

Legion team takes both at Scott City

fruitful for the Colby American Legion baseball team.

After a fourth place finish at the rugged Dodge City Tournament over the weekend, Colby swept a doubleheader at Scott City Wednesday, 10-3 and 7-5.

Colby improved to 7-4 overall, and they've now won of five of seven away from home to start the season.

The bats were cooking for Colby in game one, as they collected 14 hits and scored in six of the seven innings. Colby pulled ahead 4-2 with two runs in the third inning and put Scott City away with a four run fifth inning to go ahead 9-3.

Eight of the 10 Colby batters had at least one hit. The top three players in the lineup, Cade Carter, Cory Sager and Levi Schlick,

RBIs and four runs scored.

Schlick, who was 11-15 in Dodge City, continued his torrid pace with a 4-5 day that included two RBIs. Sager was 3-5 and Carter was 2-5. Each drove in a run.

Preston Krzycki and Garett Zweygardt each had a hit and an RBI. Blanton also scored three runs and Zwegvardt scored two.

Colby's pitching trio of Stephen Dinkel, Carter and Brandon Rasmussen did their job as well. They allowed just two earned runs and four hits, while overcoming four defensive errors.

Dinkel gave up two runs in the first, but didn't allow a run in his final two innings. He gave up only two hits, struck out four and walked two.

a hit in his two innings.

Brandon Ramussen finished the game with two innings of scoreless relief.

Scott City had all the numbers in their favor in game two, except Brent Arnberger, Eric Blanton, where it counted most-on the scoreboard.

> Despite being outhit 7-4 and committing four errors to just two for Scott City, Colby was able to finish off the sweep.

> Colby scored two runs in each of the first two innings and held a 4-2 lead until they tacked on three more in the sixth. Things got a little dicey in the seventh as Scott City scored three runs to cut their deficit to 7-5, but Krzycki managed to escape the damage and close out the victory.

Carter relieved Dinkel in the and drove in two runs. Blanton's the Columbus, Neb., Tournament.

Life on the road continues to be combined to go 9-15 with four fourth and allowed just a run and two RBIs came on a triple, which was Colby's only extra-base hit of the game.

> Arnberger and Krzycki had Colby's other two RBIs. Schlick and Carter each had a base hit as well.

Starting pitcher Garrett Rogers battled his way through three innings, allowing just an earned run, despite walking five and giving up three hits. Schlick pitched two scoreless innings of relief, surrendering jut one hit. He also struck out three.

Krzycki came on for Schlick and worked a scoreless sixth before running into trouble in the seventh. He allowed three runs, three hits, two walks and struck out one in his two innings.

Colby's next action begins today Blanton and Sager each had a hit and continues through Sunday at

Sweet Thunder gets second at Beloit

Colby's 10 and under Sweet with three RBIs. Lemman and Thunder softball team felt the sting from the Manhattan Opt Sting twice, preventing them from winning their second-consecutive tournament to start the year Saturday in Beloit.

Colby had to settle for second place after losing to Manhattan 9-0 in pool play and 9-2 in the championship game. They beat Beloit 4-3 and Concordia 16-2 in pool play to reach the finals.

In their first game with Manhattan, Kylee Martin picked up Colby's only hit. Martin was also Colby's starting pitcher, and Taylor Lemman came in to finish the game.

by Desi Schippers, who was 1-3 day.

Royals salvage series

Martin pitched.

Led by Tessa Krzycki and Schippers, the Sweet Thunder then put the crush on the Concordia Crush. Krzycki went 2-3 with three RBIs and Schippers was 2-2 with an RBI. Martin was the winning pitcher.

Sweet Thunder played better against Manhattan in the finals, but the result was the same. Schippers led the way going 1-1 with an RBI. Martin was Colby's pitcher of record.

Each player got a medal for second place.

Sweet Thunder 10 and under will be playing in the Russell Against Beloit, Colby was led Tournament Saturday and Sun-

gap to try to get a run. I got a

good piece of the bat on it and

drove it out of the park. I usu-

ally don't jog around the bases

on a homer. It's just a habit out

of respect to the pitchers to run

Aviles spent five seasons in

"The past week means a lot,"

the minors before making his

he said. "It is always good when

you feel like you're part of a

team and that's how I feel right

Kansas City pushed across two

runs in the eighth. Pinch-runner

Tony Pena Jr. scampered home

on Frank Francisco's wild pitch

and Gordon scored on Jose

Guillen's sacrifice fly to give

back after getting down," Hill-

fect ninth for his 15th save in 16

"It's good to see us come

Ron Mahay (2-0), the third of

the Royals the lead.

man said.

