



Senior Kiri Kendrick launched a throw from right field during the Colby High softball team's practice Wednesday. The Lady Eagles swept Goodland in a double-header on the road on Thursday. Colby defeated the Cowgirls 12-6 in the first game and 21-1 in the second game.

# Colby High softball team wins two over Goodland

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The Colby High Lady Eagles' softball team swept Goodland in a double-header on a cold Thursday in Goodland. They defeated the Cowgirls 12-6 in the first game and pulverized them 21-1 in the second.

Senior Jordan Kryzcyk and sophomore Caitlin Wark both

were swinging hot bats. Kryzcyk went 6 for 8 and Wark went 4 for 4. Kryzcyk had four doubles and seven runs batted in and Wark had 4 runs batted in. Sophomore Skyler Mengel was the winning pitcher in both games. She struck out nine while giving up five hits and six runs in the first game. She turned in a terrific performance in the second game, allowing Goodland to get just two hits.

Senior Kiri Kendrick and junior Keesa Wright both went 2 for 5 at the plate in the two games and sophomore Brittany Bange went 4 for 9. "The ladies did a great job of blocking out the cold and focusing until the job was done," said Coach Jack Elliot. With the win, the team improved to 4-2. They were to play a double-header at Garden City starting at 4 p.m. today.

# Kansas City Royals defeat Yankees 6-4 in comeback victory on Sunday

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Joba Chamberlain's season debut went just fine. It was the pitchers who followed him that cost the New York Yankees. John Buck homered and drove in three runs, helping the Kansas City Royals rally past New York 6-4 on a rainy Sunday to avoid a three-game sweep. The Royals scored three runs with two outs in the eighth inning off relievers Jose Veras and Phil Coke, spoiling a solid start by Chamberlain.

"I still have to be more consistent. I let fastballs get up. When the weather started getting out of control, you have to slow the game down and not get ahead of yourself," Chamberlain said. "The bullpen has done a good job so far. There's no second-guessing the bullpen."

With the Yankees clinging to a 4-3 lead, Damaso Marte retired the first two Kansas City batters in the eighth before Veras was brought in to face pinch-hitter Billy Butler.

Veras walked Butler and was lifted for Coke, who gave up a double to Brayan Pena that scored pinch-runner Tony Pena Jr. with the tying run.

Alberto Callaspo added an RBI single. Buck, who had three hits,

doubled home Callaspo with the final run. "I blew the game," Coke said. "I didn't give myself a chance by getting ahead of the hitters." Joakim Soria earned his third save by striking out the side in the ninth. Juan Cruz (1-0) worked a perfect eighth for the win, helped by a diving catch in right field from Willie Bloomquist. Chamberlain held the Royals to three runs — one earned — and four hits in six innings. He struck out five, walked one and hit two batters with pitches.

The right-hander came out after throwing 88 pitches, 56 for strikes. "Joba was pretty good," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "His velocity was great. Joba could have gone out again, but we thought that we had it set up. We just never got to Mo (Mariano Rivera)." The Yankees took a 4-3 lead with a three-run seventh. Nick Swisher and Hideki Matsui opened the inning with singles, followed by Xavier Nady's RBI double.

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# Trojans sweep Dodge City to remain tied for league lead

The Colby Community College baseball team (29-14, 16-8) remains tied for first place in the Jayhawk Conference West Division after sweeping Dodge City on Friday and Saturday. The Trojans won 6-5, 18-6, 7-2 and 10-8 in eight innings in the final game on Saturday. Max Bud Greve earned the win in the first game for the Trojans, allowing 5 runs on 8 hits in 6 1/3 innings of work. Greve and the Trojans led 6-3, but Dodge City rallied for two runs in the bottom of the seventh. Scott Hornstra relieved Greve with one out in the seventh and kept Dodge from scoring the tying run. Eric Sim was 2-for-4 with a run batted in and Jordan Smith was 2-for-3 with 2 runs batted in. The Trojans' offense broke game two open by scoring seven

