

# Snow doesn't hinder Colby Trojan baseball

Snow in April can drive a baseball coach crazy, but I still cannot say that I am unhappy about the moisture we are receiving. This past week Trojan Baseball only played one doubleheader, a sweep against Garden City down at their place.

In game one we made a great comeback and eventually pulled out the victory in the seventh. Garden City hurried out to a 5-1 lead after a disastrous bottom of the second that saw the Bronco Busters get all the breaks and score five runs. We kept pressure on the Busters the entire game, scoring one run in each of the following four innings.

Down 6-5 going into the top of the seventh, freshman catcher Kyle Sandusky led off with a walk. Freshman third baseman Dustin Moore laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt to advance freshman Kyle Nordhues to second. Nordhues came in to run for Sandusky. Sophomore Justin Dickson then smoked a base hit to right field to score Nordhues with the tying run.

Sophomore right fielder Travis Glassman of Oakley then hit a ball down the left field line to advance the runner to third. Glassman was thrown out at second though, trying to stretch the hit into a double. Freshman left fielder Dan McClure came to the plate next and walked.

Finally, sophomore second baseman Chris Lebeda drove a ball over the center field fence to plate three runs that became the eventual margin of victory. Sophomore right-hander Brandon Shiers who entered the game in the sixth, finished off the Busters in the bottom of the seventh to complete the 9-6 victory.

Lebeda finished with five RBI's for the game, McClure went 2 for 3 with two walks, and freshman center fielder Joel Gould went 2 for 5 with a double and triple.

Game two featured freshman left-hander Tyler Landenberger dealing one of the best games of



Ray Nolan

- From the Dugout

the season for us. Landenberger earned his second victory by allowing just two runs on one hit in six and a third innings of work. He struck out eight while walking just three. Shiers finished the seventh to gain his second save of the season.

Our bats were not alive until the sixth when, down 3-1, Justin Dickson knocked a one out single to left. Freshman first baseman Brian Hassing then walked and Kyle Sandusky lined a single to center to plate our second run of the game.

Then with an 0-2 count, Dustin Moore hit a curve out of left center to put us ahead 5-3. Chris Lebeda capped off the scoring when he slammed a home run to left in the top of the seventh for our sixth run.

Lebeda finished the second game 2 for 4 with a home run. Dustin Moore went 1-2 with the game winning three run home run and a walk. Lebeda is leading the team in hitting with a .396 average, 14 RBI's, 3 doubles, 2 triples, 5 home runs, and a .484 on base percentage.

The sweep moved our record to 12-16 overall and 5-5 in conference. Before the start of the weekend we were in fourth place, a game behind Barton, four behind Hutch, and five behind first place Seward. Our early season heartaches have paid off and we have become a good ball club.

This week we face Seward on Wednesday in Liberal, Hutch on Saturday at home, and Dodge on Sunday in Dodge City. We are also going to try to squeeze a make up doubleheader in with Cloud on Tuesday at home. Please come out and watch us pay back Hutchinson Saturday for two losses earlier in the season.

# Trojan track team competes in Hays

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Both the men and women's Colby Community College track teams finished in fifth place at the Alex Francis Relays in Hays on Saturday.

Although the cold and snow made competition more difficult, head coach Jeff Becker said individually, everyone improved from last week, which was their main goal.

Kate Howland was named the Colby Community College Athlete of the meet for her performance in the javelin. The 117 feet 9 inch throw allowed her to take fifth place in the meet and was the seventh longest throw in the college's history.

In team scores for the men, Fort Hays State finished first with 367 points. Kearney Nebraska finished second with 255.5. Garden City Community College and Colorado College finished third and fourth respectively with 53.5 and 50 points. The Trojans tallied 35 points for fifth, while Dodge City Community College came in last with 17 points.

For the women, Kearney Nebraska finished first with 337 points, while Hays was second with 309. Colorado College was third with 30 points, while Garden City finished with 26. The Lady Trojans and Dodge City both ended the meet with 10 points each.

Individually, Kylee Hunter finished the 100 meter dash in 13.94 and the 200 meter in 28.87. Steve Coleman, Terry Verdun and Buster Johnson all ran the 100 meters. Coleman finished in 11.81, Verdun in 12.31 and Johnson in 12.53. Verdun and Johnson also ran the 200 meter dash, they finished 25.44 and 26.30 respectively.

Justin Marquardt placed fifth in the 400 meter with a time of 53.00. Alex Mahundi came in seventh with 55.14. In the 800 meter, Ray Longoria was eighth with a time of 2:12.75. Longoria finished the 1500 meter in 4:29.15. In the long distance race of 10,000 meters, Josh Richardson finished sixth with his time of 37:59.33.

John Jones finished sixth in the meet in the 110 meter high hurdles with a time of 16:47. This was the tenth best time in at Colby.

The three men's relay teams all placed. The 4 X 800 and the medley relay team both finished second, while the 4 X 400 took fifth. On the 4 X 800, the team finished in 8:19.80.

