

Legion team takes both at Scott City

Life on the road continues to be 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, combined to go 9-15 with four 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.

Brent Arnerberger, Eric Blanton, Preston Krzycki and Garett Zweygardt each had a hit and an RBI. Blanton also scored three runs and Zweygardt scored two.

Colby’s pitching trio of Stephen Dinkel, Carter and Brandon Ramussen 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.

Carter relieved Dinkel in the

fourth and allowed just a run and 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 where it counted most—on the scoreboard.

Despite being outthit 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.

Blanton and Sager each had a hit and drove in two runs. Blanton’s

Sweet Thunder gets second at Beloit

Colby’s 10 and under Sweet 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.

Against Beloit, Colby was led by Desi Schippers, who was 1-3

with three RBIs. Lemman and 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 Tournament Saturday and Sunday.

Trojan volleyball team finalizes ‘08 roster

By Trent Rose
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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 (Wauweta, Neb.).

All three saw significant playing time as freshman, and first-year 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. Merino was the captain for her high school squad in 2007 and



Armstrong

valleyball and basketball.

Ashley Weaver, a 5-6 outside hitter, is a freshman from Southwest 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 Silva, a 5-7 setter/outside hitter, is from Campo Mourao, Brazil, and is expected to make an impact on the team with her versatility as an outside hitter and a setter.

Jessica Schmidt, a 5-6 outside hitter from Melvern, is an outside hitter. Schmidt was a four-year starter and an All-Conference selection for two years.

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/DS; Melvern, KS/Marais des Cygnes Valley HS

2 Lisa Faimon Fr. 5-10 MB/RS; Stratton, Neb./ Hitchcock County HS

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

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

7 Jessica Merino Fr. 5-8 OH/L; Belen, NM/ Belen HS

8 Megan Dennis So. 5-8 OH/L; Oakley, KS/ Oakley HS

9 Priscila Sena So. 5-3 S; San Paulo, Brazil/College of the Southwest

10 Juliana Motta Da Silvia Fr. 5-7 OH/S; Campo Mourao, Brazil/ Mal Rodem HS

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

12 Michele Ferreria Fr. 5-8 OH/RS; San Paulo, Brazil/Centro de Formaco

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

14 REXANNE Schilowsky So. 5-10 MB; Phillipsburg, KS/Phillipsburg HS

15 LeAnna Shaeffer Fr. 5-11 MH/RS; Oberlin, KS/Decatur County HS

Head Coach: Valerie Armstrong

Assistant Coach: Juliana Todescan

Celtics rally to take commanding 3-1 series lead

LOS ANGELES (AP)- In their comeback season, the Celtics saved the biggest one of all for the NBA finals.

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.

whose addition in a midseason trade was supposed to give the Lakers their final piece to complement Bryant, had 17 points and 10 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 green-and-white did.

Boston’s comeback included a 21-3 run over the final five minutes, fueled by two 3-pointers from Eddie House, who was getting more playing time because of Rajon Rondo’s tender left ankle. The Celtics were still down by double digits with 2 minutes left in the third but closed the quarter with a 10-1 run, capped by P.J. Brown’s dunk — a slam that could be felt all the way back to Boston’s North End.

The Celtics finally caught the Lakers at 73-all on Leon Powe’s jumper in the lane with 9:05 remaining, tying the score for the first time since it was 2-2 in the first minute.

At that point, the Lakers looked lost, confused, you name it. And when House hit an 18-foot jumper with 4:07 remaining, the Celtics had their first lead, 84-83. Boston’s bench erupted.

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