

SEWARD COUNTY COLLEGE PHOTO

Jared Cranston, standout baseball player at Seward County Community College, Liberal, readied a pitch in a recent game. The Colby native, in his second year, has signed a letter of intent to play for

## Cranston going to Nebraska

By Scott Lacefield

Seward County College LIBERAL — Seward County Community College sophomore ence with an 8-4 conference mark, pitcher Jared Cranston (Colby native) has signed a national letter of braska for the fall of 2005. The sec-Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) schools began on April 13.

Cranston, a 6-2 left handed pitcher from Colby, has been at the top of the Saints' rotation this season. In nine appearances, Cranston vision I). is 4-0 with a 3.15 earned run average. He has pitched 45.2 innings, has given up 37 hits, 16 earned runs and 20 walks. Cranston has a team high 64 strikeouts and is the only pitcher on the Seward County staff to throw a complete game shutout

He will join a NCAA (D-I) national powerhouse at Nebraska. Currently Nebraska is ranked as high as 7th in the nation in *Colle*giate Baseball Newspaper and is also ranked No. 9 (ESPN/Coaches Poll), No. 11 (Baseball America) and No. 8 (National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association) in

## Eagle golf takes third

Colby took third place in the April 19 McCook golf meet, with Chris Staley finishing with the best individual performance of the day for the Eagles, also a third-place

Team scores showed McCook in 1st with 306; North Platte, 2nd 315; Colby, 3rd 322; Kearney, 4th 329; Ogallala, 5th 347; Holdrege, 6th 361; Minden, 7th 363; Grand Island, 8th 378; Hoxie, 9th 381; McCook White, 10th 382; and Oberlin, 11th 401.

Staley carded a 73 (37/36) for his third-place finish. Chris Finley was 12th with an 80 (38/42) and Derek Elliott was 14th with an 83 (40/43). Sean Mengel turned in an 86 (42/ 44) and R.J. Ladenburger a 93 (44/

Winning medalist was McCook's

Brandon Crick with a 70 (35/35). Next varsity action is at Hoxie on April 26; followed at Atwood on April 30; at TMP at Hays on May 2;

and at home on May 5.

other polls. Nebraska has a 31-7 120 former Cornhuskers drafted or overall record and is currently in who have signed major league consecond place in the Big 12 confertracts since 1950.

sitting one game behind Baylor. The Colby native will call intent with the University of Ne- Hawks Field at Haymarket Park his new home stadium next year, which ond signing period for National was built in the spring of 2002 for \$29.5 million.

Haymarket Park seats 8,500 and the Nebraska teams have done their part in filling those seats, averaging 4,299 per game (6th in NCAA Di-

Since 1999, Nebraska has an overall record of 273-113 (.707 percent) and is 104-60 in the Big 12 Conference. The past six years Nebraska has made five NCAA regional appearances, three super regional appearances and in 2001 and 2002 Nebraska made it to Omaha for the NCAA Division I World

There are currently 19 former Nebraska players playing with major league affiliated teams, including three current big league players, Darin Erstad (Anaheim Angels), Ken Harvey (Kansas City Royals) and Dan Johnson (Oakland A's).

Additionally, there have been

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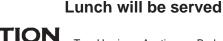
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## Middle School Track/Field Results

The Colby Middle School girls and boys track teams were competing in a meet at Goodland on April 16.. Here are the results of Colby

8th grade girls

Shot Put — 2nd Taylor Young

Long Jump — 1st Jordan Krzycki

 1st Kiri Kendrick 14:50.25

100 — 6th Shelby Klinger 14.67 Discus — 2nd Chanelle Staats 88'11", 3rd Taylor Young 80'0"

Triple Jump — 4th Jordan Krzycki 29'10" 100 Hurdles — 2nd Ariel Coon

1600 — 4th Jessica Leiker 7:01.45, 6th Lexie Garcia 7:19.77 400 — 2nd Jordan Krzycki

4x200 relay — 5th Colby, 2:10.27

- 5th Kiri Kendrick 3:00.68, 6th Taylor Young 3:04.28 4x400 relay — 4th Colby (Jessica Leiker, Chanelle Staats,) 5:04.91

**Team Scores** — 1st Kennedy 95.5, 2nd Burlington 79, 3rd Colby

#### 7th Grade Girls

Shot Put — 6th Keesa Wright

Long Jump—6th Alyssa Barker

**SportsLine** 

100 Hurdles—1st Rachel Lamm

Colby School District

Striders track program forming

Dennen Field. The program is for all kids grades 1 through 8. Jeff Becker, Colby College track/field and

cross country coach, is the organizer. Call him at 462-

3984 ext. 215 or 462-0036 if you have questions.

