

Former Chiefs coach Stram dead at 82

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Even when he was 80, Hall of Famer Hank Stram said he would jump at the chance to coach again. “I’ve lived a charmed life,” he

said in 2003, the year he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. “I married the only girl I ever loved and did the only job I ever loved.”

The Kansas City Chiefs’ first and winningest coach, the man who took them to two Super Bowls and was known for his inventive game plans and exuberance on the sideline, died Monday, his family said. He was 82.

Stram had been in declining health for several years. Dale Stram attributed his father’s death to complications from diabetes. He died at St. Tammany Parish Hospital, near his home in Covington, across Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans. He had built a home in the area during his brief stint as coach of the Saints from 1975-77 and retired there.

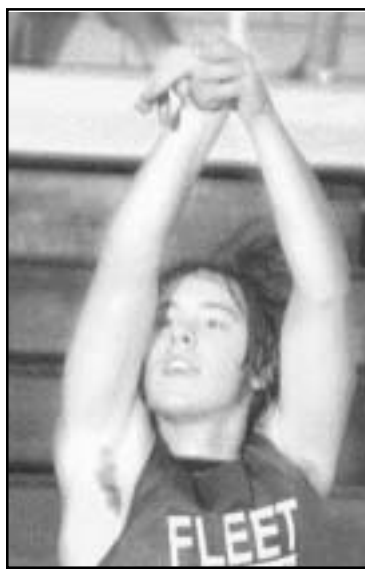
“Pro football has lost one of its most innovative and creative coaches and one of its most innovative and creative personalities as well,” Chiefs owner Lamar Hunt said.

Stram took over the expansion Dallas Texans of the upstart AFL in 1960 and coached them through 1974, moving with them to Kansas City where they were renamed the Chiefs in 1963.

The gregarious, stocky, blazer-wearing Stram carried a rolled up game plan in his hand as he paced the sideline. He led the Chiefs to AFL titles in 1962, ’66 and ’69 and to appearances in the first Super Bowl, a 35-10 loss to Green Bay, and the fourth, a 23-7 victory over Minnesota in 1970.

He had a 124-76-10 record with the Chiefs and in 17 seasons as a head coach was 131-97-10 in the regular season and 5-3 in the postseason.

He was the first coach to wear a microphone during a Super Bowl and Stram’s sideline antics, captured by NFL Films, helped bring the league into the video age.



COURTESY PHOTO
Trey Barnett or Colby buried a 3-pointer at the recent Goodland Mid America Youth Basketball tourney.

Stover boys coach team to top spot

Six Colby High School boys, coached by Landon and Shane Stover, managed to go undefeated at Goodland’s Mid America Youth Basketball Tournament on June 18-19.

The team members are Trevor Siebert, Ethan Stover, Trey Barnett, Anthony Rohr, Nick Howard and R.J. Ladenburger.

They will be playing again when Colby hosts it MAYB tourney on July 8-10.

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K-18 ‘Two’ wins two

Colby 2 picked up a couple more wins last week, one on the road and one at home. On Monday, Colby traveled to Oberlin and had a good hitting and a good pitching performance. Preston Kryzcki pitched a four inning no-hitter, as his team took care of business with the bats defeating Oberlin 16-1. Kryzcki allowed 4 walks and struck out 6 enroute to his no-hitter. He also led the way at the plate by scoring 4 runs on two hits and two walks.

Brandon Gordon crossed the plate 3 times on two hits. Chaz Winger and Kirt Dugger both scored twice. Scoring once each were Brandon Rasmussen, Garrett Rogers, Jordan Voss, Jacob Hutfles and Dagan Wright. Also playing but not scoring were Spencer Holm and Trenton Jones.

The Colby bats were not as potent in the 2nd game as Oberlin came out on top 9-4. Garrett Rogers took the loss on the mound going two innings and allowing 6 runs. Kirt Dugger came on and pitched the final two innings, allowing 3 Oberlin runs.

Colby only managed 5 hits in the nightcap with Dugger leading the way scoring twice on a double and a triple. Spencer Holm and Brandon Rasmussen both scored as well.

Thursday night saw Colby 2 at home taking on Quinter. The bats were alive again for Colby, scoring 7 runs in the first inning. Brandon Rasmussen went the distance on the mound and picking up the win with a final score of 20-8 in five innings.

Colby sent 12 batters to the plate in the first inning, getting some timely hits mixed in with some walks. The second inning saw Quinter come back with 5 runs and Colby answered with just one in the bottom. But the 3rd inning was the

most damaging to Quinter. Colby sent 16 batters to the plate and scored 12 runs to break the game open.

Leading the charge were Dugger, Rogers and Winger each scoring 3 times. Hutfles, Voss, Jones, Gordon and Rasmussen all scored twice, and Krzycki added one run.

Game two was a closer final score with Colby coming out on top again 6-5. Dugger pitched all three innings allowing no walks and striking out 3 Quinter batters.

Holm, batting leadoff, scored twice. Winger, Rasmussen, Krzycki and Voss each scored as well.

Colby 2 is now 5-2 on the year.

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More MAYB dates given

Registration deadline is **July 8** for games July 29-31 at Wichita, Parsons, Manhattan, Hays and Gardner. **July 15** is the registration deadline for the Youth Basketball National Tournament at Wichita State (boys) and Oklahoma State (girls) on Aug. 4-7. Call 316-284-0354 or e-mail mayb@mayb.com for additional information on any of the above games.

Youth Trap Club shoot dates announced

The Colby Trap Club and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks’ “Pass It On” program will have free shoots this summer for youth (under 18), women and inexperienced shooters. The shoots will be July 17 and Aug. 21. All shoots will be at the Colby Trap Club 5 miles west of Colby and all shoots will start at 3 p.m. Youth and women 20 ga. shotguns and shells and 12 ga. shells and all the targets will be provided. For more information contact Benny Young at 785-462-7602, KDWPO office at 462-3367 or any Trap Club board member

Eagle weight room open

The Colby High weight room continues to be open to any Colby School District student-athlete every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, through Thursday, Aug. 11. Sessions will run from 6-7:15 a.m., 7:15-8:30 a.m., 8:30-9:45 a.m., and 8-9:15 p.m. It is important that athletes arrive a few minutes before the session they plan to attend. If athletes are late for a session, they will go with the next session, he said. If you have any questions concerning the summer workout program, please call the high school office at 460-5300.

Colby K18 baseball schedules

Colby 1 Thursday, July 7 Goodland • Monday, July 11 @Quinter • Thursday, July 14 Oberlin • Monday, July 18 @Atwood **Colby 2** • Thursday July 7 @Oakley • Monday July 11 Atwood • Thursday July 14 @Goodland • Monday July 18 @Quinter • Wednesday July 20 Oberlin.

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