find the above type of reporting appalling. This is another whole can of worms that could be opened and I don't have the time at present.

As always, if you made it this far, thank you for your time. Enjoy Mothers Day and time with your family or whatever you enjoy. Pull those belts tight, and DRIVE safely.

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