

Colby Eagle baseball in regional showdown

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The top seed in the Ulysses Class 4A Regional baseball tourney — the Colby Eagles, 16-2 — are taking on Scott City this afternoon in Ulysses in the semifinals of the tourney. Scott City, 7-9 and seeded #4, beat Ulysses, seeded #5, 3-2 in action on Monday.

The other semifinal today game finds Larned taking on Hugoton, also this afternoon. Larned, seeded #2, beat Chaparral, #7 seed, 10-0 on Monday, while Hugoton, seeded #3, beat Pratt, seeded #6, 12-6 also on Monday.

The championship game, at 7 p.m. this evening, will be against the two semifinal winners with the payoff a trip to the state tourney.

Colby, by virtue of its #1 seeding, was awarded a first round bye.

Rich Epp will keep Eagle fans updated today with his broadcast on KWGB at 97.9 FM.

The Eagles' final regular season game was against the TMP Monarchs of Hays last Thursday, resulting in a split — 4-3 win in game #1 and a 10-5 loss in game #2.

In the opener, the Eagles handed Monarch senior pitcher Aaron Breit his first loss in tow years. Coming into the game, the Eagles had heard that TMP was unbeatable when Breit was on the mound. That changed when the game concluded after seven innings.

Brian Sulzman pitched the first six innings for the Eagles, allowing three runs on six hits. Josh Houtz closed the game with no runs and no hits.

The Eagles didn't fare as well in the second game. Chris Gordon pitched the first six innings, giving up five runs on five hits. Matt Augustine hurled the seventh, allowing five runs on three hits.

The Eagles hit the ball well but despite hitting often and hard they combined in the books for only nine hits. Colby hit a lot of 'at-'em' balls — hit the ball at them.

Stats:
Game #1
At Bat-Hits-Runs-RBI

Travis Powell, 3-1-1-2; Brian Sulzman, 3-0-0-0; Chris Gordon, 3-1-1-0; Josh Houtz, 3-0-1-0; Matt Augustine, 2-0-0-0; Bruce Arnberger, 3-1-1-1; Jordon Cranston, 2-1-0-0; Jeremy Dietz, 3-1-0-1; Mitchell Gatz (DH), 3-1-0-0. Pitching: Sulzman, 6IP, 26AB, 3R, 6H, 1SO, 2BB, 3ER, 5LOB, 1WP; Houtz, 1IP, 5AB, 0R, 0H, 1SO, 2BB, 0ER, 2LOB.

Game #2
Powell, 4-3-0-1; Sulzman, 3-1-1-0; Gordon, 3-0-1-0; Houtz, 3-0-1-0; Augustine, 4-2-1-1; Arnberger, 4-1-1-1; Cranston, 3-2-0-2; Dietz, 3-0-0-0; Gatz (DH), 4-0-0-0. Pitching: Gordon, 6IP, 26AB, 5R, 5H, 0SO, 5BB, 5ER, 2HP; Augustine, 1IP, 8AB, 5R, 3H, 1SO, 2BB, 5ER.

Eagles win league golf title

The Colby Eagles captured the top spot in the Northwest Kansas League golf tournament at the Colby Country Club last week.

Colby carded a 318, while Goodland claimed second place with a 339. Other schools and their rankings were: Atwood, third, 344; Hoxie, fourth 355; Oberlin, fifth, 356; Oakley, seventh, 362; and Quinter, eighth, 410.

The Eagles had four medalists: Chris Finley, second, 76; Deke

Elliott, fourth, 79; Sean Mengel, seventh, 80; and Jared Helin, ninth, 83.

Other Eagle scores were R.J. Ladenburger, 95 and J.D. Donn, 97.

Rounding out the medalists were Andy Fikan, Atwood, first, 75; Matt Mondero, Oberlin, third, 79; Jeff Cameron, Hoxie, fifth, 80; Ian Scherling, Goodland, sixth, 80; Derrick Raymer, Goodland, eighth, 81; and Carl Dulmer, Oakley, tenth, 83.

SportsLine

Awards potluck is Friday

A reminder was issued today to all parents of students who took part in Colby Eagle softball of the "Awards Potluck" on Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the high school commons. Parents and students are encouraged to attend and to bring a food dish and table service. Drinks will be provided. The program is open to the public.

Colby Schools

- **Today** — Regional softball and baseball semifinals and championship games at Pratt and Ulysses, respectively.
- **Friday** — Class 4A tennis tourney at Topeka Hayden, 12 noon; regional track meet at Buhler, depart 8:30 a.m., field events 3 p.m., prelims 4:30 p.m., finals 6 p.m.
- **Saturday** — State tennis at Topeka Hayden, 9 a.m..
- **Monday** — State golf tourney at Emporia Municipal golf Course, 8 a.m.
- **May 28** — State baseball at Salina's Dean Evans Stadium, 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; state softball at Salina's Bill Burke Complex, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.; state track at Wichita State University's Cessna Stadium, 8 a.m.
- **May 29** — State baseball continues at Salina, 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.; state softball continues at Salina, 10 a.m., 12 noon, 1 p.m.; sate track continues at Wichita State University, 8 a.m.

Colby College

- **Thursday** — Region VI Baseball Tournament vs. Johnson County at Laurence Dumont Stadium, Wichita.



EVAN BARNUM/Colby Free Press

The Colby Eagles' David Barnum moved into the lead at the outset of the 1600 meter run in last Friday's Northwest Kansas League track meet at Oakley. Other runners were Mac Frewen of St. Francis, right behind Barnum, and Oberlin's Andy Leitner, right behind Frewen.

