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- From the Dugout

Promising week looms

Despite a tough last week of baseball, we look forward to a promising week ahead.

This past week started well when we swept McCook 15-1 and 8-0 on Tuesday. The Indians are once again struggling in their third year of existence, under their third head coach.

Two of our freshmen pitchers, Matt Dudley and Conner Bramlet, threw well against the Indians. Dudley struck out six in five innings of work. (The game only lasted five due to the 10-run rule.) Bramlet threw seven complete, allowing just three hits and striking out four Indians. It should also be noted that Conner's older brother Casey, who was the starting quarterback at the University of Wyoming this past season, was drafted last Sunday by the Cincinnati Bengals in the seventh round. Conner's other brother Corey is slated to be the starter at Wyoming next season.

Wednesday we went to Barton for a wind swept double-header against the Cougars. Windy or not, Barton hammered the ball and played all around good baseball to take two from us. It was a frustrating day, but sometimes those days happen.

Saturday was a much different scenario as we had chances in both games to beat Seward. Seward is currently ranked 13th in the nation and brought a 21-5 conference record into Saturday's match-up.

I was pleased with the way we played Saturday, things just didn't go our way. In game we gave up three runs in the first, but hung on all game only to lose 7-3. The second game was the tough one, we scored periodically throughout the

game to build a 5-1 lead going into the bottom of the sixth. Seward then loaded the bases, and proceeded to clear them. We managed to get out of the inning with the score tied at five.

We scored one in the seventh on a two-out single by sophomore first baseman Brian Hassing, only to see them tie the game again in the bottom of the inning. After shutting us out in the top of the eighth, they managed to get the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the eighth on a single to right field with a runner on second.

Despite losing Saturday in such tough fashion, I didn't leave the field feeling horrible. Well, yes I did feel horrible, but I tried to keep things in perspective. We played well Saturday, well enough to win anyway, it just wasn't our day to do so. At least we get a rematch with them this coming Saturday.

Our game scheduled Sunday against Air Force J.V. at home was canceled due to the fact that they dropped their J.V. program earlier this season. That is why we picked up some games against McCook.

This week we face McCook in McCook today, Pratt at their place Tuesday, and finally Seward at home next Saturday, the 8th. We are still right in the thick of things in conference play. We currently are 12-15, still fighting for that fourth place spot, and the first round home playoff series that goes with it. We are currently sitting fifth, one game behind Garden City for fourth.

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Colby College track and field qualifies six for the nationals

The Colby Community College men's and women's track and field teams enjoyed an improved season this spring and six members will be heading to the national meet in Levelland, Texas May 6-May 8.

Four women's members will be heading to Levelland. Freshmen Megan Hillebrand and Tawny Rice will be joined by sophomore Kaela Thayer to compete in the pole vault as national qualifiers. Freshman Audrey Brake will compete in the 10,000 meter run.

On the men's side, sophomore Tom King will compete in the 800 meter, while freshman Lionel Womack will compete in the javelin.

The women finished their season with a 9th place finish in the Region VI meet and a 5th place finish in the Jayhawk West. Brake was the top finisher for the Lady Trojans as she finished 2nd in the 10,000 meter in Region VI and the Jayhawk West.

The men finished in 11th place in Region VI and 6th place in the Jayhawk West. Marc Welsh was a first place finisher in the Jayhawk West in the pole vault. Daniel Culver finished 3rd in the 10,000 meter in both Region VI and the Jayhawk West Conference.

The following are the top finishers for both the men and women in the Region VI and Conference meet:

Region VI:
WOMEN: 9th Place
• Audrey Brake — 10,000m 2nd Place

• Megan Hillebrand — Pole Vault 4th Place (Tie)
• Kaela Thayer — Pole Vault 4th Place (Tie)

• 4 x 100m Relay 7th Place (Lori Ziegelmeier, Melanie Soukup, Megan Hillebrand, Joy Zumbahlen)

• Joy Zumbahlen — Triple Jump 8th Place

MEN: 11th Place
• Daniel Culver — 10,000m 3rd Place
• Marc Welsh — Pole Vault 4th Place

• Tom King — 800m 5th Place
• 4 x 800m Relay 7th Place (Felipe Longoria, Ray Longoria, Jerod Kersey, Tom King)

Jayhawk West:
WOMEN: 5th Place
• Audrey Brake — 10,000m 2nd Place

• Megan Hillebrand — Pole Vault 2nd Place (Tie)
• Kaela Thayer — Pole Vault 2nd Place (Tie)

• 4 x 100m Relay 4th Place (Same as above)
• Zumbahlen — Triple Jump 4th Place

• 4 x 400m Relay 5th Place (Melanie Soukup, Joy Zumbahlen, Audrey Brake, Lori Ziegelmeier)
• Tawny Rice — Pole Vault 5th Place

