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Colby's State Champion K-18 team hoists all three of its trophies after beating Ellis 8-3 Thursday night in Lucas. Colby won the sportsmanship trophy for the tournament, the tournament championship trophy, and the A.E. Rodgers K-18 championship traveling trophy, which was named in honor of long-time K-18 commissioner A.E. Rodgers. Left to right are: Adam Perkins, Heath Bieker, Aric Grob, Mitchell Gatz, David Voss, Travis Powell, Matt Augustine, Sean Mengel, Trenton Powell, Deke Elliott, Dustin Quenzer, Brian Saddler, Jeremy Dietz, Eric Paulson, Kyle Withington.

State champions!

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LUCAS — "We're going to jump on them early," Colby K-18 head coach Jeff Krzycki said before Thursday night's K-18 state tournament championship game with Ellis.

And jump they did. On their way to an 8-3 victory. After a scoreless first inning, Dusty Quenzer beat out an infield single to start the second inning, then took second on a passed ball. Sean Mengel then took advantage of an error by the Ellis third baseman, and after yet another passed ball Quenzer went to third and Mengel went to second.

Jeremy Dietz walked to load the bases for Mitchell Gatz, who singled to score Quenzer. Mengel scored after Trent Powell grounded out. Dietz also came in for Colby's third run of the game.

Ellis went 1-2-3 in the bottom of the

second, and Colby put together a two-out rally in the top of the third, with Dietz and Gatz coming across on Jordon Cranston's bloop single to left-center.

With the bases loaded, Matt Augustine got the big Colby crowd on its feet with a shot to center field, but the wind held it in and it was hauled in by the center-fielder.

The Ellis batters were starting to figure pitcher Matt Augustine out by the bottom of the third, and managed to load the bases.

An Ellis single over right-fielder Trenton Powell scored two, and then Augustine started mixing his pitches, striking out two Ellis batters before giving up a single for Ellis' last run of the night.

Colby scored again in the top of the fourth, after Dusty Quenzer knocked the Ellis pitcher clean off of the mound, moving Deke Elliott to third. Elliott

scored on still another passed ball, and Colby was up 6-3.

"Matt really started pitching in the fourth inning," Krzycki said. "Up till then, he was just throwing. But he started throwing the off-speed stuff, and Ellis just couldn't figure it out."

Augustine, who totalled 15 strikeouts, struck out three in the fourth inning, one in the fifth, and three in the sixth, and then struck out the side in the bottom of the seventh for Colby's first state championship since 1986.

"It feels wonderful," Krzycki said. "It was a lot of hard work by the guys, because we had that trouble in the third inning, but they really clamped down and just played through it. That's what they've been doing all year.

"And what can you say about our little guys?" Krzycki said. "They really came through for us tonight."

Colby also won the Sportsmanship trophy for the tournament.

Chiefs fine player after helmet fracas

RIVER FALLS, Wis. (AP) — John Tait threw the first punch in a training camp fight with rookie Eddie Freeman, but a helmet in the face left him with 17 stitches and the Kansas City Chiefs have now fined Freeman \$2,500.

Coach Dick Vermeil reversed himself on the matter Thursday, a day after saying he planned no disciplinary action.

The coach announced the fine after a long meeting with Tait, who will be sidelined at least a week and had said the thought Freeman should be disciplined for hitting him with the helmet.

"It's out of respect for John," Vermeil said of the fine. "John threw the first punch, but that retaliation was out of line for the National Football League and the demeanor we want."

On Wednesday night, Vermeil had become angry over questions about the fight and walked away from reporters.

"I apologize for losing my cool last night," the coach said Thursday. "I don't normally do that but it's happened before. I'm human."

Tait, whose nose was broken, was pleased about Thursday's development.

"I'm glad we did something," said Tait, the Chiefs' starting right offensive tackle. "I'm not getting my jollies over this. I don't want Eddie to suffer, but I thought it was appropriate they did something. There's a little closure."

Asked whether he was satisfied with the amount of the fine, Tait paused and said: "They did something. That was for the team to decide."

