Colby allows just one hit in doubleheader sweep of Goodland

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Colby American Legion head baseball coach Jeff Krzycki watched his club from his usual seat next to the dugout Wednesday.

Other than getting up between innings, the first-year head coach remained perched there with his arms crossed the whole night. As well as his team played in their doubleheader sweep of Goodland 16-1 and 8-0 at the city fields, there's not much Krzycki needed to do or say.

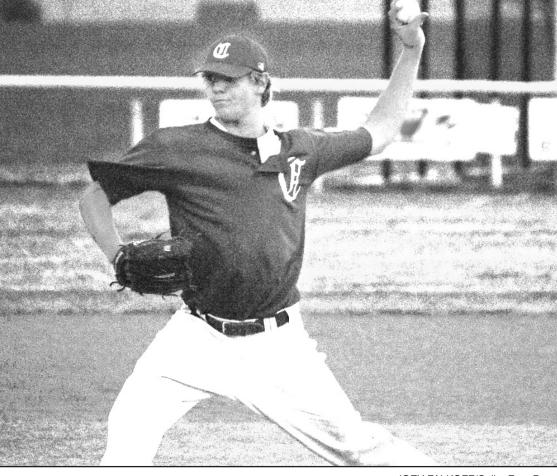
In the two games, which lasted a combined nine innings, Colby pounded out 20 hits and their two starting pitchers, Brandon Rasmussen and Levi Schlick, limited Goodland to just one hit and one run

Schlick threw a five-inning nohitter in game two and Rasmussen was one out from a no-hitter in the first game until giving up a bloop single to Kutter Isaac with two outs in the fourth.

"It's nice to just sit back and watch these kids do what they do," said Krzycki. "It was just a smooth, calm night. The kids were joking around, laughing, having a good time. Fun is the name of the game and that's what's going on. They're having a lot of fun."

Colby (14-7) swept Goodland April 29 at the city fields, but only by a combined score of 7-1.

Amazingly, the pitching was even more dominant Wednesday and the offense was much improved against the same two pitchers, Brandon Rome and Preston Dautel, who they struggled against during the spring.



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Legion pitcher Levi Schlick threw a five inning no-hitter in Colby's 8-0 win over Goodland in game two Wednesday at the city fields. It's Schlick's second five-inning no-hitter this year. His other one was April 15 at Holcomb for Colby High.

"When we come back here, they tent." can sit back, play relaxed and have

a lot of fun doing it." And nobody is having more fun right now than the 6-5 lefty, Schlick.

His no-hitter against Goodland followed what was previously his best start of the summer June 18 when he limited Hays to just a run and four hits.

"It feels good when you can "What you're seeing now is the throw strikes, just every pitch," effects of playing in all of these said Schlick. "It's nice to be able big tournaments," said Krzycki. to throw hard and throw consis- a 12-0 Colby High victory.

"He's throwing a lot harder than he did in the spring and actually the first couple weeks of the summer," said Krzycki. "The biggest thing is he's throwing strikes and getting ahead of the batters and

that's the key." Schlick struck out six, walked just two and didn't allow a Goodland runner to get past second base. It's the second time this year he's thrown a five-inning no-hitter. He did so April 15 at Holcomb in consistent control.

Schlick also struck out 12 batters that game, but this time he decided to rely more on his defense which committed just one error.

"If you can strike everyone out, you'd get drafted in the first round," said Schlick. "But when you have a good defense and can work down, it's a lot easier to not allow hits.'

Allowing hits has been a problem for Rasmussen in his last two starts, but mostly because of in-

That wasn't the case Wednes-

day.

Rasmussen walked two, but was in the strike zone the vast majority of the night.

"The name of the game is strikes and you could see the difference," said Krzycki. "Brandon threw a ton of strikes, never got in trouble and never fell behind 2-0 to very many batters. When you stay ahead, it becomes a pretty simple game."

There wasn't anything complicated about Colby' approach at the plate either.

Goodland's pitchers left the ball up in the zone and Colby took full advantage.

In game one, Colby took an early 2-0 lead in the first inning, added five in the second and blew the game wide open with a ninerun third inning.

Leading the way was lead-off man Cade Carter, who went 4-4 with two RBIs and two stolen bases.

"It makes a big difference in how the game starts out when I can get on base," said Carter. "It sets the tempo. There's a lot of pressure to be the leadoff-man, and I like to be there because I like that pressure.'

Carter set the table nicely for the 3-6 hitters, who combined to go 5-8 with eight RBIs.

Schlick went 2-2 with two doubles and three RBIs, Preston Krzycki was 2-3 with a double and three RBIs and Brent Arnberger had a double and two RBIs.

Rasmussen also had two hits and an RBI.

"Everybody had good plate discipline and we hit the ball pretty well," said Carter.

Rome lasted only into the second inning and was replaced by Kutter, who gave up two runs in third before being removed for Teather Dautel.

Teather committed one of Goodland's six errors on a bouncer back to the mound that led to two Colby runs. He went on to give up three straight hits to Krzycki, Chaz Winger and Carter before retiring Cory Sager to end the inning.

