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Youth from Colby and Oakley participate in American Youth Soccer games on Saturday morning at the Colby Recreation Fields. Games start at 9 a.m. and continue through noon. The organization will be hosting British Soccer Camps on June 2-6 and are currently holding registration. For information, contact Jodi Moellerling at (785) 672-3979. Camp times will be from 9 a.m. to noon in Colby and 2 to 5 p.m. in Oakley.

Stover signs to Sterling

Landon Stover, a senior at Colby High School, has signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Sterling College.

Stover, a 6'1" guard, averaged 18 points, 6 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 2.5 steals per game for the Colby High Eagles this past season. Colby finished the 2002-03 season with a 21-5 overall record and Runner-up finish in the 4A State Basketball Tournament. "It's a great signing for us," said Sterling College Head Men's Basketball Coach Tommy DeSalme. "Landon fits exactly what we are looking for on and off the court. He has a chance to be an impact player for us a freshman."

Stover received several honors



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following his senior campaign including: All-State third team, All-League first team, All-Tournament Team Orange & Black Classic and Most Inspirational Player for Colby High School.

He also participated in the Northwest Kansas and Dodge City All-Star Games, winning the three-point contest at both sites.

During his senior season, Stover shot 44 percent from the floor and 78 percent from the free-throw line.

"I would also like to commend Jason Briar (Assistant Basketball Coach at Sterling College)," DeSalme said.

"He (Jason) did a great job in the recruiting process of building a strong relationship with Landon and his family. We are looking forward to having the Stover's join our basketball 'family' here at Sterling College."

He is the son of Lynn and Lori Stover of Colby.

Sports Briefs

PHOENIX (AP) — Four-time NL Cy Young Award winner Randy Johnson underwent successful arthroscopic knee surgery, his first operation in seven years.

Johnson had tests on his right knee about two weeks ago, and the decision to operate was made after a second test showed loose particles causing inflammation in the left-hand's knee.

Johnson, 24-5 last season, won his first game in three decisions Sunday after spending two weeks on the disabled list.

Doctors removed the particles in a brief operation and drained fluid from the knee. Johnson, who will be on crutches for a few days before beginning rehabilitation, is expected to miss three-to-six weeks.

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa State associate head basketball coach Steve Barnes was suspended for making what the university said were threatening remarks against the administration and athletic director Bruce Van De Velde.

Barnes' suspension came one day after Van De Velde suspended Eustachy and recommended that he be fired because of newspaper reports that the coach had partied with college students after two road games.

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Jerry Eaves, an assistant with the Cleveland Cavaliers, was hired as the men's basketball coach at North Carolina A&T.

Eaves, a guard on Louisville's 1980 national championship team, replaces Curtis Hunter, a former North Carolina player who compiled a 28-70 record in four seasons. Eaves was also an assistant in the NBA with New Jersey (1994-96) and Charlotte (1999-2001).

STATESVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Casey Atwood is rejoining car

K.C. Royals can't overpower Red Sox

By HOWARD ULMAN

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Boston's bullpen is improving just when Kansas City's is struggling.

Red Sox relievers pitched 8 1-3 innings and their hitters overcame a two-run deficit to beat the Royals 6-5 Thursday night.

"There is not enough that can be said about those relievers," Boston manager Grady Little said. "These guys were outstanding."

His relievers faltered during the first two weeks of the season, while Kansas City's were solid. Mike MacDougal had 10 saves in the Royals' 17 wins but is 0-2 in the four-game slide that followed.

Boston swept the series — coming from behind in all three games — with relievers who allowed five earned runs on 10 hits in 13 1-3 innings with no wild pitches or hit batters.

Kansas City's relievers worked 8 1-3 innings, giving up 10 earned runs on 18 hits with three wild pitches and six hit batters. The last run Thursday scored in the eighth on Todd Walker's winning double off Jason Grimsley (1-2), who pitched in all three games.

Were the relievers getting tired? "It seemed like it," Royals manager Tony Pena said. "They've had to work a lot lately."

Boston's Steve Woodard was shocked at the work he got when he came in after starter Casey Fossum was ejected with two outs in the first for throwing a pitch behind Raul Ibanez after Mike Sweeney's two-run homer. Little also was ejected, and Fossum denied deliberately throwing behind Ibanez one day after Kansas City pitchers hit three Red Sox batters in the ninth.

"I really don't think you prepare for that," Woodard said of his entrance. "When it catches you off guard, it's probably the best thing that can happen."

Without time to get nervous, he allowed two singles in 4 1-3 innings before tiring in the sixth when he gave up a two-run homer to Carlos Beltran and a solo shot to Ibanez, making it 5-3.

But Kansas City didn't score again as Mike Timlin pitched 1 2-3 innings and Jason Shiel (1-0) and Brandon Lyon (second save) pitched one each in Boston's fourth straight win.

"The key part of the game was the

job Woody did," catcher Jason Varitek said.

Kansas City starter Kyle Snyder did well in his debut in the major leagues, allowing one earned run in five innings, but left trailing 3-2.

"I was very impressed," Pena said. "We faced a real tough lineup. He handled himself real well."

Boston tied it 2-2 in the first on Walker's RBI triple and Manny Ramirez's sacrifice fly. Nomar Garciaparra's sacrifice fly made it

3-2 in the third.

After falling behind 5-3, Boston made tied it at 5 on Trot Nixon's homer in the sixth against Kris Wilton and singles by Garciaparra and Ramirez and a run-scoring double-play grounder by David Ortiz in the seventh.

Jeremy Giambi began the eighth with a walk off Grimsley. Pinch-runner Damian Jackson stole second and took third on pinch-hitter Varitek's sacrifice bunt.

Local sports calendar

Today - Varsity track at Goodland, 3 p.m.; Junior varsity baseball with Goodland at home, 4 p.m.; Golden Plains and Brewster High School track teams at Quinter Invitational, 3 p.m.

Saturday - Colby Invitational Tennis Tournament, 9 a.m.; Varsity golf at Atwood, 9 a.m.

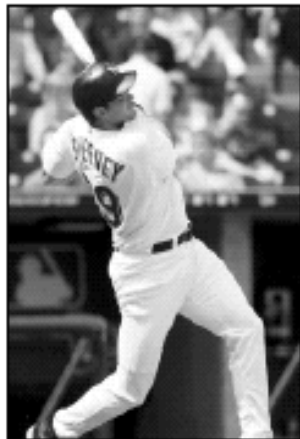
Monday - Varsity golf at Hays-TMP, 9 a.m.

Tuesday - Varsity golf at Oakley, 3 p.m.; C team golf at Norton, 3 p.m.; Junior varsity doubles tennis at Russell, 3 p.m.; Varsity track at Garden City, 3 p.m.; Varsity tennis at Hoisington, 3 p.m.; Varsity baseball at Plainville, 4 p.m.; Varsity softball with Plainville at home, 4 p.m.; Junior varsity softball with Ellis at home, 5:30 p.m.

Colby will not be attending the Junior varsity golf tournament scheduled in Oakley today.



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