

Eagle softball makes history

The Colby Eagle softball ladies traveled to Goodland last Friday and came away with two wins, 15-0 and 9-2, and in the process made history.

In game one, Sarah Redmond pitched the first perfect game in Colby High School's softball history.

She faced the minimum 18 batters in the 6-inning 15-0 victory. Redmond struck out 11 and every Eagle player got at least one hit.

Game #1 summary:
Cierra Rous, 2 for 4, 2 doubles and 2 RBI; Logan Wark, 2 for 3, 2 RBI; Shawna Cox, 2 for 4, 2 RBI; Lauren Cox, 2 for 3; Sarah Redmond, 2 for 5, 1 RBI; Ashley

Barnes, 2 for 2, 1 RBI; Lindsey Bugbee, 2 for 4, 2 RBI; Elaine Lamm, 1 for 4, 1 double, 1 RBI; and Britt Kersenbrock, 1 for 4, 1 RBI.

In Game #2, Redmond again dominated, allowing 1 hit, 1 walk, 7 strikeouts, 2 unearned runs in the 9-2 win. Eagle hitters supported Redmond with 11 hit, as follows:

Rous, 1 for 4, double; Shawna Cox, 1 for 4, 1 RBI; Lauren Cox, 1 for 3, double; Redmond, 1 for 3; Barnes, 2 for 4, 1 RBI; Kersenbrock, 3 for 4, double, 3 RBI; Bugbee, 1 for 3, double, 1 RBI; and Sanford, 1 for 3, 1 RBI.

Next action is Thursday at Lakin with Lakin and Scott City.

The varsity record now is 5-3.



Ray Nolan

- On Campus

Peaking at the right time

The spring sports season is quickly approaching an end and all three Trojan programs are performing well at the right time of the year.

Baseball

The Trojan baseball team finished a 4-2 week Sunday with a victory over league leading Garden City. Wednesday they split with Brown Mackie on the road, and then traveled to Pratt, where the Beavers are always tough.

The Trojans played two quality ball games and came away with the sweep, 8-5 and 6-3. Both sophomore Braden Ham and freshman T.R. Keating earned victories on the mound by throwing complete games.

Sunday the Trojans welcomed Garden City to town and proceeded to beat them 9-2 in game one of their doubleheader behind the mound performance of sophomore Kobey McCall, who has been pitching well all season. McCall improved his record to 6-2 with the win. His ERA this season is just over 1.50, which is amazing.

Garden City has been playing good ball all season and was in a tie for first with Hutchinson at the start of the day. Game two was a much closer contest with the Broncbusters coming out on top, 5-4. The Trojans looked to take the lead in the fifth inning with runners on second and third, when a hard ground ball up the middle off the bat of sophomore A.J. Steele was grabbed by the diving Broncbuster second baseman and thrown to first to end the inning. The Trojans threatened again in the sixth, but a bang-bang play at first ended the inning.

The Trojans are now 15-15 in conference play, 27-24 overall and currently sit in sixth place. There is a log jam in the standings with just five games in the win column separating six teams. The Trojans travel to Scottsbluff, Neb. this on Wednesday for a non-conference contest against Western Nebraska, before finishing up the regular season in El Dorado on Saturday against Butler.

Softball

Lady Trojan softball has been on a roll of late, sweeping both Garden City and Otero over the weekend. They are getting hot at just the right time as they enter post-season play this coming weekend in Liberal. They will face either Barton County or Cloud County in the first round on Saturday.

Leading the Lady Trojan charge has been freshman Heather Ebert, who had four hits Saturday at Garden City against the second place Broncbusters. Ebert also hit home runs in both games and drove in four runs on the day. Her sister, freshman Jere Ebert, has been pitching outstanding of late, earning victories against Barton County last Tuesday, and then barely losing to Cloud County Wednesday, 2-1, before beating both Garden City and Otero over the weekend. Sophomore pitching Corri Ball has also been throwing well. She picked up three wins the previous weekend at the Allen Wolf tournament, then beat Garden City and Otero.

If the Lady Trojans (5-11, 26-38) can win the region tournament, they will likely face Otero for the right to go to the NJCAA World Series.

The sweep of Otero on Sunday sent a message to the Lady Rattlers that the Lady Trojans record is misleading.

Track and Field

The Trojan track and field team completed their regular season Friday at the KU Relays, where freshman Carlan Arthur improved upon his national qualifying time in the 800m with a 1:55.88.

Earlier in the week the team competed in the Fort Hays State Invitational, where Lionel Womack qualified for the national meet with a javelin throw of 179 feet, seven inches.

In addition to Arthur, other Trojans had outstanding days in Hays on Tuesday. Rocky Baalman placed second in the 200m with a time of 22.09, which is also the third best time in school history. Freshman Jenna Faimon pulled off the fifth best triple jump in school history with a distance of 32 feet, 11 ½ inches.

Another freshman, Sara Moore, placed her name fifth in the record book with a discus throw of 124 feet, six inches.

The Trojan track and field team will travel to Coffeyville on Thursday for the Jayhawk West/Region VI finals. The NJCAA national meet will be held May 16 through May 18 in Levelland, Texas.

I hope everyone has a great week.

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Eric Luedke of Colby looked over the letter of intent right before he signed to wrestle at the University of Iowa. He is the son of Brian and Judy Luedke of Colby.

