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Junior Garrett Rogers got ready to hit during game two of the Colby High Eagles doubleheader against Holcomb on Tuesday at Young Memorial Field at the Colby Recreation Complex. The Eagles swept the Longhorns, winning both games 15-0.

## **Eagles trounce Longhorns**

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The Colby High baseball team steamrolled a clearly overmatched Holcomb squad in a double-header on Tuesday at Young Memorial Field at the Colby Recreational Complex.

The Eagles just pulverized the Longhorns, winning both games 15-0.

Colby jumped ahead of Holcomb early in the first game, scoring three runs in the first inning.

Senior Eric Blanton drove in an Eagles runner when he singled between the third baseman and the shortstop in the second to increase Colby's lead to four. Senior Thomas Wieland scored on an errant throw by the Longhorns' catcher to second base to make it 5-0.

Later in the inning, Holcomb's left fielder was unable to catch a routine pop fly by senior Brent Arnberger, allowing senior Levi Schlick to score from third to ex-

### of action.

Wieland jump-started the Eagles in the bottom of the third with a line-drive double past the third basemen. Seniors Cade Carter and Corey Sager both walked to load the bases for Schlick. The Longhorns switched pitchers before Schlick's at bat.

Holcomb freshman Nathan Mandsagar had control problems from the get go. He walked the first three batters he faced, handing the Eagles' three runs and giving Colby a 10-0 lead.

The Longhorns' coach had seen enough and he decided to switch pitcher. Blanton drove the new pitcher's first pitch over the leftcenter field fence for a grand slam to make it 14-0.

The Eagles would pick up another run in the third, giving Colby the victory because of the 15-run limit. If a team is leading by more than 15 runs, the game ends and they are declared the winner.

The Eagles hit better as a team in the second game. Many of Col-

The Eagles continued to pour it on in the second, scoring six runs including a two-run homer by Dinkel over the right field fence.

They increased their lead to 11-0 when Schlick drove in two runs in the third with a single past the third baseman in the third.

Junior Brandon Rasmussen pitched three shutout innings before he was relieved by Carter in the fourth.

"He is effective when he keeps the ball low," said Cox. "He gets the ball up sometimes.'

Carter was impressive in his one inning of work, striking out three straight batters after giving up a double to start the inning.

Rasmussen tatooed a line-drive double to left field, allowing senior Garrett Zweygardt to score from third and extending the Eagle's lead to 12-0 in the bottom of the fourth. Carter drove in Rasmussen with a line-drive single to left field.

Later in the inning, freshman Braden Sager hit a ground ball

# Colby High softball team loses two at Garden City

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The Colby High varsity softball team suffered two losses at Garden City on Monday, losing the first game 3-1 and the second 5-4 in 11 innings.

Coach Jack Elliot was not happy with his team's performance.

"We didn't come ready to play," he said. "Out of Garden City's 8 liot.

runs, only two were earned. fensively and hit the ball more consistently to be successful."

Sophomore Skyler Mengel started both games for the Lady Eagles. She allowed two hits while striking out 6 batters in the first game. She struck out four while giving up 11 hits in the second.

"Skyler Mengel did a super job, throwing all 18 innings," said El-

Sophomores Bailey Koerperich, 'We have to be more solid de- Caitlyn Wark and Brittany Bange and junior Keesa Wright all had singles in game one. Bange had the team's only run batted in.

Wark had two singles and a run batted in in the second game, and senior Jordan Kryzycki, Wright and Bange all had singles.

The Lady Eagles will play Goodland at 4 p.m. on Thursday at the Colby Recreation Complex.

### County Speedway racing season set to begin in 11 days at fairgrounds

#### By B.J. Wagoner

Thomas County Speedway will have nine nights of racing this season, starting on Sunday, May 3, and finishing out on Saturday, Sept. 6. Before the racing kicks off, a demo derby is planned for Saturday.

IMCA stock car driver

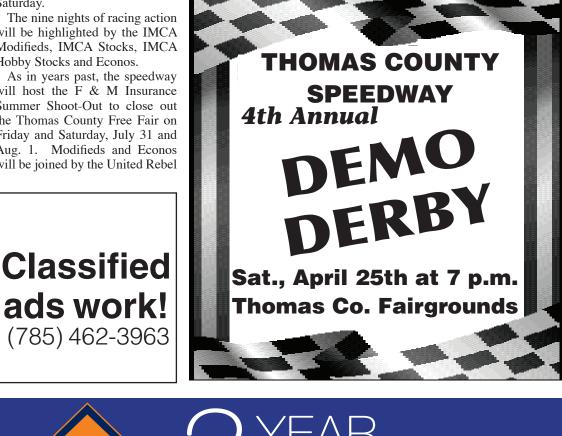
The nine nights of racing action will be highlighted by the IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Stocks, IMCA Hobby Stocks and Econos.

As in years past, the speedway will host the F & M Insurance Summer Shoot-Out to close out the Thomas County Free Fair on Friday and Saturday, July 31 and Aug. 1. Modifieds and Econos will be joined by the United Rebel

Sprint Car Series for the Friday will be looking to cash in as well, a couple of years away.

The following night, the Modifieds take center stage racing for a Sunday, Sept. 6. Race time is at \$1,500 top prize. Drivers of IMCA 7 p.m. every night except Friday, Stock and Hobby Stock classes July 31, which starts at 8 p.m.

night show, marking the return of racing for \$1,000 and \$500 respecsprint cars on the high banks after tively. The season concludes Labor Day weekend with the second Annual Jeff Hartwell Memorial on



tend the Eagles' lead to 7-0.

Junior second baseman Brandon Rasmussen made a diving stop on a sharply hit ground ball and fired a low throw to Arnberger who was able to dig the ball out the dirt right before the runner reached the bag for a hard-earned out in the top of the third. Junior starting pitcher Preston Krzycki was able to get the next two outs to end the inning. Kzycki pitched a perfect game in his three innings

from Holcomb's errors and wild bases loaded. The shortstop overpitching by the Longhorns' pitchers

"They were throwing the ball slower then we were used to in the first game," said Cox. "We adjusted pretty well in the second game."

Schlick hammered a two-run homer over the left-field fence in the first to give Colby an early lead.

by's runs in the first game came to Holcomb's shortstop with the threw the Longhorns' second baseman, allowing two runs to score to increase the Eagles' lead to 15 and end the game.

With the victories, Colby kept its undefeated streak intact as the boys improved to 9-0.

They will play again at 4 p.m. on Thursday in a double-header at Lakin.



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