

# Colby’s Sweet Thunder finishes national tournament in 7th place

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*Special Reporter*  
HASTINGS, Neb. — The Colby Sweet Thunder 18-Under tied for 7th place in the Western National Fast Pitch Softball Tournament here over the weekend. In all, the girls posted a t5-3 record and in those 3 losses they took it on the chin by a total of only 4 runs.  
Here is a recap since the report in Friday’s *Free Press*:  
Colby took on the Holdrege (Neb.) Heat on Friday afternoon and came out on top with an impressive 1-0 victory. Corri Ball domi-

nated from the mound, allowing just 2 hits, 1 walk and fanned 3 batters. Colby scored its only run in the 3d inning when Shawna Cox beat out a bunt for a single, then advanced to second on a wild pitch. Stephanie Wieland laid down a sacrifice bunt which moved Cox to third. Whitney Adams then singled up the middle to score Cox.  
As a team, Sweet Thunder recorded 5 hits in the contest. Shawna Cox, Whitney Adams, Savannah Rupp, Shanae Calkins and Hope Maley were all credit with singles.  
In their next game, the Thunder

faced the New Hamburg (Mo.) Heat. The Heat jumped out to an early lead after scoring 2 runs in the 1st inning. The Thunder finally got on the board with 1 run in the 4th and then scored 2 more in the 6th, holding on to claim the 3-2 win.  
Sarah Redmond was awesome on the hill for 4 1/3 innings, allowing 6 hits, 1 walk and striking out 1 and allowing 2 runs. Corri Ball pitched the final 2 2/3 innings, giving up 1 hit and striking out 2. Savannah Rupp had 2 singles, an RBI and walked once to lead the team. Becky Herl came through with a

huge RBI single in the 6th inning. Samantha Wolf had the Thunder’s other RBI in the 6th, when she reached 1st on an error. With the victory, Sweet Thunder advanced to the final day of the tournament.  
Colby went up against the Fontana (Calif.) Illusion on Saturday morning. The Thunder scored 1 run in the top of the first but the Illusion answered with 2 in the bottom half of the inning and added 1 more in the third.  
Colby scored 3 runs in the 4th and led 4-3 until Fontana recorded 2 runs in the bottom of the 6th. The

Thunder came out in the top of the 7th with 3 runs and their tough defense held on for a 7-5 victory.  
Corri Ball went the distance, giving up 10 hits, 1 walk and fanning 6. Shanae Calkins led the way with 2 doubles and 1 single. Savannah Rupp had a pair of doubles and walked once. Whitney Adams went 2-4 at the plate with a double and a single. Samantha Wolf recorded a double and was hit by a pitch. Becky Herl, Shawna Cox and Stephanie Wieland all had singles.  
The win put Sweet Thunder in the “Elite Eight” of the tournament.

Sweet Thunder was eliminated in their 8th game after losing a heart-breaker to Owatonna Knights of Columbus 4-5 in extra innings. Colby was only able to manage 5 hits. Samantha Wolf recorded a double and single and had 3 RBI’s. Britany Pettibone had a pair of singles and Shawna Cox was credited with 1 single. Becky Herl had an RBI.  
Colby had an outstanding week at the tournament and tied for 7th with another Kansas team, the Abilene Eagles. The McCook Rebels won the championship.

## Thomas County Speedway

**Thomas County Speedway, Saturday’s results:**  
  
**SUPER STOCKS**  
**HEAT 1**  
1. 8—Ryan Wark—Colby  
2. 15—Brad Wagoner—Colby  
3. 24—Randy Long—Wiley, CO  
4. 43J—Jarod Smades—Goodland  
5. 27—Todd Schwarz—Menlo  
6. 2—Angel Munoz—Lamar, CO  
7. 9—Randy Tipton—Weskan  
8. 77—Jason Stevens—Colby (DNF)  
**HEAT 2**  
1. 55—Wheat Lippelman—Colby  
2. 33—Dustin Daniels—Hill City  
3. 41—Ronnie Hill—Sharon Springs  
4. 3—Travis Towns—Monument  
5. 01—Mike Meyer—Sharon Springs  
6. 20W—Ed Wright—Colby (DNF)  
7. 2x—Phillip Munoz—Lamar, CO (DNS)  
**FEATURE**  
1. Lippelman  
2. Daniels  
3. Wark  
4. Long  
5. Smades  
6. A. Munoz  
7. Tipton  
8. Meyer  
9. Wagoner  
10. Wright (DNF)  
11. Schwarz (DNF)  
12. Stevens (DNF)

