

# Colby reaches state final, but falls to Victoria

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A 25-6 finale should never erase what Colby K-18 accomplished during its 29-win journey to the state championship game. "I'm so proud of this team," coach Brian Quagliano said. "We almost accomplished both of our goals (reach state final, win it). We gave ourselves a chance to get both of them."

Yet the final defeat at Lucas to now two-time state champion Victoria also delivered a painful lesson for every competitive team: Don't let two good friends desert you right before the state final. "We didn't get pitching and defense," coach said about two season-long allies.

Colby (29-11 final record) only allowed three runs total during its first two state tournament games. On Wednesday night, at least three miscues helped Victoria tally four first-inning scores. The 15-and-under boys quickly showed their character by closing within 4-3. Brady Holzmeister, Rex Branum and Casey Quagliano all got on base to start Colby's opening frame.



CARRIE TOWNS  
Colby players and coaches gathered to celebrate reaching Wednesday's K-18 state championship game at Lucas. It was the seventh state finals appearance for this program, according to available records dating back more than 60 years.

After a double play scored one run, Ben Matchell smashed an RBI-double and Hudson Stramel lofted another run-scoring hit into left field. However, Colby left two runners on base which led to another important fact:

Believe that 6-6-6 is never a good numerical sequence, unless it's on your side of the scoreboard. Dangerous Victoria didn't score six in three consecutive innings, just six during every other at-bat (second, fourth and sixth innings). The barrage left Colby facing

deficits of 10-3, 18-3 and that final 25-6 margin. All leading to one final important fact: Don't rely on committees too much. Any adult who studies government learns this lesson quickly. Unfortunately, Colby really



CARRIE TOWNS  
Colby's Brooks Curry slid into third base Wednesday afternoon during the K-18 state baseball tournament. Curry was one of a few Colby players who reached base multiple times during the semifinal and title games.

had no other options than a "pitching by committee" final gameplan since top starter Casey Quagliano threw seven innings of Wednesday's semifinal win. The semifinal and final were both played on Wednesday due to two rain-outs earlier this week. Matchell, Branum, Austin Hart and Quagliano all tried their best on the mound. Yet other than Hart's five strikeouts, no Colby pitcher was really able to get a good "rhythm" going. "Austin's good for a couple of innings, but that's about it," coach Quagliano said as Hart had al-

ready played catcher for nearly 10 frames before pitching. "We just didn't play very well in this one (overall). But that's okay. These guys played their hearts out to get this far." Colby also never stopped battling despite the huge deficits. Brooks Curry reached base three times and scored the team's fourth run. A Matchell "hustle double" created more hope. Shevin Martin drew a bases-loaded walk to earn his state finals RBI while making it 18-5. Branum later scored thanks to Quagliano's RBI-sacrifice fly.



CARRIE TOWNS  
Colby K-18's Ben Matchell brought home one of the key early runs during a 5-2 state semifinal victory over Republic County Wednesday afternoon in Lucas.

## Delays don't halt K-18 title run

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Something rarely seen at any baseball level arrived in full force during Colby's K-18 state semifinal Wednesday afternoon. Six Colby pitches and six Republic County outs. "I'll tell you what, it was a pretty exciting feat," coach Brian Quagliano said as his team protected its 5-2 victory over Republic County. "It was pretty amazing and (pitcher) Casey (Quagliano) knew that. Throw strikes and let everything take care of itself."

Colby defense definitely took care of business during these two innings. The first 1-2-3 featured center fielder Ben Matchell running down a deep fly ball, then shortstop Brady Holzmeister smoothly handled two grounders.

The second super-fast retiring of Republic didn't see one ball escape Colby's infield. Third baseman Shevin Martin did dou-