By that point, Colby led 16-0 and only Isaac's bloop single in the fourth scoring Rory Kling broke up the shutout and the nohitter.

It would also be Goodland's only hit of the night, but the hits just kept on coming for Colby in

game two.

Goodland after allowing all eight runs in four innings. Goodland's defense was once again shaky, committing three errors.

This was Colby's first doubleheader sweep since June 11 at Scott City. They've had two opportunities to sweep since then, but haven't been able to close the deal in game two.

"Our biggest goal tonight, since lately we've been struggling getting that second game of a doubleheader, was playing good, solid ball," said Krzycki. "I thought tonight we'd mix it up and pitch the older guy in the second game and it really worked out."

Colby hopes to carry their momentum into their last big tournament before Zone this weekend in North Platte, Neb. Colby will play four games in the round-robin tournament beginning 12:15 p.m Friday against Lincoln Northeast. They'll also get a rematch with

North Platte, who they were swept by in Colby June 1.

"I'm excited to get a shot at North Platte," said Krzycki. "We'll see a lot of teams, and it should be a lot of fun."

Game 1

2 3 4 R H E Goodland 0 0 0 1-1 1 6 2 5 9 x-16112 Colby

WP: Brandon Rasmussen 4IP 1R 1H 2K 2BB

LP: Brandon Rome 2B: Schlick (2), Arnberger, Krzy-

cki

Carter 4-4 2 RBI 2 SB, Sager 0-4 SB, Schlick 2-2 3 RBI 2 doubles walk, Arnberger 1-2 2 RBI double walk, Dinkel 0-1 2 walks, Krzycki 2-3 3RBI double SB, Winger 1-2 BB SB, Rasmussen 2-2 RBI walk, Blanton 0-2 walk SB

Game 2

1 2 3 4 5 R H E Goodland 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 Colby 4 0 0 4 x-8 9 1

WP: Levi Schlick 5IP 0R 0H 6K 2BB

LP: Preston Dautel 4IP 8R 9H 3K 1BB

2B: Sager, Arnberger 3B: Carter

Carter 1-3 RBI triple, Sager 2-3 2RBI double SB, Schlick 1-2 walk, Arnberger 2-3 RBI double, Dinkel 1-3 SB, Zweygardt 0-3, Hutfles 1-2 RBI. Krzycki 1-2 2B, Rogers 0-2

Stop by Days Inn of

Colby Swim Club takes first at home meet

meet are continued from Monday's Free Press.

Colby took first place with 272 points, just ahead of Goodland who finished with 268.

The rest of the results will be available in Friday's Free Press.

9-10 Girls

Khyla Hamel placed 14th in the 25Y Breaststroke with a time of in the 100Y Medley Relay with the in the 100Y Freestyle Relay with :29.13Y; placed 10th in the 100Y time of 1:51.34Y with the follow-Freestyle with a time of 1:58.46Y. Jordon Hartwell placed 6th in the 25Y Breaststroke with a time of :25.57Y; placed 24th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :30.18Y; in the 100Y Medley Relay with 2nd in the 100Y Medley Relay placed 22nd in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :31.51Y. Amber McDonald placed 9th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :23.47Y: placed 6th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :18.78Y; placed 8th in the 25Y Butterfly with a time of :28.11Y.

The following Colby Swim in the 100Y Freestyle Relay with Club results from the Colby swim the time of 2:15.28Y with the following swimmers: Kambri Garrett, Quinlee Niblock, Brittany Carney and Courtney VanEaten.

Colby Swim Club A placed 2nd in the 100Y Medley Relay with the time of 1:40.96Y with the following swimmers: Cassie Nelson-Jonesa and Kylie Ritter.

Colby Swim Club B placed 3rd ing swimmers: Jordon Hartwell, Shaila Giebler, Amber McDonald and Ali Franz.

25Y Backstroke with a time of of :44.95Y; placed 5th in the :28.04Y; placed 15th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :31.31Y. 9-10 Boys Relays

Colby Swim Club A placed 1st in the 100Y Freestyle Relay with the time of 1:11.85Y with the following swimmers: Hayden Miller, Berndt, Kambri Garrett, Alexus Travis Finley, Aaron Faber and Mark Faber.

Colby Swim Club B placed 3rd

Cheyne Weis placed 6th the the 50Y Butterfly with a time 50Y Breaststroke with a time of :47.81Y; placed 6th in the 50Y Individual Medley with a time of 1:41.37Y.

> Katera Johnson placed 13th in the 50Y Breaststroke with a time of :56.77Y; placed 8th in the 50Y Freestyle with a time of :37.51Y; placed 6th in the 50Y Butterfly with a time of $\cdot 45.72Y$

Alexis Montgomery placed 18th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :21.49Y; placed 9th in the 25Y Butterfly with a time of :29.18Y; placed 15th in the 25Y Breaststroke with a time of :33.81Y.

Alexus Nelson-Jones placed 8th in the 25Y Breaststroke with a time of :26.34Y; had a DQ in the 25Y Butterfly with a time of :26.02Y; placed 15th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :20.69Y.