Freeman, a defensive tackle from Alabama-Birmingham, was taken in the second round of the draft and got a signing bonus of \$1.45 million with a salary of \$225,000.

Freeman, who had apologized to

Tait shortly after Tuesday's fight, called the fine "more than fair."

"I'm satisfied with the situation," he said. "We're trying to win the Super Bowl. One thing we have to do is put this behind us. We've got to work together. This will help us do that."

Vermeil said it was made clear to players at a meeting following Thursday afternoon's practice that "this kind of thing was unacceptable."

"And I don't expect it to happen again," the coach said.

Vermeil said he was initially hesitant to fine Freeman because of his past experience with practice field fights in 11 seasons as an NFL head coach.

"What people need to understand is this: When players get in fights like that they go into an emotional state that I call rage," Vermeil said.

"At that point, anything goes. You can tell them to break it up and you can

Let's hear it for...Dodge?

Man oh man, was last weekend fantastic for Dodge and Dodge fans or what? If you haven't heard Dodge won the Truck, ARCA, Busch, and NASCAR races last weekend. Now if you stopped by S&W and seen my buddy Mark, you all ready know this, and how. I stopped by there and before I could get Hi Mark out of my mouth, my ole buddy had to tell me all about it. In this day and age it is quite an achievement for Dodge, (go figure), or any of the other manufactures to pull off a clean sweep like that on any race weekend. So I have to give kudos to those Dodge boys, and Mark, as I'm sure he is in weekly contact with the Dodge Camp on race setups and strategies, so good job buddy.

Now I know ya'll are saying yeah right, but think about this a minute. I watched the Busch race on Saturday, and it was won on fuel mileage. Okay the race was held at Pikes Peaks International Raceway in Colorado Springs, (close to Colby), and we all know that Dodge's fuel mileage was like they had a hole in their tank all the time, which means terrible. So how did Hank Parker Jr. and the #36 GNC Dodge run 13 or 14 more laps than everyone else on Saturday? Here's my theory, I think Mark and Pete built another fuel cell like the one that they have in their #88 Dodge race car and hustled it out to PPIR and put it Hank's Dodge, and that's how he won on fuel mileage. Cause I caught a peek at their fuel cell once, and it's huge! I'm sure it would take a small bulk truck to fill it up if it was empty.

To prove my point, think about this, Mark and Pete drive their #88 Dodge to the track on race nights, race all night, and then drive it back to their shop, and have you ever seen those two guys put gas in their car? Nuff said! (Guys I would use your last names, but it's like mine it's hard to remember and spell, so forgive.)

This weekend brings NASCAR to Indy for a full slate of races. The Craftsman Trucks and Busch Cars are going to be at Indy Raceway Park, and Winston Cup Cars will be at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Sunday. The Craftsman Truck race should be interesting, as ole D.W. and Andy Petree will both be racing in the trucks along with other Winston Cup drivers in the field, which should make for an enjoyable race. Hopefully we will fi-

jump in and try to stop it. They won't do it."

"The problem this time came when John Tait's helmet was knocked off and it was lying around on the ground," he said. "A lot of guys, when they're in this state of rage, would swing a helmet if it's just sitting there.

"If John's helmet wasn't knocked off, none of this would be an issue."

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said he couldn't recall the last time the league disciplined a player for using his helmet as a weapon during a fight.

He said the Freeman incident was not something that would be subject to discipline from the league.

"It's not our issue," Aiello said. "It's the Chiefs' issue. If players get in fights on the field, they're subject to disciplinary action whether they use fists or helmets. But that applies to games. Teams handle practice."