• Joy Zumbahlen — Long Jump 6th Place
• Lori Ziegelmeier — 100m 8th Place

• Melanie Soukup — 400m 8th Place
MEN 6th place

• Marc Welsh — Pole Vault 1st Place
• Daniel Culver — 10,000m 3rd Place

• Tom King — 800m 4th Place
• 4 x 800m Relay 4th Place (Same as above)

• Rocky Baalman — 400m 6th Place
• Lionel Womack — Javelin 6th Place

• 4 x 400m Relay 6th Place (Rocky Baalman, Tom King, Felipe Longoria, Ray Longoria)

• Wade Goodwin Shot Put 7th Place
• Wade Goodwin Hammer 7th Place

• Andrew Bird 1500m 8th Place

Glad at work



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Tanner Glad, a junior at Colby High School, got ready to serve the ball during tennis competition held Saturday at Colby Community College. Glad and his partner, Brett Dempewolf, a senior, played Garden City, Liberal and Ulysses in doubles. Results are being prepared for publication.

Tough loss for Trojans

The Colby Community College baseball Trojans lost a heartbreaker Saturday against the conference leading Seward County Saints. After losing game one 7-3 despite a strong performance by sophomore lefty Tyler Landenberger, the Trojans held a 5-1 lead going into the bottom of the sixth of game two.

The Saints loaded the bases with no outs before a double to the gap closed the score to 5-4. The Trojans could not close out the inning before the Saints tied the game at five apiece.

Then in the top of the seventh, sophomore Brian Hassing came through with a two-out single up the middle to score freshman A.J. Steele. The lead did not last long as Saints came back in the bottom of the inning with their own two-out RBI single to tie the score once again.

The Trojans could not manage a run in the top of the eighth and

Seward proceeded to win in the bottom of the inning on a two-out single to right field that barely scored the winning run. Despite earning a no-decision, sophomore right-hander Bobby Van Wieren pitched well in game two.

The Trojans are now 24-26 overall and 12-15 in the conference. They play at McCook today. Tuesday they travel to Pratt and Saturday, they get another crack at Seward at home 1 p.m.

Trojan wrestling

Golf tourney and banquet scheduled

The Colby Community College "Wrestling Endowment Golf Tournament" is scheduled for Friday at the Colby Country Club.

Pre-register at F&M Insurance/Darvin Strutt, 462-6779.

Auction and hole prizes needed. Call Steve Lampe, coach, at 462-3984, ext. 302.

Colby Community College "Wrestling Recognition Banquet" is scheduled for May 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the college student union. Steak dinner \$12. Must RSVP to Lampe at 462-3984, ext. 302.

Eagle varsity baseball goes 1-1 vs. Holcomb

By JOHN GATZ

Free Press Contributor

On a cold, gray, windy Thursday, and the temperature hovering around 40, the Colby Eagle varsity baseball team split a twinbill with Holcomb on the road..

Colby lost the first game, 6-5 and won the second, 9-2.

In the first game, a few hits by Holcomb and a few errors by the Eagles put Holcomb ahead early. Colby rallied late, scoring 4 of its 5 runs in the top of the 7th. Chris Gordon pitched a solid game, allowing only 4 hits.

The Eagles carried their enthusiasm into the second game with consistent hard hitting and solid defense. Josh Houtz pitched all 7 innings, allowing 2 runs on 5 hits.

The varsity is now 8-2 and will host Plainville Tuesday at the Colby Rec Complex starting at 4 p.m.

Holcomb game stats

Game #1:

Travis Powell, 3 at bats, 0 hits; Brian Suzlman, 3 at bats, 1 hit, 1 run, 1 RBI; Chris Gordon, 4 at bats, 2 hits, 1 run, 1 RBI; Josh Houtz, 4 at bats, 3 hits, 1 RBI; Matt Augustine, 3 at bats, 1 hit, 1 run; Bruce Arnberger, 4 at bats, 1 hit, 1 RBI; Jordon Cranston, 4 at bats, 0 hits; Jeremy Dietz, 2 at bats, 1 hit; Mitchell Gatz, 4 at bats, 1 hit. Pitching: Gordon, 7 innings pitched, 6 runs, 4 hits, 3 strikeouts, 4 bases on balls, 3 earned runs.

Game #2:

Powell, 4 at bats, 1 hit, 1 RBI; Sulzman, 4 at bats, 3 hits, 2 runs, 2 RBI; Gordon, 4 at bats, 2 hits, 1 run, 2 RBI; Houtz, 4 at bats, 1 hit, 1 run, 1 RBI; Augustine, 4 at bats, 1 hit, 1 run; Arnberger, 4 at bats, 2 hits, 1 run; Cranston, 3 at bats, 1 hit, 1 walk, 1 RBI; Dietz, 3 at bats, 1 hit, 1 walk, 1 run; Gatz, 2 at bats, 2 walks, 1 run, 1 RBI. Pitching: Houtz, 7 innings pitched, 2 runs, 5 hits, 2 strikeouts, 0 bases on balls, 1 earned run.

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We will automatically feature your student's picture and information, but this will be your chance to put in a baby picture to show how much your senior has really changed over the years!

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