

Sacrifice



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Colby Community College Trojan Justin Lane bunted to advance a runner in a 6-4 win over Butler County in the first game of a double-header played Saturday at Trojan Field. Colby lost game two, 6-5 in extra innings and will host Trinidad State at the field on Wednesday. The first game starts at 1 p.m.

Royals get ‘scary’ save

TORONTO (AP) — Roberto Hernandez saved the Kansas City Royals — barely.

Hernandez, who gave up four runs in the ninth inning of Saturday’s loss to Toronto, pitched out of a bases-loaded jam in the ninth inning to preserve the Royals’ 4-2 win over the Blue Jays on Sunday.

“I did my job a little scary, but I still got it done,” Hernandez said. “I wanted to pitch right away so could I redeem myself.”

Toronto loaded the bases with two outs in the ninth, but Hernandez got Alex Gonzalez on a groundout to end it. The Royals have blown 58 saves since the start of the 1999 season.



“I was trying to pinch myself, thinking we’re in another nightmare. The same one we saw yesterday, but thankfully he got out of it,” first baseman Mike Sweeney said.

Sweeney homered in his third consecutive game as the Royals ended their five-game losing streak.

“I’m still hitting a buck something, and anytime you’re hitting a buck something, you can get better,” said Sweeney, who is hitting .167.

Blake Stein (1-2) won despite walking six in six innings. He allowed two runs and two hits in six innings as the Royals won for the first time in six road games this season.

Cardinals right-fielder shooting for consistency

ST. LOUIS (AP) — J.D. Drew got his first big hit of what the St. Louis Cardinals hope will be a breakout year.

Drew’s tiebreaking home run in the sixth was the difference in a 6-5 victory over the Houston Astros as the Cardinals ended a three-game losing streak on Sunday.

He has four homers, but was batting just .200 before connecting off Jay Powell (0-1).

“It’s a long time coming, I guess,” Drew said.

“It was a little bit of a rocky start, but I feel like I’m having some good at-bats

and seeing the ball pretty well. I got ahold of a good one today.”

Manager Tony La Russa said he’s seen positive signs lately from Drew, who platooned in right field last year but has played pretty much every day this season.

Four of his seven hits have been homers, but he’s connected in three of his last four starts.

“When I see a couple of line-drive singles to left, I’ll feel even better,” La Russa said.

“But he’s getting to be more of himself. He’s getting dangerous again.”



Area Briefs

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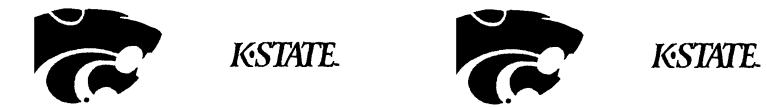
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Varsity track at the Scott City relays at 10:30 a.m.
Varsity golf at McCook at 9:30 a.m. and Scott City at 3 p.m.

Varsity and junior varsity softball at Garden City at 4 p.m.
Junior varsity tennis hosts the Colby Invitational Meet at Fike Park and the college courts at 3 p.m.
Junior varsity golf at Goodland at 3 p.m.
9/10th grade track at WaKeeney at 4 p.m.

Brewster, Triplains Oakley, Grinnell, Cheylin and Wheatland High School track at the Scott City relays at 10:30 a.m.
Oakley High School varsity golf at Scott City at 3 p.m.
Junior varsity golf at Goodland at 3 p.m.

Quinter High School junior varsity track at WaKeeney at 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18
Colby Community College baseball hosts Trinidad State at Trojan Field at 1 p.m.
Softball at Garden City at 3 p.m.

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