

Trojan softball team wins all five

The Colby Community College Lady Trojan softball team swept through their home tournament, the Allen Wolf Memorial Tournament, winning all five games over the weekend.

Along with a doubleheader sweep on Friday of Cloud County, the Lady Trojans are on a seven-game winning streak, and their overall record is now 24-25.

Colby won its first game in the tournament 3-2 in eight innings over Dodge City.

Winning pitcher was Brittani Kage. She gave up three hits, two runs and struck out four in a complete game.

Kaylie Gomez led Colby at the plate going 2-3 with a RBI, double and triple.

Colby had seven hits.

Colby shut out Brown Mackie 14-0 in five innings.

Ninostka Amaro got the win for Colby. She allowed two hits and struck out four in five innings.

Kaylie Gomez led Colby going 3-4, a RBI and scoring three runs.

Colby won another close game, 2-1 over Lamar.

Kari Panno pitched the entire game giving up two hits, one run and striking out four. Ninostka Amaro was 2-3 at the plate with one RBI and hitting her 20th home run.

The Trojans had seven hits.

Colby shut out North Platte, Neb., 8-0 in five innings.

Panno again got the win for Colby. She gave up two hits in the five innings.

Amaro again led the Trojans going 3-3 at the plate with two RBIs, two doubles and scoring two runs. Colby had five hits.

Colby finished the tournament much like it started with a win over Dodge City. Colby won the rematch 5-0.

Amaro gave up three hits and struck out two in seven innings. Kat Nickel was 2-3 two two RBIs and a run scored. Courtney Duell was 2-3 with two RBIs and a double.

Colby had six hits.

"I am very pleased with the way we have played the last three days. We have struggled all season and we are starting to do the little things to help us win games. There were different players that stepped up all weekend and got the team going when we needed it. Our pitchers threw very well and we didn't make mistakes on defense that cost us. We are on a seven-game winning streak," said Colby coach Ryan Sturdy.

On Tuesday and Wednesday Colby plays conference and region games against Garden City and Butler. Colby has four doubleheaders left before the region tournament.

The Lady Trojans play home doubleheaders 3 p.m., Tuesday against Garden City; 3 p.m., Wednesday against Butler County and 1 p.m., Friday against Lamar.

The Lady Trojans travel to Cloud County on Sunday, April 27 for their final regular season game. On Monday, April 29, the Lady Trojans will play a first-round playoff game for the conference and region tournament.

Legion sign up

The organizational and sign-up meeting for American Legion Baseball will be 8 p.m. April 29 at the American Legion building in Colby. Use the west entrance. Sign up is for players who will not be older than 19 in 2008. First-time players will need to bring an original birth certificate. Contact John Gatz at 460-2490 or 460-3383.



Colby junior varsity catcher Cody Crocker traps the ball Friday during a bunt attempt by Austin Balzi of Burlington, Colo., in the first of two games. Colby won the doubleheader 16-15, 17-7.

Colby Eagles JV softball sweep through Lakin Tournament

Close, or not-so-close, Colby High's junior varsity teams won all four of its games Saturday at the Lakin Tournament.

The Eagles started the tournament with an 8-1 win over Lakin. Freshman Tera Raymond pitched and gave up two walks and struck out three.

Dani Dietz led Colby at the plate with two singles. Bailey Koerperich, Brittany Bange, Raymond, and Kelsey Shields each had a hit. Keesa Wright had a triple. Colby was helped by Lakin's seven errors. Colby's defense committed three errors.

In game two, Colby defeated Stanton County 10-9. Bange was the starting pitcher and had some trouble as she gave up 12 walks.

Multiple players had multiple hits. Bange had two doubles. Dietz and Rhett Martin each had two singles.

Dietz had a sacrifice bunt. Raymond hit a double and Shelby Terrell also had a hit. Megan Dougherty had a single. Colby had one error.

Colby's third game was another high-scoring affair with Colby coming out on top 19-18 over Sublette.

Freshman Koerperich pitched her first game of the season. She struggled at times giving up 13 walks and hit four batters.

Raymond came in the last inning to protect Colby's lead and gave up one walk and struck out one.

"She had her teammates total support while on the mound," coach Roni Dietz said about Koerperich. "She will continue to get stronger and gain more confidence throughout the season."

Bange hit two singles and a double. Dietz, Raymond, Sara Martin, and Rhett Martin each had a hit. Rhett was walked three times.