The medley, which is comprised of four legs (200, 200, 400 and 800 meters) finished with a time of 3:48.67. This was the third all time best at Colby.

The 4 X 400 cinched fifth place with a time of 3:36.83.

In the field events, besides Howland's javelin performance, Heidi Koster finished third in the high jump with a height of 4 feet 8 inches.

"Overall I was pleased with the outcomes of the meet," Becker said.

"This next week we go to Colorado Springs to compete at Colorado College. Wish us luck and good weather."

## Former Trojan runner wins U.S. Women's Marathon

Former Colby Community College stand-out athlete Sara Wells is receiving national attention after winning the U.S. Women's Marathon in St. Louis on Saturday.

Wells, a native of Salina, ran both cross country and track at Colby from 1997-1999 and became a Junior College All-American. She transferred to Oklahoma State University to finish her college career, and graduated in December 2001.



Wells

Wells completed the 26.2 mile U.S. Women's Marathon in a time of 2:35:37 and earned \$19,000 for the victory. She also qualified for the U.S. Olympic trials next year in St. Louis.

She joined Team USA Minnesota in September 2002.

She currently lives in Edina, Minn., where she is a part-time teacher.

## Local Sports Calendar

**Monday** - Junior varsity tennis at Garden City Tournament, 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday** - Varsity baseball with Ulysses at Colby, 4 p.m.; varsity and junior varsity softball with Ulysses at Colby, 4 p.m.

**Wednesday** - Junior varsity tennis at Garden City, 8:30 a.m.; CHS Dance Team try-out practice, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

**Thursday** - Seventh and Eighth grade track at Norton, 10:30 a.m.; CHS Dance Team try-out practice, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

**Friday** - Junior varsity golf at Norton, 9 a.m.; Varsity track at Norton, 3 p.m.; Varsity baseball at home with Plainville, 4 p.m.; Varsity and junior varsity softball at Goodland, 4 p.m.

**Saturday** - Seventh and Eighth grade track at Goodland, 10 a.m.

## NCAA Final Four Tournament

The championship finals of the NCAA Final Four will be played tonight at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans. Tip-off is scheduled for 8:22 p.m. (CDT)

KU has a record of 30-7, while Syracuse enters with a record of 29-5.

On Saturday, Kansas defeated Marquette 94-61 to head to the finals, while Syracuse beat Texas 95-84.

# Reminder:

Effective April 8, the Colby Free Press will discontinue publishing Tuesday's editions.

Tom (TD) Dreiling,  
Publisher

# Rockies defeat Arizona, 8-3; take fourth straight win

DENVER (AP) — On those rare occasions when Curt Schilling appears vulnerable, opposing hitters know they must take advantage.

The Colorado Rockies did just that.

Todd Helton hit a three-run homer, highlighting a four-run first inning off Schilling, and the Rockies beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 8-3 Sunday for their fourth straight win.

Schilling (0-1) and teammate Randy Johnson are a combined 0-2 after two starts apiece this season.

The two-time defending NL West champions have lost four straight and are 1-5, equaling the worst start in their six-year history. The Diamondbacks also opened 1-5 in their inaugural season of 1998.

Arizona has lost its last seven games at Coors Field.

Diamondbacks manager Bob Brenly said Schilling "just wasn't his usual self, especially in that first inning. Walking the first batter on four pitches is just so out of character for him. He didn't have his usual fine command today."

The Rockies preserved the win with outstanding outfield defense.

Colorado matched the club record with three outfield assists. In the fifth, Gabe Kapler caught Rod Barajas' fly ball and threw out

Carlos Baerga retreating to first. In the sixth, Preston Wilson and Larry Walker threw out runners.

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Dear Friends:

On Thursday, April 3, 2003 the corporate Voting Membership of Citizens Medical Center, Inc. (CMCI), consisting of 20 local citizens, held its annual meeting. In addition to regular business, the Membership, by majority vote, removed Judith Sears from the Board of Trustees. At that same meeting Terry Cousins resigned her position on the Board of Trustees. There have, in recent times, been philosophical differences about the direction the hospital is going. Oftentimes, philosophical changes result in leadership changes. Both Judith and Terry have contributed countless hours to the community and to CMCI. Their hard work and dedication is appreciated.

In keeping with the new direction the hospital is taking, the management contract with Rural Health Development will not be renewed and our Chief Executive Officer, Michael Boyles, has resigned. Michael, a dedicated health care professional, has worked to improve the quality of health care in northwest Kansas. His commitment to quality patient care and to our community is to be applauded.

As new developments take place, the Board of Trustees will keep the community informed as best it can given all of the laws that govern confidentiality and the release of personnel and health care information. We are always appreciative of hearing the thoughts of our neighbors and members of the larger community. We will continue our focus on providing the best quality health care between Denver and Hays.

Sincerely,

The Citizens Medical Center, Inc. Board of Trustees: Vern Schwanke, Sheila Frahm, Bob Standage, Terry Wendell, Curt Stephens