runs in the top of the sixth. Griffin Campbell earned the win, pitching four innings in relief of starter Ryan Westover. Campbell allowed two unearned runs while striking out five. Brendan Miller was 4-for-4 with a walk for the Trojans. Miller had 3 doubles, 3 runs scored and a run batted in. Boston Langley was 3-for-5 with 4 runs batted in and Jerry Hildreth was 2-for-4 with 3 runs batted in. Overall, the Trojans' offense produced 18 hits and everyone in the lineup had at least one hit. Mark Phillips picked up his eighth win in the third game, pitching six strong innings for the Trojans. Phillips allowed two runs and struck out four. Hornstra pitched the seventh for the save. The Trojans led 3-2, but scored four runs in the top of the seventh.

The big blow was a three-run home run by third baseman Jaret Chatwood. Eric Sim also homered in the contest and drove in two runs. The Trojans rallied for three runs in the top of the seventh inning to extend the final game and then added two more in the top of the eighth. Josh Edwards started for the Trojans, pitching six innings and allowing eight runs, six earned. Scott Hornstra pitched the final two innings, earning the win. Brendan Miller was 2-for-2 for the Trojans, and Zach Semenza came off the bench to drive in two runners with a double. The team will face Garden City in a double-header at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the college baseball diamond.

# Colorado Rockies forfeit lead, losing to Philadelphia Phillies, 7-5

DENVER (AP) — Matt Stairs showed why he's made a living as a pinch hitter. Stairs hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the ninth inning and the Philadelphia Phillies rallied to beat the Colorado Rockies 7-5 on Sunday. "That's a tough job to do, and he does it pretty good," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "Hitting a pinch-hit home run is pretty hard, especially when they know what kind of hitter he is. Chase Utley tied it at 5 with a two-run homer in the eighth and Ryan Howard had three hits for the Phillies, who won the last two of the three-game series. Utley went 2-for-3 and scored three times. It was the second time this season the Phillies rallied to win a game late. They overcame a 10-3 deficit to beat Atlanta 12-11 on Wednesday. Ryan Madson (1-0) worked a scoreless eighth and Brad Lidge, the last of six Philadelphia pitchers, finished for his second save.

Dexter Fowler led off the second inning with his second homer to give Colorado a 5-1 lead. But Jayson Werth singled in Utley in the fourth and sixth, and the All-Star second baseman tied it with his first homer of the season in the eighth. Pedro Feliz hit a leadoff double in the ninth against Huston Street (0-1). Feliz was sacrificed to third before Stairs, batting for Madson, went deep for his first of the season and 15th career pinch-hit drive. "It's the same approach as in batting practice," Stairs said. "I try to hit every ball as far as I can." Street said he tried to throw the pitch inside but it ran back over the plate. "I didn't leave it up, it was down. When the pitch is down you're never really afraid, but he's a good fastball hitter," Street said. "When you don't hit the glove bad things happen." Colorado put two men on in the ninth, but Lidge got Troy Tulowitzki to ground out to second to end

the game. "Once you get to two strikes, it's tough with that slider that he has," Tulowitzki said. The Rockies were limited to four hits by three Philadelphia pitchers in an 8-4 loss on Saturday. They reached that total in their first five at-bats Sunday. Brad Hawpe hit an RBI double and scored on Garrett Atkins' single. Clint Barmes added a two-run single to make it 4-0 in the first inning. Chan Ho Park, who entered with a 5-2 career record at Coors Field, gave up five runs and seven hits in 3 1-3 innings for the Phillies. But the bullpen held the Rockies to two hits the rest of the way. "We keep the team close and we know the hitters will score runs," Madson said. "We got a chance to show what the bullpen can do." Philadelphia got one back in the second. Howard led off with a double and scored when Raul Ibanez's line drive up the middle hit pitcher Aaron Cook and rolled into shallow left field.

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