Don Fosdick

Life in the Fast Lane

nally hear what Ricky Rudd is going to do and where he is going to do it at for next year. I wonder at times if Ricky knows whether he's washing or hanging out. Last week it sounded like he was going to stay with the #28 team as long as the whole team stayed together, now yesterday while watching RPM 2night on ESPN, Ricky in an interview is saying that he has been talking with the Chip Gannsi Team and hopefully will decide hopefully by this weekend at Indy as to what he will be doing next year. Ya know for us working people, if we tried doing things like that, our boss would make the decision for us, if ya know what I mean. I truly hope Ricky, or somebody, makes up his mind for him, so we can move on. I'm sure he's enjoying the attention, as he's gotten more attention in the last several months than he's gotten in the last ten years, but there comes a point to where it starts to become ridiculous, and that point is getting here real quick. I don't mean to offend Ricky Rudd fans at all, but if you want attention from the media, then win races, or be up front, or be involved in some charity, or be a nice person. Several months ago Ricky made a comment about how all of the young guns were getting all the media

attention and the over 40 bunch were forgotten about, and that they had built the sport, and on and on. Well some of that had merit, and it can be discussed for days, but Ricky needs to remember one saying, you can catch more bees with honey than with vinegar, or fly's, or elephants, or something, anyhow if you're nice to people then people give you their attention.

For us local fans remember that Thomas County Speedway has races both tonight and Saturday night during this fair week. Tonight has WDRA Late Models, Bombers, & Cruisers, and Saturday night has Modifieds (with \$5,000.00 to win) & Super Stocks, and there will be some FANTASTIC RACING both nights, SO BE THERE. I have missed the last several events due to personal business, so I will see you there.

As always, if you made it this far, thank you for your time. With all the great racing going on this weekend, pull those belts tight, get up on the wheel, and DRIVE safely, to the Fairgrounds.

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2001 Chevy Malibu	4 door, white, 30,320, PW, PL, TW, CR
2001 Dodge Intrepid SE	4 door, white, 23,265, PW, PL, TW, CD
2001 Chevy Impala	4 dr., maroon, 44,350, PW, PL, TW, CR
2001 Dodge Intrepid	4 dr., silver, 25,764, PW, PL, TW, CR
2000 Plymouth Breeze	4 dr., gold, 32,147, CD, PW, PL, TW
1999 Pontiac Grand Prix	4 door, white, 42,972, PW, PL, TW, CR
1999 Chrysler Concorde LS	4 door, red, 29,680, PW, PL, TW, CR
1999 Pontiac Firebird	2 dr., pewter, 57,917, CD, PS, PW, PL
1998 Pontiac Firebird T-Tops	White, 66,905, CD, AW, PW, PL
1998 Chrysler Town & Country LXI	White, 135,865, CD, CT, PW, PL
1998 Oldsmobile 88	4 dr., maroon, 71,214, CT, PW, PL, TW
1998 Ford Crown Victoria LX	4 dr., white, 54,566, CT, PW, PL, TW
1997 Chrysler LHS	4 door, red, 95,006, PS, CR, PW, PW
1997 Chrysler Town & Country Minivan	green, 87,732, PS, PL, TW, PW
1997 Buick Park Avenue	4 door, white, 74,987, PS, CR, TW, PW
1996 Chevy Beretta Z-26	Dk. red, 63,107, CD, PW, PL
1996 Chrysler Town & Country LXI	Lt. Iris, 94,977, CD, AM, CT, PW
1996 Chevy Camaro	2 dr., T-tops, red, 95,003, CD, PS, PW, PL
1995 Chrysler LHS	4 dr., gray, 100,193, PW, PL, TW, CR
1995 Olds Cutlass Supreme SL	4 dr., teal, 77,807, CT, PL, TW, PL
1995 Dodge Intrepid	4 dr., maroon, 118,074, PW, PL, TW, CR
1995 GMC Conversion Van	White, 121,465, TW, PS, PW, PL
1995 Dodge B-250 Conversion	Brown, 95,498, PW, PL, TW, VHS
1995 Buick Regal	2 door, silver, 80,594, CT, PW, PL, TW
1995 Oldsmobile 88 LS	4-door, gold, 88,207, CD, PW, PL, TW
1994 Ford Taurus GL	4 door, Dk. Gray, 98,931, CT, PW, PL, TW
1994 Buick Skylark Custom	4 door, charcoal, 89,195, PS, PW, PL, TW
1994 Mercury Sable GS	White, 60,923, PS, PW, PL, TW
1992 Mazda 929	4 dr., black, 102,615, CT, PW, PL, TW
1992 Cadillac DeVille	4 dr., white, 98,000, CR, PW, PL, TW
1992 Dodge Dynasty	4 dr., Lt. Blue, 102,429, CT, PW, PL, TW
1990 Ford Aerostar	7 passenger, white, 96,052
1990 Chevy Caprice	4 door, maroon/gray, 114,216, CT, PW, PL
1990 Dodge Spirit	4 dr., brown, 143,911, TW, CR
1989 Ford Thunderbird Supercoupe	White, PW, PL, CT, 128,829, 5M
1989 Plymouth Grand Voyager Minivan	White, 126,143, CT, PL, TW, CR
1989 Chrysler LeBaron	2 dr., White/Red
1985 Mercury Grand Marquise	4 dr., gray, 140,949, CRT, PW, PL, TW
1985 Chrysler 5th Avenue	4 dr., brown, 165,367, CR, PW, PL, TW
1983 Audi 5000 Diesel	4 door, gold, 149,000
1980 Chevy Panel Van	Blue
1979 Dodge Maxi Wagon	Customized, white, 747,857, PW, PL, TW, CR

