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Tim Howard, junior at Colby High School, returned a serve during a match Saturday in Colby. Howard, number two singles, ended the day in third place.

Russell beats Colby by percentage points

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Colby High boy’s tennis team losing its own invitational meet by a fraction of a point did not dampen the team’s spirit or play said coach Jordan Sharp. Saturday, Colby lost the tiebreaker to Russell. After all matches were played, Colby and Russell were tied for first. Each team had the same number of team points and head-to-head wins. Russell got the win because of a greater winning percentage. “It really didn’t upset them,” Sharp said about his team losing the first-place finish. “It’s the best we’ve done all year.”

Colby High track teams place second

Colby High’s boy’s track team scored 64.5 points Friday at Goodland. Ulysses won the meet with 78 points and Goodland scored 46.5.

100 meters
1st, Mitchell Tuma, :11.26; 2nd, Scott McCoy, :11.35.; Eli Robert, :11.63; Adam Schroeder, :12.77.

1600 meters
1st, Josh Baden, 4:50.9; Nathan Reed, 5:53.3.

400 meters
4th, Heath Stephens, :55.85; Ryan McCoy, :57.36; Ethan Stickel, :58:68;

800 meters
2nd, Darren Sporing, 2:12.4; 4th, Torey Taylor, 2:22.5; Kalen Rasmussen, 2:25.4; Chase Moore, 2:27.4.

200 meters
2nd, Robert, :23.79; Tuma, :24.51; Stephens, :24.6; Schroeder, :26.28.

3200 meters
1st, Baden, 10:40.1; 4th, Breck Arnberger, 11:40.4; Reed, 12:59.7

Javelin
1st, Tuma, 157; 2nd, Ethan Stover, 156-1; 4th, Brady Rundel, 128-10; Stickel, 124-10; Adam Weber, 104-7; Dalton Garcia, 75-4.

High jump
3rd, S. McCoy, 5-6; tie fourth, Stover, 5-4; Rasmussen, 5-2.

Shot put
Miller, 36-11.25; Weber, 35-2.5; Rundel, 34-11.25; Garcia, 32-8.25.

Discus
Miller, 96-10; Rundel, 95-4.25; Weber, 95-2; Garcia, 63-7.25.

Long jump
2nd, R. McCoy, 18-8.5; 4th, Robert, 17-1.75;

Triple jump
2nd, R. McCoy, 37-11; Rasmussen, 32-11.5.

Pole vault
2nd, Stickel, 11; 3rd, Moore, 9-6; 4th, Taylor, 8; Reed, 7-6.

4x100 relay, team A
1st, Robert, S. McCoy, Stephens, Tuma, :45.75.

4x100 relay, team B
Weber, Schroeder, Miller, Stickel, :49.76.

4x800 relay

1st, Arnberger, Rasmussen, Moore, Sporing, 9:18.3.

4x400
2nd, Stephens, R. McCoy, Miller, Sporing, :3:41.5.

Girls

Colby girls scored 60 points at Goodland on Friday. Ulysses won the meet with 83 points. Goodland scored 24.

100-110 hurdles
2nd, Rachel Lamm, :18.13.

100 meters
2nd, Katelyn Schacher, :13.53; Jenny Dickman, :14.1; Lexie Garcia, :14.1.

1600 meters
3rd, Kelly Gerstner, :6.27.5.

400 meters
4th, April Weaver, 1:07.8; Katelyn Houtz, 1:11.2.

300 hurdles
3rd, Lamm, :58.2

200 meters
1st, April Gee, :26.91; 4th, Dickman, :29.1; Schacher, :29.7; Weaver, :30.2

3200 meters
1st, Gerstner, :14.18.

Javelin
3rd, Leiker, 70-7; Gerstner, 53-11.

Shot put
1st, Lissa Mazanec, 33-8.75; Leiker, 24-10.5.

Discus
1st, Mazanec, 123-10; Lieker, 73-10; Garcia, 55-1.5.

Long jump
1st, Tasha Wagoner, 15-1; 2nd, Gee, 14-9.75; 3rd, Dickman, 13-11.5; Lamm, 13-3.5.

