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The Colby Swim Club competes in a two-day meet at Steever Water Park in Goodland. Action started today and will continue 8 a.m. (MDT) Saturday.

## Royals pitcher blossoms in bullpen

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Perhaps Zack Greinke's moody, restless talents have finally found their niche.

Since moving to the bullpen about eight weeks ago as an utterly failed starter, the young right-hander who once admitted he hated baseball and left the team for emer-

gency emotional counseling has

Working two innings to help preserve a victory over Philadelphia, he struck out five of six batters. His ERA in his last nine appearances covering 19 innings for a revitalized Kansas City relief corps is a minuscule 0.95. He's always wielded a

middle reliever, his fastball is regularly hitting 97 or 98 mph with great movement, while his breaking pitches bite sharply at the corners.

Typical were 1-2-3 hitless innings in a tense 3-2 victory Friday night that snapped Seattle's eight-game win streak.

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## Sweet Thunder wins in Burlington, Colo.

The Colby Sweet Thunder 16 and under team brought home another first place trophy last weekend from Rocky's Thunder on the Plains Fast Pitch Tourney in Burlington, Colo.

The tournament was actually a 12 and 18 and under tournament, so Thunder played teams ranging from 14 to 18.

Saturday's play saw shut out games against Stratton Eagles (9-0), Southern Plains 14-U (6-0), and the Wray Eagles (11-0). Sunday morning's win of Game #4 in pool play against LaJunta Storm (3-0) gave Thunder home seating in bracket play against Burlington Scream.

Scream fought hard to win, but Thunder tied the game at 3 in the bottom of the fifth on passed balls, then answered Scream's single run in the sixth with a run by Caitlyn Wark. She was sent home by Tara Powell's hit, then Powell made the winning run when Scream intentionally walked Logan Wark and she stole home on passed balls.

The game was called 5-4, Colby. The championship game was against Lamar's 18U team. Thunder got eight batters through the lineup with four hits, an RBI and three runs in the first inning.

Eleven Thunder batters went through in the third, giving seven more runs, plus one in the second, for a score of 12-2.

Lamar battled back with hits and runs, coming up to a final seventh inning score of 14-11, Colby.

**Game #1,** Pitcher Logan Wark took the win against Stratton Eagles. Hits and runs were made by: Kendrick, 1 walk and run; L. Wark, 2 hits, 2 runs; Gonzales, 1 walk, 2 hits, 3 runs; Jones, 1 walk, 1 RBI sac, 1 hit, 1 run; Krzycki, 2 walks, 1 hit and RBI, 2 runs; C. Wark, 2

hits, 3 RBI; Pettibone, 1 walk, 1 hit and RBI; Frahm, 1 walk.

**Game #2,** Pitcher Danielle Pettibone took the win against Southern Plains. Hits and runs were made by: Kendrick, 1 walk, 1 hit, 1 run; Wark, 2 hits, 2 runs; Gonzales, 1 walk, 1 stolen run; Jones, 2 hits, 2 RBI; Krzycki, 2 walks, 1 hit, 1 run; Wright, 1 walk, 1 hit, 1 run; Frahm, 1 walk, 1 RBI sacrifice.

**Game #3,** Pitcher Wark took the win against the Wray Eagles. Hits and runs were made by: Kendrick, 1 walk, 2 hits, 1 RBI, 1 run; Wark, 1 double, 1 run; Gonzales, 2 walks, 1 run; Jones, 2 hits, 2 RBI, 2 runs; Krzycki, 2 walks, 1 hit and RBI, 1 run; C. Wark, 1 walk, 1 run; Pettibone, 1 walk, 1 hit, 1 RBI sac, 2 runs; Frahm, 1 HP, 1 RBI sac, 1 run; Wright, 1 hit.

**Game #4,** Pitcher Pettibone took the win against LaJunta Storm. Hits and runs were made by: Kendrick, 2 walks, 1 run; Wark, 2 hits, 1 double, 1 run; Gonzales, 1 walk, 1 hit; Pettibone, 1 hit; Wright, 1 walk, 1 hit; C. Wark, 1 HP, 1 hit, 1 stolen run; Frahm, 1 walk.

**Game #5,** Pitcher Wark took the win against Burlington Scream. Hits and runs were made by: Kendrick, 2 hits, 1 run; Wark, 1 triple, 2 singles, 1 run; Pettibone, 1 hit; Wright, 1 walk; C. Wark, 1 walk, 1 run; Powell, 1 hit, 1 RBI, 2 stolen runs.

**Game #6,** Pitcher Pettibone took the win with Wark relieving in the seventh. Hits and runs were made by: Kendrick, 1 walk, 1 hit and RBI, 3 runs; Wark, 2 hits, 3 runs; Pettibone, 2 hits, 2 runs; Krzycki, 2 singles, 1 triple, 5 RBIs, 3 runs; Gonzales, 3 singles, 1 double, 2 RBI, 1 run; Wright, 1 walk, 1 hit, 1 run; C. Wark, 1 hit and RBI, 1 run; Powell, 1 hit and RBI.

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## SportsBriefs

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Rafael Nadal beat Mikhail Youzhny in five sets to reach the Wimbledon quarterfinals.

Nadal, the 2006 runner-up, picked up early service breaks in each of the final three sets to win 4-6, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, 7-5.

Venus Williams had a much easier time, playing outstanding tennis to reach the semifinals by beating No. 5 Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-3, 6-4. Williams will next face French Open finalist Ana Ivanovic, who defeated No. 14 Nicole Pietrangeli 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Play was suspended for the day with four-time defending champion Roger Federer and No. 20 Juan Carlos Ferrero still in the first set of their quarterfinal. Federer was serving at deuce at 5-5.

No. 3 Andy Roddick and No. 12 Richard Gasquet took the court to warm up but never started.

GILBERT, Ariz. (AP) — Former Chicago Bears tackle Tank Johnson will not face charges connected to his arrest in this Phoenix suburb on suspicion of drunken driving.

Police said the case would be closed with no request for prosecution. Gilbert police spokesman Sgt. Andrew Duncan declined to elaborate.

Johnson was arrested June 22 af-

ter an officer pulled him over for speeding and taken to the police station. He was released without charges.

Test results Monday showed Johnson's blood alcohol level was .072, under the presumptive limit for DUI in Arizona of .08 percent. That still left open the possibility of a drunken driving charge under an Arizona law that provides for such prosecutions based on overall signs and symptoms of intoxication.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The attorney who leaked grand jury testimony of Barry Bonds and other elite athletes investigated for steroid use agreed to a maximum sentence of two years and 9 months in prison, nine months longer than his original plea bargain.

In papers filed in San Francisco federal court, prosecutors said Troy Ellerman is willing to accept that sentence after a judge last month rejected the original 24-month maximum sentence as too lenient.

Federal prosecutors did agree to reduce his maximum fine to \$60,000 from \$250,000.

District Court Judge Jeffrey White, who rejected the earlier deal, still must approve the new agreement when Ellerman returns to court July 12.

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