

# Colby gets even with Russell by winning two at home Tuesday

By JOHN GATZ

*Free Press Contributor*  
The Colby Eagle varsity baseball squad avenged an early season loss at the hands of Russell by taking both games of a double-header on Tuesday at the Colby Recreation Complex.

The first time around, little went right for the Eagles. This time around, however, little went wrong. According to head coach Kevin Cox, the wins can be attributed to more maturity and maintaining solid standards of play.

Colby took the first game, 6-3. Matt Augustine pitched all 7 innings. He got off to a rough start, sending the first two Russell batters to base by hitting each with errant pitches.

Augustine got the Eagles out of the first inning by striking out two batters and fielding a ground ball.

Before the game was over, Augustine struck out 7, walked 5 and hit 2 more batters.

Colby's runs were scored on 8 hits, made by Chris Gordon, Brian Sulzman, Travis Powell, Bruce

Arnberger, Jordan Cranston, Mitchell Gatz and Jeremy Dietz.

Colby took the second game, 6-2. Josh Houtz pitched 7 innings and faced 27 batters. He hit 1 batter, walked 5 and struck out 4.

Putting the ball in play for the Eagles were Augustine, Sulzman, Houtz, Powell, Arnberger, Cranston, Dietz, Wilson, and Gordon nailed one to the left field fence for a stand-up triple.

The varsity played solid defense. An outstanding example was a diving catch by shortstop Sulzman. He

extended himself out horizontally to nearly 12 feet (or so it seemed), snagged the ball and snapped back up to make the throw to Arnberger at first.

## Junior varsity

The junior varsity split a double-header with Russell. The Broncos won the first game, 5-4.

Heath Bieker pitched game one and he struck out 7, gave up 5 hits and walked only 1.

Colby batters getting hits were Jesse Hawk, Joe Heier, Bieker, Corey Reed, Bobby Weis, and

Tyson Plumisto with a double.

But for Colby's 6 fielding errors, the outcome would have been different.

The Eagles took game two, 5-2. Trenton Powell pitched all 5 innings.

He did not walk a single batter,

giving up only two hits and no earned runs. Forty-one of his 51 pitches were strikes.

Getting hits for the Eagles in the second game were Gatz, Plumisto, Bieker, Kyle Withington, and Henry Lamm who hit a double to left.

## Trojan softball team goes 2-1 on home field Big tournament here Saturday, Sunday

**April 6**  
**Brown Mackie 4**  
**Colby 10**  
Winning Pitcher - Obernolte 3H  
4K 4BB 4R 3ER 5IP  
Leading Hitter - Lauren Jameson  
3-3 1 RBI; Sam Wolf 2-2 3 RBI  
(Solo HR)  
Team Hits - 10

**April 14**  
**Game # 1**  
**Hutchinson 3**  
**Colby 4**  
(8 innings)

Winning Pitcher - Kastanek 7H  
3K 1BB 3R 2ER 8IP  
Leading Hitter - Mary Egger 2-3  
Team Hits - 7  
**Game # 2**  
**Hutchinson 4**  
**Colby 2**  
(8 innings)  
Losing Pitcher - Obernolte 5H  
3K 2BB 4R 4ER 8IP  
Leading Hitter - Sam Wolf 2-3;

Shanae Calkins 2-3  
Team Hits - 9  
Coach Carl Adams' comments:  
"We are starting to hit the ball more consistent. Our defense is keeping us in the games. The pitchers have stepped up and are throwing better. We have 17 games left before the regional tournament, if we can get thing rolling here at the end we have a great shot at winning the region

and going to nationals.  
"The region is wide open and any of the teams can win it, it depends on which team gets hot during the tournament. The Lady Trojans take on Johnson County today at 5 p.m. at the college field.  
"Saturday and Sunday Colby will host the Allen Wolf Memorial tournament."  
The softball girls are hoping for a nice size crowd for the weekend tourney.

## SportsLine

### Youth shoot Sunday

The Colby Trap Club and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks' "Pass It On" program will sponsor an open house and shoot on Sunday starting at 1 p.m. Trap house one will feature a free shoot for all youth, women, and new shooters. House two will feature a pot shoot for the more experienced shooter. Shotguns, shotgun shells and blue

rock will be provided for trip house one by the Colby Trap Clubs and the "Pass It On" program. The trap club is located five miles west of Colby on US-24 to Thomas County Road 16, then south one mile.

For more information, call Tim Hansen at 460-2710, Bob Luck at 462-8857 (day) or 462-3701 (after 6 p.m.) or Benny Young at 462-7602.

### Colby schools

• **Saturday** — Varsity boys tennis at McPherson, 8 a.m.; varsity boys golf at Oberlin, 9 a.m.; 7th/8th track at Goodland, 10 a.m.  
• **Monday** — Junior varsity baseball at Ellis with both Ellis and Spearville at 2 and 4 p.m.; 9th/10th track at WaKeeney, 4 p.m.; junior varsity softball at Ellis, game time 4 p.m.

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