USED TRUCKS

2001 Dodge 3/4 t. 4x4 Quad Cab	White, 15,321, CD, CT, PS, PW
2000 Chevy Silverado 1/2T Ext. Cab Z71	White, 44,555, KE, PS, PW, PL
2000 Chevy Silverado 4x4 Ext. Cab 3/4 t.	Red/Silver, 37,127, CD, PW, PL, TW
2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee 4x4	White, 34,412, CT, PW, PL, TW
2000 Dodge Dakota Sport quad Cab	White, 53,865, Cd, Ct, PS, PW
2000 Chevy 3/4 t. Ext. Cab 4x4	Red/Silver, 58,102, CD, PW, PL, TW
2000 Chevy Silverado 1/2 t. Reg. Cab 4x4	White, 49,425, KE, PL, PW, CR
2000 Chevy 1/2 t. 4x4 Ext. Cab	Red/Silver, 44,955, PW, PL, TW, CR
2000 GMC Sierra 1/2 t. Z71 Quad 4x4	Red, 68,349, CD, CT, KE, PS
1999 Ford 1/2 t. Ext. Cab 4x4	Blue, 108,677, CT, PW, PL, TW
1999 Chevy 1/2 t. 2WD Reg. Cab	Pewter, 72,230, CD, PW, PL, TW
1999 Dodge 3/4 t. Quad Cab 4x4	Black, 82,405, 5M, CT, PW, PL
1999 Dodge Dually Quad Cab	Driftwood, 55,450, PW, PL, TW, CR
1999 Chevy 1 t. 4x4 Crew Cab	White, 48,900, CD, CT, KE, PW
1999 Dodge 3/4 t. 4x4 Quad Cab	Red/Silver, 27,821, PW, PL, TW, CR
1998 Ford Explorer Eddie Bauer	Copper, 54,739, AW, RAC, PS, PW
1998 Chevy 1/2 t. 4x4 Ext. Cab	Red, 144,656, CT, PW, PL, TW
1998 Chevy 1/2 t. Reg. Cab 4x4	White, 93,634, PW, PL, TW, CR
1998 Dodge 3/4 t. 4x4 Reg. Cab	Red/drift, 65,688, PW, PL, TW, CR
1998 Dodge 3/4 t. 4x4 Ext. Cab	White, 81,264, CT, TW, CR
1997 Ford 1/2 ton Ext. Cab 4x4	White, 90,029, PW, PL, TW, CR
1997 Chevy S-10 Ext. Cab	Black, 106,676, CT, PW, PL, TW
1997 Ford 3/4 t. Ext. Cab 4x4	Tan, 86,000, CT, PW, PL, TW
1997 Chevy 1/2 t. Ext. Cab 4x4	Red/silver, 87,079, CD, PW, PL, TW
1997 Dodge 3/4 t. Reg. Cab SLT	Diesel, white, 95,174, PW, PL, TW, CR
1997 Chevy 3/4 t. Ext. Cab 4x4	Blue/silver, 98,251, CT, PW, PL, TW
1997 Chevy Suburban 4x4	Green, 89,745, CD, PW, PL, TW
1996 Dodge 1/2 t. Ext. Cab 4x4	Green/drift, 74,160, CT, TW, CR
1995 GMC 3/4 t. Ext. Cab 4x4	Blue/silver, 82,754, CT, PW, PL, TW
1995 Chevy 1/2 t. 4X4 Ext. Cab	Blue/Silver, 107,875, CT, PW, PL, TW
1995 Jeep Grand Cherokee LTD	White, 98,225, CD, PS, AM, PW
1994 Chevy Silverado 2WD Ext. Cab 3/4 t.	White, 180,000
1994 Ford 3/4 t. 4X4 Ext. Cab	Red/Silver, 94,524, PW, PL, TW, CR
1993 Dodge Dakota 4x4 Ext. Cab	106,530, PW, PL, TW, CR
1993 Chevy 1/2 t. 4X4 Ext. Cab	White, 124,948, PW, PL, TW, CR
