Bashed, but not broken



A driver maneuvered his smashed up vehicle in the mud dur- Fairgrounds Arena. Fans were treated to colliding cars and ing the demolition derby on Wednesday at the Thomas County bumper to bumper action throughout the night.

Local to try out for baseball squad

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try out for the Colby Community College baseball team as a walkon next spring.

Colby High School. This summer during his high school season af-

quarterback Carson Coffman.

It means matching the number

of victories his father, tight end

Paul Coffman, had in three years

with the Wildcats in the 1970s.

Coffman. "In one year, yes."

team in home runs with six. He motorcycle accident. also had 40 runs batted in, 25 singles, nine double and two triples

to make sure he is in good shape He batted 358 and drove in come tryout time. He had to work 26 runs during his senior year at extra hard to get back into shape

Wildcats will try to recapture magic

the father of Kansas State football

has returned from a three-year

coaching hiatus to replace his re-

total," said Coffman, also the years after 11 straight seasons that years, Coffman watched while younger brother of former stand- were at least that good, and usu- Josh Freeman played his way into

The Wildcats have reached six

Now Kansas State will try to draft.

placement, Ron Prince.

he led the Colby American Legion ter breaking his neck last fall in a

said Blanton has a lot of potential that hasn't been unlocked yet.

right state of mind he has a good chance at making the team," he said. "He's a good athlete, he has power and I'm glad he is trying

Williams also said that Blanton had worked really hard on his game this summer.

Blanton said the Trojan's baseball coaches had told him to walkon this spring.

His former teammates Stephen Dinkel and Cade Carter have both agreed to play for the Trojans next season and Brent Arnberger will also be trying out as a walk-on.



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Eric Blanton recently decided to this summer. Blanton said the he would continue to work on his conditioning

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The statement 30 years ago. Bill Sny-

six-win mark means more than der has changed the expectations

bowl eligibility for Kansas State in Manhattan, Kan., which is why

"We'll definitely surpass that wins just once in the past five

out Missouri tight end Chase ally much better.

would have qualified as a bold izing the coach.

Assistant coach Rick Williams

"If he goes about it with the

"I never thought I'd have this

"When he was named head coach,

it was pretty intimidating because

of what he's done and his creden-

tials. I'm really excited to learn

Since quarterback wasn't the

problem during Prince's three

the first round of this year's NFL

Coffman said.

opportunity,"

from him."

Triathlon champ defends his title

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Ryan Baalman defended his 2008 championship by winning the second annual Iron Athlete Triathlon with a time of 2:38.24.

The triathlon, put on by the Colby Recreation Department, is a three-event competition that begins with an 800 meter swim at the city pool, followed by a 26 mile bike ride for men and a 24 mile ride for women and ending with a 4.7 mile run. It began as a race for Thomas County graduates only, but it has transformed into a regional event.

Donald Boucher of Osborne finished second in the race with 2:43.42 and Tom Pardee placed third with 2:43.42.

Triathlon competitors Breck Arnberger and Tyson Miller both received scholarship money for competing in the race. The money is donated by the Colby Police Department and given to recent Thomas County graduates, said recreation director Stacy Lee. The department donated \$2,000 of next race will be the Rec. Run 5K scholarship money this year. This at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 13th. is the same amount they donated at last year's event.

Arnberger received \$1,000 and Miller got \$700. The amount of money they received was determined by who finished the race

The reason only \$1,700 of the \$2,000 was given away was because only two senior graduates participated in this year's race, said Lee. If three graduates had competed in the race, the person who finished last out of the three would receive the remaining \$300 in scholarship money.

The other participants in this year's race were Jayci Stone of Goodland, Noah Pardee, Nancy Arendt, Dustin Reed, Dawn Stephens, Reed Stephens and Rocky

All the participants finished the race and were given t-shirts for their efforts.

"The race went so well this year," said Lee. "We had perfect weather, a very competitive group of athletes, and a great group of volunteers. This isn't an easy race. You have to train hard and have a great attitude to not quit."

The recreation department's

Royals lose to Orioles

BALTIMORE (AP) — The it, which is exactly what occurred ity in the big leagues.

Far more commonplace is Royand not having a win to show for on May 17, 2003.

Kansas City Royals played an en- for the fifth time this month in tire game without an assist, a rar- Baltimore's 7-3 victory Wednesday night. The last team to go a game

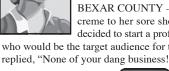
als ace Zach Greinke pitching well without an assist was Tampa Bay



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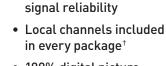
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