The Rangers led 5-4 before

quick around the bases."

big league debut this year.

now."

Trojan volleyball team finalizes '08 roster

By Trent Rose

Sports Information Colby Community College

Valerie Armstrong, head volleyball coach for Colby Community College, announced her 2008 fall roster.

The Lady Trojans have three returning sophomores in outsider hitter Megan Dennis (Oakley), middle blocker Rexanne Schilowsky (Phillipsburg) and defensive specialist Brittany O'Neil (Wauneta, Neb.).

All three saw significant playing time as freshman, and firstyear head coach Armstrong will be counting on them to make an impact as sophomores.

Armstrong will welcome 10 newcomers to the squad for the fall 2008 season. Ashley Ming, a 5-11 middle blocker, transfers to the Trojans from Sterling College.

Ming is originally from Dighton and Armstrong says she will add size and strength in the middle.

Jessica Merino, a 5-8 outside hitter, comes to the Trojans from Belen High School in Belen, N.M.

All-District honorable mention for 2007 and All-Academic Team in 2007 for her 3.9 grade point Cassan

dra Smatana Armstrong joins the Lady Trojans from

Albuquerque, N.M. Smatana is a 5'8" outside hitter, and coach Armstrong said Cassie is a hard worker and a versatile player.

LeAnna Sheaffer, a 5-11 middle blocker, joins the Trojans from Decatur County High School in Oberlin. Sheaffer was an All-Area selection, was named to the 2A All-State second-team her senior

Priscila Sena transfers to Colby from College of the Southwest. Sena is a 5-3 setter and will be a sophomore.

volleyball and basketball.

hitter, is a freshman from South- HS west High School in Indianola, Neb.

Weaver was a three-year starter for Southwest, and received All-Conference honors and All-Area honorable mention honors.

Juliana Motta Da Silvia, a 5-7 setter/outside hitter, is from Camed to make an impact on the team with her versatility as an outside hitter and a setter.

Jessica Schmidt, a 5-6 outside

Rounding out the squad is Michele Ferreira, a 5-8 outside hitter from Brazil. Ferreira played for Guarani F.C. Clube Campinas and Presidente Prudente volley club while in Brazil.

2008 Trojan Volleyball Roster 1 Jessica Schmidt Fr. 5-6 OH/ Cygnes Valley HS

Merino was the captain for her Faimon was an All-Conference Stratton, Neb.,/ Hitchcock County escan

"At the end of the third quarter Lakers their final piece to comple- ting more playing time because of

I looked up at the scoreboard and ment Bryant, had 17 points and 10 Rajon Rondo's tender left ankle.

3 Ashley Weaver Fr. 5-6 OH/ Ashley Weaver, a 5-6 outside DS; Indianola, Neb.,/ Southwest

> 6 Cassie Smatana Fr. 5-8 OH/ RS; Albuquerque, NM/ El Dorado

> 7 Jessica Merino Fr. 5-8 OH/L;

Oakley, KS/ Oakley HS

11 Brittney O'Neil So. 5-7 RS/ DS; Wauneta, Neb.,/ Wauneta Palisade HS

RS; San Paulo, Brazil/Centro de

13 Ashley Ming Fr. 5-11 MB; Dighton, KS/ Dighton HS

lipsburg HS

15 LeAnna Shaeffer Fr. 5-11

Head Coach: Valerie Armstrong Assistant Coach: Juliana Tod-

finale with Rangers KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)- Aviles said. "It was the first pitch Mike Aviles is making the most I saw. I was trying to get it in the of his opportunity to be the ev-

eryday shortstop for the Kansas City Royals.

Aviles hit a two-run drive for his first career homer, Alex Gordon also had a two-run homer and the Royals beat the Texas Rangers 6-5 Thursday to avoid

a three-game sweep. Aviles made his seventh straight start at shortstop and is batting .321 with three RBIs in eight games for Kansas City, which is last in the American League in runs and could use some offensive punch.

Aviles was leading the Pacific Coast League with 37 extrabase hits and hitting .338 when he was promoted May 29.