## Colby controls state semifinal

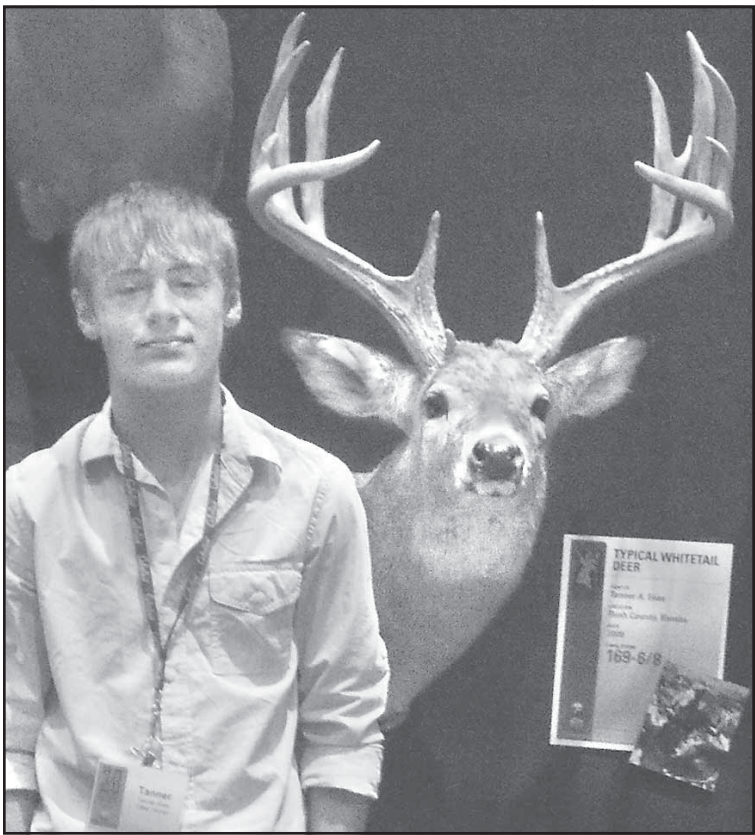
ble duty this time, fielding two grounders and delivering good throws to first baseman Hudson Stramel. Holzmeister also made one more clean play and Colby was well on its way to a seventh state title game in program history. Colby didn't show any bad effects from a three-day weather delay. This contest was postponed both Sunday and Tuesday due to wet field conditions. "No, it didn't bother us. The guys came out ready to play," coach Quagliano said. "Our first four or five guys hit the ball really well."

Indeed, Colby built a 4-1 lead before the first inning was completed. Rex Branum scored the go-ahead run thanks to Casey Quagliano's single, and Republic County really never recovered. Austin Hart and Matchell also

both rumbled around the bases after reaching safely. Matchell didn't hesitate even though a Republic throw intended for the first baseman bounced off his head. "That's why you wear a helmet," coach Quagliano said. Colby only added one more run in the fourth when Shevin Martin stole both second and third base. With two outs, Holzmeister became clutch like Derek Jeter and drove an RBI-double over the left fielder's head. The 5-2 lead was enough especially since catcher Hart picked two Republic runners off bases. "Austin's not afraid to throw the ball," coach Quagliano observed. "Our pitching and defense were great, though our hitting struggled a bit late. We'll need more than five runs against Victoria (in the final)." Colby advanced into the title game Wednesday evening.

# Colby hunter wins honor from national organization

Colby's Tanner Elias recently earned honors from the Boone and Crockett Club, the nation's most prestigious conservation and big game hunting organization. Elias was recognized for his typical whitetail deer at a youth hunters special dinner during the Boone and Crockett Club's 28th Big Game Awards in Reno, Nev., on July 19. Every three years, the finest North American big game trophies taken and accepted into Boone and Crockett Club's big game records-keeping program are assembled for public display. The Boone and Crockett system of scoring big game trophies began in 1906 as a means of recording details on species thought to be disappearing because of rampant habitat loss and unregulated hunting. In addition to its prestigious history and tradition, the scoring system is strongly associated with the highest tenets of fair chase and hunting ethics. Elias' trophy scored 169-6/8 Boone and Crockett points. As a youth below the age of 16, the club gave special recognition to Elias along with 19 other young sportsmen from 160 that harvest-



TINA ELIAS  
Colby native Tanner Elias earned national recognition for his whitetail deer trophy this summer.

ed a Boone and Crockett qualifying trophy from 2010 through 2012.

Elias will see his trophy listed in the Club's 28th Big Game Awards book available this fall.

# K-State not starting in Top 25

KANSAS CITY (AP) — The preseason USA Today Coaches Poll is out, and the Kansas State football team is not among the Top 25. But the Wildcats came awfully close to starting the season with a national ranking. They barely missed out, receiving more votes than any team not included in the poll. With 113 points from the 62 head college

football coaches who vote in the poll, the Wildcats are unofficially No. 26. Clearly, some are high on their potential coming off an 11-win season. Alabama topped the USA Today poll. It was followed by Ohio State, Oregon, Stanford and Georgia. Four Big 12 teams cracked the Top 25. Oklahoma State leads the way at No. 14, Texas came in at

No. 15, Oklahoma was No. 16 and TCU was No. 20. Baylor and Kansas State received votes.

## Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
ROBERTA L. WITHERS, DECEASED

Case No. 2013-PR-21

## NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS  
CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Robert D. Withers, father and one of the heirs of Roberta L. Withers, deceased, praying: Descend be determined of the following described real estate situated in Thomas County, Kansas:

South 128.5 feet of Lot Six (6), Block Forty-eight (48) South View Addition to the City of Colby, Thomas County, Kansas,

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before August 13, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. in the City of Colby in Thomas County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition. Robert D. Withers, Petitioner

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# Get running shoes ready for Colby 5K

Celebrate going back to school by signing up for the Colby Recreation Department Rec Run 5K at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 14. Cost is \$25 per runner and all participants who sign up by Friday will receive a shirt. Get rewarded for working so hard in Boot Camp, Yoga, Cross Fit, by going to the gym or taking

those evening walks. This is a predicted time run so no need to finish first, just closest to your guessed time. Make it a family affair and bring your loved ones. Or grab a running buddy and make it a Friends Night to make it the Colby Recreation Department's biggest run yet.

# Royals stay on win streak

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — This was the kind of game that typifies a long winning streak. Lots of good breaks, lots of big plays, lots of heroes. The Royals won their eighth in a row and boosted their record to 10-2 since the All-Star break by defeating the Minnesota Twins, 4-3, to disappoint the majority of

the 32,789 fans on Wednesday night at Target Field. The eight-game streak is Kansas City's longest since 2003, when that team opened the season with nine straight wins. That also was the last year the Royals were over .500 this late in the season; they're now 53-51 going into this afternoon's game.

| NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING   |                        |                  |                            |                  |                      |                               |                |
|--|------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| The governing body of<br><b>North Randall Township</b><br><b>Thomas County</b>   |                        |                  |                            |                  |                      |                               |                |
| will meet on August 15, 2013 at 8:00 P.M. at Lonnie Wilson residence for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Lonnie Wilson residence and will be available at this hearing. |                        |                  |                            |                  |                      |                               |                |
| <b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>  |                        |                  |                            |                  |                      |                               |                |
| Proposed Budget 2014 Expenditures and Amount of 2013 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2014 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.  |                        |                  |                            |                  |                      |                               |                |
| Fund   | Prior Year Actual 2012 | Actual Tax Rate* | Current Year Estimate 2013 | Actual Tax Rate* | Proposed Budget 2014 | Amount of 2013 Ad Valorem Tax | Est. Tax Rate* |
| General  | 92,202                 | 17.707           | 78,800                     | 19.291           | 82,800               | 77,407                        | 18.854         |
| Debt Service   |                        |                  |                            |                  |                      |                               |                |
| Library  |                        |                  |                            |                  |                      |                               |                |
| Road   |                        |                  |                            |                  |                      |                               |                |
| Special Machinery  |                        |                  |                            |                  |                      |                               |                |
| Totals   | 92,202                 | 17.707           | 78,800                     | 19.291           | 82,800               | 77,407                        | 18.854         |
| Less: Transfers  | 0                      |                  | 0                          |                  | 0                    |                               |                |
| Net Expenditure  | 92,202                 |                  | 78,800                     |                  | 82,800               |                               |                |
| Total Tax Levied   | 71,659                 |                  | 76,061                     |                  | xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx     |                               |                |
| Assessed Valuation:  |                        |                  |                            |                  |                      |                               |                |
| Township   | 4,047,028              |                  | 3,942,840                  |                  | 4,105,658            |                               |                |
| Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1  | 2011                   |                  | 2012                       |                  | 2013                 |                               |                |
| G.O. Bonds   | 0                      |                  | 0                          |                  | 0                    |                               |                |
| Other  | 0                      |                  | 0                          |                  | 0                    |                               |                |
| Lease Purchase Principal   | 0                      |                  | 193,844                    |                  | 172,355              |                               |                |
| Total  | 0                      |                  | 193,844                    |                  | 172,355              |                               |                |
| *Tax rates are expressed in mills.   |                        |                  |                            |                  |                      |                               |                |
| North Randall Township   |                        |                  |                            |                  |                      |                               |                |
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