Colby girls win league track crown

The Colby High varsity track and field girls captured first place in Friday's Northwest Kansas League showdown at Oakley. The Eagles compiled 106 points to outdistance second lace finisher, Goodland, with 96. On the boys' side, Colby came in last with 23 points.

Team placings:

Girls — **Colby, first, 106 points**; Goodland, second, 96; Hoxie, third, 85; Oberlin, fourth, 80; St. Francis, fifth, 72.5; Oakley, sixth, 60.5; Atwood, seventh, 40; and Quinter, eighth, 16.

Boys — Goodland, first, 157; Oakley, second, 130; Oberlin, third, 66; Quinter, fourth, 57; St. Francis, fifth, 49; Hoxie, sixth, 37; Atwood, seventh, 35; and **Colby, eighth, 23.**

Colby's results, Boys:

David Barnum, 1600, 5:24.7, 3200, 12:11.6; **Taylor Finley**, pole vault, 10'; **Cole Garcia**, pole vault, 10'6", fourth, 4x100, 12.5, fourth; **Theo Kleinsorge**, javelin, 119'5", discus, 99'6 1/2", shot, 39', 4x100, 10.66, fourth; **Trent Mazanec**, javelin, 157'7", second, discus, 124'6", fourth, 4x100, 13.52, fourth; **Sam Munderloh**, pole vault, 10', sixth; **Trevor Siebert**, 1600, 5:25.0, 300H, 49.4; **Jared Simmering**, 100, 12.06, 200, 24.42, 300H, 47.8, 4x100, 11:32, fourth; **Darren Sporing**, 1600, 5:19.17, sixth, 3200, 11:25.8, sixth; **4x100**, 48.03, fourth.

Girls

Zanae Baird, 1600, 5:56.3, third, 3200, 13:15.5, fourth, 4x800, 2:36.1, first; **Andrea Barker**, 100, 12.86, second, 200, 26.34, third, 4x100, 13.6, third; **Carleigh Dempewolf**, 200, 27.42, fifth, 4x100, 11.62, third, 4x400, 1:04.3, fourth; **Erica Erickson**, 800, 2:27.5, second, 4x800, 2:25.1, first, 4x400, 1:05.4, fourth; **Liz Erickson**, 400, 1:09.5; **Jacquie Fry**, long jump, 13' 4 1/2", triple jump, 27' 1/4"; **Caitie Henry**, 400,

1:05.8, sixth, 4x400, 1:04.7, fourth; **Jenna Johnson**, javelin, 81'3", discus, 75'4", shot, 28'9"; **Lauren Kaiser**, 400, 1:04.8, fifth, 4x100, 14.23, third, 4x400, 1:04.8, fourth; Brittany Kersenbrock, high jump, 5', first, javelin, 108'5", third; **Crystal Mannebach**, 100H, 18.0, 300H, 54.7; **Rishonna Martin**, pole vault, 7', sixth, 1600, 6:56.8, 800, 3:11.5; **Erica Molstad**, long jump, 14'11", triple jump, 32' 1/4", third; **Talitha Nye**, 100, 13.6; **Maret Peterson**, 100, 13.5, sixth, 200, 28.1, 4x100, 13.15, third; **Janessa Rasmussen**, discus, 91'8", fifth, shot, 30'6"; **Nicole Ritter**, discus, 69'11", shot, 27'; **Emily Sloan**, 800, 2:39.1, fourth,

4x800, 2:39.7, first; **Jessica Stephens**, 1600, 5:30.6, first, 3200, 11:51.2, first; **Morgan Stephens**, triple jump, 29'4"; **Kasie Stevenson**, high jump, 4'6"; **Ali Thomas**, high jump, 4'4", long jump, 13'2"; **April Weaver**, 4x800, 2:45.1, first; **4x800**, 10:26.67, first; **4x100**, 52.55, third; **4x400**, 4:19.7, fourth.

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Softball at Pratt semifinals

Championship game on schedule this evening

The Colby Eagle softball ladies are a step closer to the state playoffs after beating Larned in first round action of the Class 4A Regional in Colby Monday afternoon, 3-2. They are in Pratt today taking on Hugoton in the semifinals.

Hugoton drew a first round bye with a 17-1 record and the #1 seed. Colby is seeded #4 and takes an 11-8 record into today's semifinal game.

Against Larned on Monday, Sarah Redmond went the distance. She allowed two runs, three hits, eight strikeouts and issued two walks.

Offensively, Savannah Rupp and Cierra Rous had Colby's only hits, but they took advantage of eight walks and some defensive miscues to get the victory.

Redmond, said coach Jack Elliott, did a good job coming off illness, and Whitney Adams was solid filling in for Shauna Cox (season ending knee injury) at catcher.

"We will need to pick up the offense to get further this season," Elliott said.

The other semifinal game at Pratt today is at 4:45 and will pit Ulysses against Pratt. Ulysses is 13-6 and Pratt is 11-8.

The two semifinal winners this afternoon meet early this evening for the championship and a ticket to the state playoffs.

In other first round regional games on Monday, Ulysses, the #2 seed blanked Scott City (#7), 10-0 and Pratt, #3, upended Goodland, #8, 15-1.

Scott City closed out its season 3-14 and Goodland ended the year at 4-15.

The games at Pratt are being played at Lemon Park.



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