Check Wednesday's Free Press Sports Page for more

Today — Varsity boys tennis tourney at Goodland,

3 p.m. (CT); 7th/8th track meet at Quinter, 3 p.m.;

varsity baseball with Holcomb at the Colby rec fields,

**Friday** — Varsity track meet at Holcomb, 3 p.m.;

varsity/junior varsity softball at Goodland, 4 p.m.

The Colby Striders track program is forming. The initial meeting will be Monday, April 25, at 6 p.m. at

6:45.19, 6th Barbara Bickner Treat Bugbee 7'6"

400 — 1st April Gee 1:04.67 100 — 1st April Gee 13.48, 3rd

Alli Jo Barton 14.72 4x100 relay — 5th Colby ()

1:01.21 4x200 relay — 4th Colby ( ) 3rd Tyson Miller 1:01.70

4x400 relay — 2nd Colby (Keesa Wright, Alli Jo Barton, Barbara Bickner) 5:18.46

200 — 1st April Gee 28.5

Team Scores — 1. Kennedy 110, 2nd Scott City 72.5, 3rd Colby 67

There were 9 teams at the meet, this is the best placing so for for the girls teams this season.

#### 8th Grade Boys Results

Shot Put — 1st Tyson Miller 40'1 1/4', 5th Treat Bugbee 35'2 1/4" Long Jump — 1st Scott McCoy 18'10"

High Jump — 6th (tie) Eric Blanton 4'8"

3200 — 1st Breck Arnberger 12:19.79, 4th Matt Kaus 12:52.28,

6th Andy Huelsman 15:17.09 100 — 2nd Scott McCoy 12.27 4x100—1st Colby (Cade Carter, Heath Stephens, Adam Schroeder, 2:48.31

Discus — 3rd Stephen Dinkel 110'4", 6th Levi Schlick 102'7"

Triple Jump — 1st Tanner Kriss 33'8 1/2", 3rd Heath Stephens

(Central Time)

Scott City, 10 a.m..

1600 — 4th Rhett Martin 8'6", 4th Alex McEvoy 7'6", 5th

100 Hurdles — 4th Stephen Dinkel 18.17, 6th Cory Sager 19.06 1600 — 2nd Breck Arnberger 5:35.28, 5th Stephen Dinkel

400 — 1st Heath Stephens 58.5,

4x200 relay — 4th Colby ()

200 — 2nd Scott McCoy 25.57, 4th Adam Schroeder 25.95

800 — 6th Eric Blanton 2:27.47 4.400 relay — 4th Colby, 4:27.36 Team Scores — 1. Colby 146.25, 2. Kennedy 62.25, 3. Idalia

#### 7th Grade Boys Results

Long Jump — 4th Brandon Rasmussen 14'1/4"

High Jump -1st Kalen Rasmussen 5'1' 400 — 4th Kalen Rasmussen

1:03.15. 5th Ethan Stickel 1:03.67 Pole Vault — 2nd Ethan Stickel 8'6", 6th Jordan Voss 6'0" 4x100 relay — 2nd Colby 54.41

4x200 relay — 2nd Colby 2:01.62 800 — 2nd Adam Schroeder

4x400 relay — 4th Colby,

4:56.18 4th Kalen Rasmussen

28.97

**Team Scores**—1. Scott CIty 97, 2n Burlington 82.5, 3. Wallace Pole Vault — 1st Tanner Kriss County 80, 4. Colby 64

### **Tuesday** — Varsity boys golf tourney at Hoxie, 3

**Saturday** — Junior varsity boys tennis tourney at

**Monday** — Varsity boys tennis tourney at Ulysses,

p.m.; junior varsity boys tennis singles tourney at Russell, 3 p.m.

Basketball camp announced The Colby Eagles Basketball camp for boys and girls grades 3 to 8, will be held Tuesday, May 31 to Friday,

June 3, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45 and registrations are due by May 13. For more information, please contact Derek Bissitt at 462-8083 or the high school at 460-5300

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