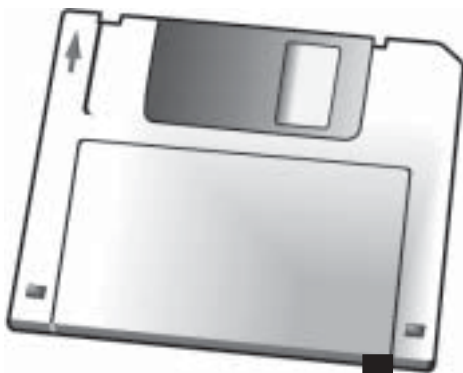
13. Hill (DNF)  
14. Towns (DNF)  
15. P. Munoz (DNS)  
**SHOOTOUT MODIFIEDS**  
**Top 2 transfer to A-main**  
**HEAT 1**  
1. #3 Brady Coen—Wiley, Colo.  
2. #721 Troy Gemmill—Ponca City, Okla.  
3. #86 Brian Franz—Halsted  
4. #35 Tim Echevarria—Junction City  
5. #34H Doug Holzmeister—Colby  
6. #33y Justen Yeager—Green River, Wyo.  
7. #75t Jonathan Thompson—Superior, Neb.  
8. #11 Steve Burch—Junction City  
**HEAT 2**  
1. #15x Bill Brack—Mead, Colo.  
2. #3D Dan Daniels—Humboldt  
3. #46 Joe Mullins—Boulder, Colo.  
4. #85 Chuck Anderson—Amarillo, Texas  
5. #42 John Fabrizius—Colby (DNF)  
6. #26 Jeff Williams—Oberlin (DNF)  
7. #8 Frank Perez—Lamar, Colo. (DNF)  
8. #43 Wayne Houston—Aurora, Colo. (DNS)  
**HEAT 3**  
1. #21 Darren DeLoach—Lamar, Colo.  
2. #4R Mike Roach—Woodward, Okla.  
3. #4J Wayne Johnson—Minot,

N.D.  
4. #115 Brandon Smith—Florol, Ark.  
5. #23 Dr. A. J. Warta—Colby  
6. #98 Eddie Edwards—Arvada, Colo.  
7. #12 Scooter Bates—Gatesville, Texas  
8. #5J John Schwab—Liberal (DNF)  
**HEAT 4**  
1. #11W Tim Watts—Beloit  
2. #2D Dwayne Dechant—Lamar, Colo.  
3. #2 Mark Robe—Manhattan  
4. #1st Brook Phillips—Wichita  
5. #117 Toby Herring—Albuquerque, N.M.  
6. #37 Jeff Tubbs—Colby  
7. #151 Nathan Mayes—Springdale, Ark.  
8. #24B Chris Bragg—Springtown, Texas  
**HEAT 5**  
1. #95 Robert Wilson—Plattsmouth, Neb.  
2. #41 Monte Bolton—Lubbock, Texas  
3. #55H Ron Hartman—Ulysses  
4. #57t T. J. Artz—Lincoln, Neb.  
5. #97c Philup Canaday—Rawlins, Wyo.  
6. #24L David Lahey—Moscow  
7. #21W Greg Waugh—Batesville, Ark.R  
8. #02 Tommy Weder—Woodward, Okla. (DNF)  
**HEAT 6**  
1. #3rw Ronnie Wallace—North Platte, Neb.  
2. #89 Levi McGowen—

Humbolt  
3. #10 Dee Gosset—Amarillo, Texas  
4. #86X Sten Johnson—Arvada, Colo.  
5. #44 Keven Hoeme—Hays  
6. #27J Chris Johnson—Rapid City, S.D. (DNF)  
7. #97x Glenn Thompson—Deerfield (DNF)  
8. #82 Mike Moore—Springtown, Texas (DNF)  
**HEAT 7**  
1. #9 Monty Nordyke—Holly, Colo.  
2. #175 Alan Sharpensteen—Amarillo, Texas  
3. #ww1 Ricky Alvarado—Gillcrist, Colo.  
4. #UFO Wayne Brooks—Bald Knob, Ark.  
5. #111 Bumper Jones—Las Cruces, N.M.  
6. #12X Johnny Bone Jr.—Pea Ridge, Ark.  
7. #31 Jim Arnold—Norton  
8. #V3 Gary Vaughan—Springdale, Ark. (DNF)  
**HEAT 8**  
1. #51 Eddie Martin—Stillwell, Okla.  
2. #73 Nick Tubbs—Colby  
3. #1 Ken McCarty—North Platte, Neb.  
4. #38 K. B. Murphy—Sharon Springs  
5. #15 Travis Eggelston—Hays  
6. #23X Jeff Hartwell—Colby (DNF)  
7. #81 Chris Remetes—Denver, Colo. (DNF)  
**POLE DASH**  
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13. #11 Steve Burch (DNF)  
14. #37 Jeff Tubbs (DNF)  
15. #33y Justen Yeager (DNF)  
16. #43 Wayne Houston (DNS)  
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1. #115 Brandon Smith  
2. #1 Kan McCarty  
3. #46 Joe Mullins  
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7. #98 Eddie Edwards  
8. #15 Travis Eggleston (DNF)  
9. #V3 Gary Vaughn (DNF)  
10. #42 John Fabrizius (DNF)  
11. #35 Tim Echevarria (DNF)  
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