Quinlee Niblock placed 10th in the 25Y Individual Medley with a time of 2:34.11Y; placed 21st in of :29.61Y; placed 13th in the 25Y Breaststroke with a time of :27.41Y.

Kylie Ritter placed 12th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :19.40Y; placed 4th in the 25Y placed 8th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of 23.33Y.

a time of :40.43Y; placed 27th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :43.81Y.

9-10 Girls Relays

the time of 1:22.20Y with the following swimmers: Kylie Ritter, :23.58Y. Alexus Nelson-Jones, Amber Mc-Donald and Shaila Giebler.

Colby Swim Club B placed 6th in the 100Y Freestyle Relay with the time of 1:32.46Y with the folgomery, Ali Franz, Khyla Hamel and Jordon Hartwell.

Colby Swim Club C placed 6th the time of 2:13.34Y with the following swimmers: Khyla Hamel, Quinlee Niblock, Alexis Montgomery and Courtney VanEaten. 9-10 Bovs

Bryce Butts placed 9th in the 25Y Breaststroke with a time of :41.41Y; placed 9th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :30.19Y; placed 14th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :26.31 Y.

Aaron Faber placed 3rd in the 100Y Freestyle with a time of 1:35.14Y; placed 3rd in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :16.34Y; placed 1st in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of 21.25Y.

Mark Faber placed 2nd in the 25Y Breaststroke with a time of :23.56Y; placed 4th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :26.05Y; placed 4th in the 100Y Freestyle with a time of 1:35.74Y.

Travis Finley placed 1st in the the 25Y Backstroke with a time 25Y Individual Medley with a time of 1:32.78Y; placed 2nd in the 25Y Butterfly with a time of :18.81Y; placed 1st in the 25Y Breaststroke with a time of :20.43 Y.

August Hutfles placed 7th in Event 57 Boys 9-10 25Y Breast-Butterfly with a time of :23.22Y; stroke with a time of 29.14Y; placed 11th in Event 27 Boys 9-10 25Y Freestyle with a time Courtney VanEaten placed of 23.81Y; placed 3rd in Event 67 18th in the 25Y Breaststroke with Boys 9-10 25Y Individual Medley with a time of 2:43.74Y;

Hayden Miller placed 6th in the 25Y Butterfly with a time of :25.91Y; placed 3rd in the Colby Swim Club A placed 4th 25Y Breaststroke with a time in the 100Y Freestyle Relay with of :23.78Y; placed 3rd in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of

> Evan Olson placed 16th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :37.95Y.

Brennon Overton placed 1st in the 25Y Freestyle with a time lowing swimmers: Alexis Mont- of :15.20Y; placed 1st in the 25Y Butterfly with a time of :17.19Y; placed 2nd in the 25Y Individual **Colby Swim Club C** had a DQ Medley with a time of 1:34.07Y.

the time of 2:06.28Y with the following swimmers: Bryce Butts, August Hutfles, Evan Olson and Cheyne Weis.

Colby Swim Club B placed with the time of 2:02.32Y with the following swimmers: Aaron Faber, Bryce Butts, Hayden Miller and August Hutfles.

11-12 Girls

Lauren Bell had a DQ in the 50Y Backstroke with a time of :42.61Y; placed 3rd in the 50Y Individual Medley with a time of 1:30.61Y; placed 2nd in the 100Y Freestyle with a time of 1:18.34Y.

Randi Cloe placed 10th in the 50Y Freestyle with a time of :41.34Y; placed 10th in the 50Y Backstroke with a time of :53.87Y; placed 6th in the 100Y Freestyle with a time of 1:36.17Y.

Maura Hansen placed 5th in

Madison Rogers placed 1st in the 50Y Individual Medley with a time of 1:25.30Y; placed 4th in the 50Y Freestyle with a time of 32.07Y; placed 2nd in the 50Y Butterfly with a time of :34.25Y.

Dara Roulier placed 15th in the 50Y Freestyle with a time of :44.34Y; placed 9th in the 50Y Backstroke with a time of :53.34Y; placed 7th in the 100Y Freestyle with a time of 1:49.37Y.

Sydney Stephens placed 16th in the 50Y Freestyle with a time of :46.28Y; placed 8th in the 50Y Backstroke with a time of :53.10Y; placed 16th in the 50Y Breaststroke with a time of 1:00.43Y.

Hannah Strange placed 7th in the 50Y Butterfly with a time of :49.27Y; placed 10th in the 50Y Breaststroke with a time of :51.15Y; placed 7th in the 50Y Individual Medley with a time of 1:43.13Y.

Colby's offense set the tone right away with four runs in the first inning. Sager, Arnberger and Jacob Hutfles each had RBI singles and Stephen Dinkel scored on a passed ball.

"We put up for runs in the first inning and that's what I wanted to see is a little pop coming out ready to go that second game," said Krzcyki.

Those four runs would be more than enough offense for Schlick, but just for good measure Colby plated four more runs in the fourth.

Carter started the attack with an RBI triple and Sager followed with an RBI double. Two batters later, Arnberger drove in a run with a double to the gap.

Sager and Arnberger were each 2-3. Krzycki hit his second double of the night as well.

Preston suffered the loss for

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