Colby was helped by Sublette's seven errors.

The Eagles' last game of the day was not as dramatic as Colby

ousted Hugoton 17-3. Raymond pitched and walked four and struck out three.

Koerperich led Colby with three singles. Raymond hit two singles. Keesa Wright, Terrell and Dougherty each had a hit. Wright was walked three times.

"Overall it was a great day for the girls," said coach Dietz. "They played hard and did everything we asked of them through the entire day. This tournament is a great way for these girls to get the much needed playing time."

Dietz said the four games showed the team different situations and how they handled them.

"One thing about this team is that they never got rattled, even when we were down. They just kept plugging away and fought back to win. Both the Stanton and Sublette games we were down by three runs in the last inning and came back to win. It was an exciting day for these girls."

Colby is 8-0.

Eagle golfers finish in top 10

Colby High boy's golf team had three top 10 finishes Saturday at the Oberlin tournament.

Ryley Haas placed second with a 73. Cole Finley was fourth with an 83 and Dylan Stithem finished ninth with an 88. As a team, Colby finished second with 342. Phillipsburg won the meet. Score was unavailable.

Other Colby individual scores were Todd Ziegelmeier and

Rocque Russell each scored a 98. Tanner Corder shot a 119.

Thursday, Colby finished ninth out of 14 teams at McCook, Neb. Haas led Colby who tied for fourth and took sixth after the tiebreaker. She shot an 82. Finley shot a 95, Stithem, 96, Kyle Molstad, 99 and Russell shot a 101.

April 8 at Goodland, Colby was two strokes behind second place. Haas won the Goodland meet with

an 79, a three-stroke lead. Molstad won a playoff for ninth place and finished with an 86. Finley shot an 89, Stithem and Russell each shot a 95. Corder scored a 102.

Colby plays Tuesday at Hoxie.

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Trojans splits four games with Garden City

Despite splitting a four-game set with Garden City last weekend, the Colby Community College baseball team holds its own destiny on whether it will host a first-round series in the region tournament.

Colby maintained its two-game edge over Garden City and Dodge City in the conference standings, with just one four-game conference series left. The Trojans play Hutchinson at home April 26-27. Meanwhile, Garden City will play last place Cloud County and Dodge City will travel to Butler.

The Trojans are currently in fourth place at 14-14, behind Seward (22-6), Hutchinson (21-7) and Barton County (19-13). They are ahead of Garden City (12-16), Dodge City (12-16), Butler (11-17), Pratt (9-19) and Cloud County (8-20). The Trojans could lock up a home series if they win three-out-of-four against Hutchinson, which would be a tall task.

Colby is 24-22 overall.

Recaps against Garden City

Game one

Trojan starter Sean Lydon pitched all seven innings to pick up the victory in a 4-2 win. Lydon allowed two earned runs on nine hits while striking out seven bat-

ters. The offense was supplied by Steve Kletke, who homered twice, and Brennan Peterson who was 2-4 with a solo home run.

Game two

The Trojans dug themselves a big hole, falling behind 11-3 after two innings. They did mount a comeback, but fell short, losing by a 12-10 score. Brennan Peterson, Jaret Chatwood and Aaron Dunsmore each had three hits in the loss.

Game three

The Trojans lost 5-3. Chris Urbach allowed five runs in 2 2/3 innings and picked up the loss. Josh Edwards pitched well in relief, allowing just one hit in 3 2/3 innings of relief. Aaron Dunsmore was 2-3 with a triple and two runs scored, and Steve Kletke was 1-3 with a double and two RBIs.

Game four

The Trojans evened up the series with a 6-4 victory. Scott Hornstra went the distance, picking up his fifth win of the season. Hornstra allowed just one earned run, four overall, in seven innings. Aaron Dunsmore was 2-3 with a home run, three runs scored and two RBIs. Catcher Eric Sim was 1-3 with two RBIs and Steve Kletke doubled twice for the Trojans.

Super Bowl quarterback marries

NEW YORK (AP) — A Super Bowl championship isn't the only big event this year for New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning.

Manning married college sweetheart Abby McGrew during a sunset ceremony Saturday at the One & Only Palmilla re-

sort on Mexico's Baja Peninsula.

Both The New York Daily News and The New York Post covered the event, with the Daily News providing details from inside the intimate ceremony.

Manning, 27, and McGrew, is 24.

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