

# Softball team plans Duck Soup tourney

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The fifth annual Duck Soup Tournament, with the Colby Community College softball team as the host, will be on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 25 and 26, at the Colby ball fields.

Games will start at 6 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday; the tourney is in double-elimination format. Special rules make the games different from normal softball. The entry fee is \$100 per team.

American Softball Association rules apply in the games, with a few exceptions.

In the first inning, the teams will play with a kickball, where a hit from the shoulders down is an out.

In the second inning, all batters will hit opposite handed and in the third, bases will be run in reverse order.

The teams will play with a 16-inch softball, which is provided,

in the fourth inning and no gloves can be used on the field.

In the fifth, players will choose the positions they want to play except for the pitcher and catcher, and in the sixth, all batters will be thrown one pitch. No foul balls will be allowed, but each team will get four outs.

Games will be six innings, and 10 players (five men and five women) will make up a team or a forfeit will be called. Teams may use 12 players, six men and six women.

The visiting team will be spotted half a run so there are no extra-inning games. The home team will be decided by answering a trivia question about the college softball program.

Each time the last batter in the lineup crosses home plate, that batter scores three runs, as long as he or she is wearing a chest protector, which will be provided.

The last person out, except the pitcher, in each inning catches the next inning, and the pitcher's re-

placement as catcher will be the person making the last out for the previous inning.

Each team is allowed one home-run hitter. All other home runs are an out. Each team is allowed one offensive or one defensive "do over" per game. Additional "do overs" can be purchased for \$20 each.

Balls – ASA 12-inch .44 core optic yellow balls – will be provided. An ASA banned-bat list will be used; no illegal bats are allowed.

Batters will start with a 1-1 count, with one courtesy foul, except in the first and sixth innings.

Games will have a 60-minute time limit; no new inning starts after 60 minutes. The run rule is 9 1/2 after five innings.

All proceeds will go to the college softball team. The deadline to register is Wednesday, Aug. 22.

For information, call Coach Ryan Sturdy at (785) 460-5548 or (785) 460-5507.



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A Duck Soup Tournament participant kicked a kick ball last year during the softball competition at the Colby ball fields. The teams will play kick ball again at the tournament this year in the first inning of each game.

# U.S. Olympic runner goes for another gold

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LONDON – Even when he slows to a jog, Usain Bolt is as fast as he needs to be.

His sidekick, Yohan Blake, is looking like the closest thing there is to a true challenger.

Is there anyone in the Olympic 200-meter final Thursday night who can outspint both of the Jamaicans to win the gold?

"Yeah, man. That's why we are racing," said Wallace Spearmon of the United States. "If they weren't beatable, they would just hand them medals, and we'd race for third."

Actually, it's not outlandish to suggest the bronze is the only medal that's seemingly not destined for Bolt or Blake in the 200.

"There's a lot of people there who have come to spoil the party," Bolt said, "so we'll see."

He's trying to become the first man with two Olympic titles in the 200, part of his oft-stated goal of becoming a "living legend" in London.

As it is, Bolt already successfully defended his 100 title from the Beijing Olympics by winning that final Sunday in 9.63 seconds – the second-fastest time in history – to join Carl Lewis of the U.S. as the only men with consecutive golds in the dash.

Four years ago, he went 3 for 3, winning the 100, 200 and 4x100 relay, all in world-record time. He went on to break his marks in the two individual races at the 2009 world championships – records that still stand, 9.58 in the 100 and 19.19 in the 200.

Asked about the chances of a world record Thursday, Bolt replied: "There's a possibility, definitely. I can't say (for sure), but the track is fast. It's going to be a good race."

The other medals at stake Thursday are in the decathlon, with world record-holder Ashton Eaton of the U.S. taking a 220-point lead over teammate Trey Hardee into the last five events; the men's triple jump, where Americans Christian Taylor and Will Claye are among

the favorites; the men's 800 meters; and the women's javelin.

In addition to Bolt, Blake and Spearmon, the 200 field includes Christophe Lemaitre of France, Churandy Martina of the Netherlands, Warren Weir of Jamaica, Alex Quinonez of Ecuador, Anaso Jobodwana of South Africa.

At the Beijing Games, Martina and Spearmon finished second and third to Bolt in the 200 but didn't head home with medals because they were disqualified for running out of their lanes.

Blake nearly made a big blunder in Wednesday's semifinals, easing up so much that he nearly let the hard-charging Spearmon and Lemaitre catch him at the finish line. But Blake – given the nickname "The Beast" by his pal Bolt because of the intensity of his practices – got across first in 20.01 seconds, 0.01 ahead of Spearmon and 0.02 ahead of Lemaitre.

"You know the nature of 'The Beast,'" Blake said. "I find myself out in front, and I just cruised from there."

He didn't cruise nearly as much as Bolt did in an earlier semifinal until looking to his left and seeing his lead shrinking. That's when Bolt turned the speed back up a notch for a few strides, enough to ensure he would win his heat in 20.18. Jobodwana, the man two lanes over who was gaining on Bolt, finished in 20.27.

He's been really toning down his warp-speed ability in the 200 so far, including a real comfortable trot in the opening round.

"If I just ran 9.6, I'd probably be jogging, too," Spearmon said. "He's fast, man. He's fast."

Allyson Felix always has been fast. She just hadn't been fast enough to win an individual Olympic race until Wednesday night, when she finally got the gold she'd long sought.

The runner-up in the 200 meters at the 2004 and 2008 Games, Felix overtook two-time 100 champion Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce down the stretch to finish in 21.88 seconds.

"It's crazy," Felix said. "I remember just (being) in tears in Beijing. Gosh, just completely opposite tonight. For all of it to come together is just extremely special and I'm overjoyed."

Carmelita Jeter of the U.S. won the bronze, and Veronica Campbell-Brown of Jamaica – the woman who beat Felix in the finals at Athens and Beijing – was fourth.

"She's been trying very hard for this moment," said Jeter, who became the first U.S. woman to medal in both sprints since Florence Griffith-Joyner in 1988. "When I gave her a hug, that's exactly what I told her: 'You've waited for this moment.'"

It was part of a seven-medal showing for the United States on Wednesday. Aries Merritt and Jason Richardson finished 1-2 in the 110-meter hurdles; Brittney Reese took the gold and Janay DeLoach added a bronze in the long jump; and Lashinda Demus was the silver medalist in the 400-meter hurdles.

The U.S. heads into the last four days of the Olympics with 20 medals in track and field, 10 short of its "Project 30" goal for the London Games.

# Vintage base ball game scheduled in Abilene

The fourth annual vintage base ball game will be played on the grounds of the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum in Abilene, starting at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The Abilene Iron Cutters will once again face the Wichita Bull Stockings of the Cowtown Vintage Base Ball Club, donning uniforms from the 1860s. Everyone is invited to bring lawn chairs and sunscreen to watch the free event.

The game is played under rules from the Victorian era, which are quite different from today's. For instance, outfielders can catch the ball on one bounce for an out and base stealing and sliding are

prohibited. Crowd participation is encouraged and often affects rulings on the field.

Visitors can expect to see the "Eisenhower boys" as part of the Living History Garden project, playing games and operating a lemonade stand.

"This is a fun event, recreating the game from a bygone era," said Tim Rives, deputy director of the museum. "We encourage individuals and families to take advantage of this great Americana experience."

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