Eric Luedke going Big 10

Eric Luedke, Colby High and Colby College wrestling standout signed a national letter of intent with the University of Iowa last week.

Luedke, a 165-pounder, was a two-time national champion while wrestling for the Colby College Trojans.

He picked the Hawkeyes over Virginia Tech, Nebraska and American University.

The Hawkeyes have won the Division I, NCAA title nine of the past 14 seasons and Big Ten title 27 of the last 31 years. In the past seven seasons, under head coach Jim Zalesky, the University of Iowa wrestling program has led the nation in number of individual NCAA and Big Ten champions and number of NCAA team titles won.

"(Iowa assistant) Troy (Steiner) was watching junior college nationals and liked the way Luedke wrestled," Zalesky said. "It's nothing fancy, but he wrestles the whole match. He's a hard-nosed kid."

Luedke said workout partners played a key part in his decision to sign with Iowa. He'll join a room where NCAA championship finalists Joe Johnston (157) and Mark Perry Jr. (165) will likely be frequent sparring partners. "I'm hoping they'll bring me up to their level right away," Luedke said.

Eric is the son of Brian and Judy Luedke of Colby. He was coached by Mitch Beims at Colby High and Steve Lampe at Colby College.

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Colby High baseball pins losses on Holcomb

The Colby Eagle baseball team hosted the Holcomb Longhorns in a doubleheader last Thursday and came away with two impressive wins, 7-1 and 12-0.

Matt Augustine pitched a no-hitter in Game #1, facing 25 batters in 7 innings. He struck out 12 and sent 3 to bases on balls. Augustine also led the scoring, going 2 for 3 with a homer. Heath Bieker, Jeremy Dietz, Brett Wilson, Jordan Cranston, Mitchell Gatz and Joseph Heier all supported the offense with one hit each.

Cranston took the mound in Game #2, giving up only 3 hits and held Holcomb scoreless. He struck out 9 batters and sent 2 to base on balls.

Colby hit the ball extremely well

in the second game. Wilson got 3 hits in 4 at-bats and Dietz, Gatz and Travis Powell all had 2 hits in 3 at-bats. The offense was also supported by Cranston, Heier and Kyle Withington with one hit each.

the game ended after 5 innings by the run rule when Gatz nailed a 3-run home run.

Assistant coach Williams noted that some of the kids who have struggled at the plate and coming around.

Coach Cox said the players are learning how to drive the ball and "jumping on pitchers' deliveries."

"We're coming together as a team," he said.

Colby's next home appearance will be against Ulysses scheduled for May 5.

SportsLine

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Tuesday — Varsity boys golf tourney at Hoxie, 3 p.m.; junior varsity boys tennis singles tourney at Russell, 3 p.m.

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April 7 - King Pin League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
5 Pony Men	146	106	1
Orschelins	133	119	2
Colby Bowl & Fun Center	128	124	3
Colby Automotive	121	131	4
T - J's Tire	114	1138	5
Thunderballs	114	138	6

First high individual game:Lonnies Brogan, 268
First high individual series:Vern Cory Crocker, 626

April 6 - Ladies Nite Out

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Sunflower Bank	32.5	15.5	1
Who-No's?	32	16	2
CMC	27	21	3
Strike-Outs	26	22	4
Lobo Liquor	25	23	5
Bottle Gallery	22.5	25.5	6
Camouflage Lawn Care	22	26	7
Straight Line	19	29	8
Twisters	18	30	9
Colby Bowl	16	32	10

First high individual game:Kelly Horinek, 192
First high individual series:Kelly Horinek, 542

April 11 - First Nighters League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Woofert Well & Pump	188	106	1
Frontier Equity	168	126	2
Out Cast of Oakley	166	128	3
Colby Implement	156	138	4
Warrior Hunting Supplies	150	144	5
Schlick Construction	147	147	6
Code Red	127	167	7
Coors	114	180	8

First high individual game: Doug Beckman, 256
First high individual series: Ken Brewer, 631

April 10 - King & Queen

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Benson - Sabatka	44	20	1
Moeder - Lee	36.5	27.5	2
Brewer - Schwanke	35.5	28.5	3
Barton - Donley	32	32	4
White - Gaede	31	33	5
Wark - Ryan	30	34	6
Kern - Dale	30	34	7
Crocker - Lewis	28	36	8
Norman - Gallentine	28	36	9
Rosales - Gourley	25	39	10

Men's First high individual game: Tom Benson, 226
Men's First high individual series: Tom Benson, 626
Women's First high individual game: Kelly Lee, 201
Women's First high individual series: Kelly Lee, 485

April 6 - Powderpuff League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Golden Harvest Seed	25	19	1
Nightmares	25	19	2
Weiser Insurance	23	21	3
The Whirlwinds	21	23	4
Service Oil	19	25	5
Farm Credit	19	25	6

First high individual game:Dee Hovda,198
First high individual series:Dee Hovda, 538

April 5 - Early Bird Ladies League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Bowlerettes	26.5	21.5	1
4 4 Fun	26.5	21.5	2
NW Vacuum	26	22	3
Van's Merry Four	25	23	4
Jean's Rollers	20	28	5
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First high individual game: Lois VanHorn, 187
First high individual series:Lois VanHorn, 505

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