

SportsLine

Basketball Classic ticket prices noted

Information on ticket prices for the big Northwest Kansas All-Star (basketball) Classic has been released Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. The Classic tips off at 5 p.m. with the girls' game, followed by the boys.

Action takes place in the Colby Community Building on Sunday.

MAYB games here on Saturday

Seven teams will be in Colby for a MAYB (Mid-America Youth Basketball) tournament on Saturday. The games will be played in the Colby Community Building. No Colby teams are involved. Most of the participants are from southwest Kansas — Liberal, Syracuse and Courtland, to name a few — and also from Goodland.

There will be four girls' teams, 6th and 7th graders, and three boys' teams, 7th and 8th graders. The tournament begins at 9 a.m. and the last games start at 7 p.m. It is a one-day tourney only. We thank Melissa at the Colby Recreation Department for this update.

More MAYB notes received

Deadline is April 16 to enter 3rd-12th grade boys and girls tourney, scheduled for May 1-2 at Wichita. Call (316) 284-0354 or (316) 265-6236 or e-mail mayb@mayb.com for more information. Also, May 1 is the deadline for the summer MAYB season with 175 tournaments in 22 states for 4th-12th graders. If you want more information, please call the above numbers or consult the above e-mail. Discounts available.

Atwood 3-on-3 youth tourney announced

The Atwood Swimming Pool and Park Project, an affiliate of Area Community Enrichment (ACE) Foundation, will host its 5th Annual Youth 3-on-3 Basketball tournament on Saturday, April 3. Divisions included this year are 1-2 grade boys, 1-2 grade girls, 3-4 grade boys, 3-4 grade girls, 5-6 grade boys, 5-6 grade girls, 7-8 grade boys, and 7-8 grade girls. Get forms and information <http://atwoodpoolproject.tripod.com/>http://atwoodpoolproject.tripod.com>.

Entries are to be postmarked by Friday, March 26. The tournament will be held in one building at Atwood High School with courts in the gymnasium and auditorium. The tournament schedule will be posted on the web site the week of the tournament.

All teams are advised to get entries in early as the tourney has grown large enough to possibly have to limit entries. Any questions should be directed to Argabright at <mailto:argafive@ruraltel.net>argafive@ruraltel.net.

Spring break continues

Local schools are enjoying the week away from the classroom during the traditional "Spring Break" currently underway. The activity will pick up Monday as the "fun in the sun" period ends.

(SportsLine notes should be directed to the following e-mail: td@nwkansas.com, or call 785 462-3963 or fax 462-7749.)

Colby College Track meet here Saturday

New coach leads KU against Illinois-Chicago

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — After two straight trips to the Final Four, Kansas expected a lot from this year's team.

But the Jayhawks have changed a lot since last year, when they lost to Syracuse 81-78 in the title game.

That team depended heavily on two NBA lottery picks — Nick Collison and Kirk Hinrich. And it was coached not by Bill Self, but by Roy Williams — who within weeks of the title game announced his return to North Carolina after 15 years in Lawrence.

Still, Self said Thursday, Kansas' recent tournament success is more help than hindrance — as long as the Jayhawks continue to do well.

"I don't really look at it as pressure, or feel it as pressure," said Self, who took over in April. "I think it would really take some pressure off in the future if this team is able to advance far because this team is really used to advancing ... two years of not doing well, and the pressure would mount."

Kansas (21-8), the fourth seed in the St. Louis Regional, opens against Illinois-Chicago (24-7). The winner will play fifth-seeded Providence (20-8) or 12th-seeded Pacific (24-7) Sunday.

Friday's early games at Kemper Arena matched seventh-seeded Memphis and 10th-seeded South Carolina, and second-seeded Oklahoma State (27-3) against 15th-seeded Eastern Washington (17-12) in the East Rutherford Regional.

Three juniors — guards Aaron Miles and Keith Langford and forward Wayne Simien — all started for Kansas in last year's tournament. Miles has started since he was a freshman.

Still, Langford said, it took a while for the Jayhawks to adjust to

the loss of Hinrich and Collison.

"When you play with good players like that, you have to let them lead the way," said Langford, whose practice time has been limited by a nagging knee injury. "I think we've done a fairly good job of coming into our own as the leaders of this team."

But with the adjustment to Self's system, and the addition of freshmen David Padgett and J.R. Giddens to the starting lineup, the Jayhawks' transition was anything but smooth.

Kansas' streak of 52 home wins against unranked opponents was broken by Richmond in January, and the Jayhawks had three road losses of 15 points or more in Big 12 play. But they won six of their last eight games and then got a boost from the NCAA's "pod" system, which aims to keep higher-seeded teams close to home for early round games.

Kemper Arena, the site of the first two rounds, is only 40 miles from the Jayhawks' campus — and it's the site of a wonderful memory for Kansas fans, who remember the team's win over Oklahoma here in 1988 for the Jayhawks' last national title.

Earlier in the week, though, Self played down the importance of playing so close to home.

"I really don't feel like playing in Kansas City guarantees us anything," he said. "I hope it's worth a couple points. We are approaching it as if we were playing in Buffalo, Seattle or any other site."

This marks Self's sixth straight tournament appearance, having made it with Tulsa in 1999-00 and Illinois in 2001-03. The Illini and Jayhawks met twice in the regional semifinals, with Illinois winning

For the first time in more than three years, Colby Community College will host a track and field meet on Saturday.

The meet is scheduled to start at 11 a.m. at Dennen Field for the field

events and at noon for the running events.

The track/field Trojans will host Garden City Community College, Fort Hays State University and Colorado College.

— but Self said he didn't have a lot to do with it.

"Back then, there were only 17 seats on the bench and I was the low man on the totem pole," Self said Thursday. "So I sat in the first row of the stands back then, and I didn't have that big of an impact on winning or losing those games."

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