"Mike's done well," Royals manager Trey Hillman said. "He had a short swing on that home run and got us back in the game. Hopefully, he keeps it going. It's another bat in the lineup.³

Aviles went deep in the fourth four Kansas City pitchers, reto tie it at 4. With John Buck on corded two outs to earn the win first and two outs, Aviles hit Eric and Joakim Soria worked a per-Hurley's first pitch out to left.

"It all just went so quick," opportunities.

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Celtics rally to take commanding 3-1 series lead

LOS ANGELES (AP)- In their "We said we weren't going to whose addition in a midseason utes, fueled by two 3-pointers comeback season, the Celtics back down. saved the biggest one of all for the NBA finals.

season.

earned

average.

Lisa Faimon, a 5-10 middle blocker, is a freshman from Stratton, Neb., and Hitchcock County High School. While at Hitchcock, high school squad in 2007 and second-team performer in both HS

hitter from Melvern, is an outside hitter. Schmidt was a four-year starter and an All-Conference selection for two years.

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2 Lisa Faimon Fr. 5-10 MB/RS;

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Southwest 10 Juliana Motta Da Silvia Fr. 5-7 OH/S; Campo Mourao, Bra-

zil/ Mal Rodem HS

12 Michele Ferreria Fr. 5-8 OH/

Formaco

14 Rexanne Schilowsky So.

5-10 MB; Phillipsburg, KS/Phil-

MH/RS; Oberlin, KS/Decatur County HS

The Celtics were still down by

double digits with 2 minutes left

in the third but closed the quar-

ter with a 10-1 run, capped by

P.J. Brown's dunk - a slam that

could be felt all the way back to

Lakers at 73-all on Leon Powe's

jumper in the lane with 9:05 re-

maining, tying the score for the

first time since it was 2-2 in the

it. And when House hit an 18foot jumper with 4:07 remaining,

84-83. Boston's bench erupted.

At that point, the Lakers looked lost, confused, you name

The Celtics finally caught the

Boston's North End.

first minute.

Boston rallied from a 24-point deficit and beat the Los Angeles Lakers 97-91 on Thursday night to take a commanding 3-1 lead in this history-rich series and move within one victory of a 17th championship that seemed impossible a year ago.

A rivalry between the league's two most storied franchises with some of the game's biggest names and biggest moments now has its biggest rally.

No team had ever overcome more than a 15-point deficit after the first quarter, and although the league doesn't have a record for the largest rally in a finals game, the Celtics staged one that will forever be remembered in the annals of Celtics-Lakers lore.

When the final horn sounded, Paul Pierce, an L.A. kid playing in front of family and friends, doubled over in exhaustion and exuberance. The Celtics, the team he stuck with through 10 years, including a 24-win season in 2006-07, had done the impossible.

"We sucked it up," Pierce said.

told the fellas, 'We just have to go out there and compete and let the chips fall where they may."

Pierce scored 20 points, Kevin Garnett had 16 points and 11 rebounds and Ray Allen had 19 points as Boston's Big Three, thrown together last summer by general manager Danny Ainge to revive a franchise accustomed to hanging banners from the rafters, put the Lakers on the brink of a summer vacation.

It took an epic comeback to do it, and now the Celtics can reclaim their place atop pro basketball with a win in Game 5 on Sunday night in Los Angeles.

No team has ever recovered from a 3-1 deficit in the finals.

"It can always happen. We aren't counting on that statistic," Pierce said. "We want to take care of this on Father's Day."

Kobe Bryant scored 19 points on 6-of-19 shooting but the league's MVP couldn't rescue the Lakers when they needed him most. Lamar Odom had 19 points - 15 in the first half — and Pau Gasol,

rebounds.

Trailing by 18 points at halftime and seemingly done when they fell behind by 20 with 6:04 left in the third quarter, the Celtics outscored the Lakers 31-15 in the third quarter to pull within 73-71 going into the fourth.

The remarkable rally was reminiscent of what Los Angeles did in Game 2, when the Lakers trimmed a 24-point deficit to two in the fourth quarter before the Celtics regrouped to open a 2-0 lead. But Boston had another 12 minutes to finish off theirs, and the greenand-white did.

the Celtics had their first lead. Boston's comeback included a 21-3 run over the final five min-

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