1991 GMC Suburban 2 WD	Blue/gray, 238,555, PW, PL, TW, CR
1991 Ford 1/2 t. 4X4 Reg. Cab	Blue/gray, 56,960, CT, TW, CR
1991 Chevy Suburban 1/2 t. 4x4	Black/silver, 187,314, CT, PW, PL, TW
1991 GMC 1/2 t. 2 WD	Blue, 141,381
1991 Ford 1/2 t. Reg. Cab 2WD	Black, 118,738, CD, PW, PL, TW
1991 Ford F-150 Reg. Cab 2 WD	White, 132,655, AFR
1990 GMC 1/2 t. Ext. Cab 4x4	Red/silver, 110,051, CT, PW, PL, TW
1990 Chevy S-10 Blazer	2 dr., tan, 124,255, CR, TW, AFR
1990 Chevy 1/2 t. Reg. Cab 4x4	Blue/silver, 102,001, CT, PW, PL, TW
1990 Ford F-150 Reg. Cab 2WD	Red, 104,236, 4M, AFR
1990 Ford 1/2 t. 4X4 Ext. Cab	Green, 197,497
1990 Chevy Cheyenne K-1500 Flat Bed 4X4	Blue, 119,282, CT
1989 Ford 1/2 t. Supercab 4x4	Red, 151,287, 5M
1989 Chevy 3/4 t. Reg. Cab 2WD	Red, 69,351
1988 Dodge D-50 Club Cab 4x4	Black, 149,157, 5M, CD, 149,157
1987 Jeep Cherokee 4x4	Cream/Brown, 200,725, TW, CR
1986 Ford 3/4 t. 4x4 Reg. Cab	White, 96,882, CT, 4M
1986 Chevy 2 t. Cargo Box	White, 302,505
1985 GMC 1/2 t. 4x4 Reg. Cab	White, 174,429, CT, PW, PL, TW
1984 Dodge Ram Charger 4x4 SE	Blue, 105,000, TW, CR
1984 Chevy Blazer 4x4	Red/white, 65,366, CR
1983 Ford Van	Copper, 153,031
1983 Chevy 24' C-30 Motorhome	White, 72,581

Ex-NFL star snagged in dragnet

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A former defensive end for the Oakland Raiders was among 61 people arrested in a nationwide sweep of parents who authorities said failed to pay child support.

James Harris, an NFL journeyman who played in 82 games from 1993 to 1999, was arrested Wednesday in Chicago. Prosecutors said Harris owes \$100,000 in child support for a son who lives in Pennsylvania.

The arrest was part of a roundup of child support defaulters by the Department of Health and Human Services. Investigators made arrests in 25 states as part of the sweep. Prosecutors said they are seeking an additional 41 suspects on charges that they skipped out on court-ordered payments to their children.

Collectively, the defendants owe around \$5 million, authorities said. All were at least one year late in making payments and officials said many have not made a payment in several years.

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