Triple jump
1st, Gee, 33-9; 2nd, Wagoner, 30-7.5;

4x100
4x100
1st, Henry, Gee, Mazanec, Wagoner, :53.5;

4x400
2nd, Henry, Houtz, Wagoner, Mazanec, 4:28.6

4x100 B
Schacher, Garcia, Lamm, Dickman, :56.6.

Colby competes 3 p.m. Tuesday at Garden City. The Colby Invitational is 3 p.m. Friday.

Trojan baseball, softball teams eye postseason

After going 3-1 over the weekend against Garden City and Butler County, the Colby Community College baseball team earned the West Division No. 3-seed in the upcoming Region VI tournament.

The Trojans (31-20, 17-11) will host the No. 6-seed from the East Division, Fort Scott, at Colby on Saturday. Colby and Fort Scott will play a best of three first-round series to determine who advances on to the double-elimination Region VI tournament in Wichita.

The Trojans swept Garden City in a doubleheader Saturday with sophomore Patrick Farrell providing the heroics.

Farrell was 2-3 with a home run, double and four RBIs in a 6-1 victory in game one, and then hit a walk-off solo home run to give the Trojans a 2-1 victory in game two.

In game one against Garden City, Trojan starter Josh Turner pitched a complete game and allowed just one run on three hits and struck out eight. Kris Jiggits earned the win in game two for the Trojans by also pitching all seven innings. Jiggitts allowed five hits and three walks, but was able to work his way out of trouble.

On Sunday, the Trojans lost game one 4-2 to Butler, but rebounded to win game two 10-2.

The Trojans squandered an opportunity in the bottom of the seventh inning in game one. They had runners on second and third with one out, but a ground ball to third base resulted in a double-play to end the game.

Rob Hogue was the losing pitcher of record for the Trojans, but pitched a solid game. Hogue allowed four runs, two earned, in seven innings. Chris Gordon was 2-3 in the game and stole two bases.

The Trojans used a six-run sixth inning to blow the game wide open and held on for a 10-2 victory in game two. Butler scored two runs in the top of the first, but the Trojans responded with four runs in the bottom half of the inning.

Steve Blankenship earned the win for the Trojans despite struggling with his control. Blankenship was nearly un-hittable and allowed

just three hits, but surrendered four walks in 5 2/3 innings.

However, he managed to consistently get ground balls when he was in the strike zone. Mike Schmitt earned the save in relief, pitching 1 1/3 innings and striking out four.

Softball

Colby’s doubleheader win over Neosho Sunday in Colby gave the Trojans a first-round playoff series at home today against Neosho.

The first game of the three-game series started at 11 a.m. today. Game three, if needed, will be played Tuesday.

Colby 5, Neosho 4 (8innings)

Amy Foster got the win for Colby on the mound allowing nine hits, four runs and striking out seven.

At the plate, Colby’s leading hitter was Mary McLaughlin. She went 3-4 with three RBIs. Courtney Duell was 1-3, two RBIs and home run. Amber Chipps was 3-4. Colby had 13 hits.

Colby 5, Neosho 3

Kari Panno won game two for Colby giving up seven hits and three runs.

Leading hitters were Tiffani Long, 2-2, and Brittani Kage 2-3 with a triple and RBI. Colby had 10 hits.

“We played well today. We hit the ball up and down the lineup,” said coach Ryan Sturdy. “Our pitchers have really stepped up in the last few outings and held the other teams offense down. I hope this will give us a spark going into the regional play.”

Colby’s wins over Neosho came a day after the Trojans lost three to Butler County Saturday. Two of the games were considered Regional play.

Colby 1, Butler 8 (Conference)

Foster took the loss for Colby. She gave up nine hits, eight earned runs and walked five in six innings.

Colby 0, Butler 1 (Region)

Panno took the loss for Colby giving up six hits, striking out seven and walking only one in seven innings.

Colby 1, Butler 2 (Region)

Jessi Barkley led Colby at the plate with 1-2, an RBI and home run. Colby had three hits.