



Aiming for a victory



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
Sophomore Zach Hays fired a pitch during Colby Community College's game against McCook Community College of Nebraska on Wednesday. The Trojans got by McCook 4-3 in 10 innings at the baseball diamond on campus. Colby is played McCook today in a double header here.

Colby High school golfer places first in tournament

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The Colby High varsity golf team finished third out of 12 teams in the Ron Coleman Invitational in McCook, Neb., on Tuesday with a 343 team score.

Junior Ryley Haas won the tourney by shooting a hot 76 on the hill-and-dale course.

The Eagles improved on last year's team's score by 29 strokes, said Coach Barry Lucas. Haas won the individual title by beating 59 other golfers. He was a stroke ahead of the second-place player from McCook.

Lucas said Haas didn't know if he needed to make a par or a birdie on the last hole because the McCook player had been playing in front of him and his score hadn't been posted yet. He hit the birdie, avoiding a tie.

Senior Cole Finley, junior Dylan Stithem and freshman Paul Schiferl all shot 89. Senior Kyle Molstad shot a 100 despite being ill.

"He's fighting a sickness, but

playing valiantly each day," said Lucas.

To get the team's overall score, Lucas said, officials add up the top four golfers' figures.

The tournament drew 10 teams from Nebraska and two from Kansas.

"The golf team would like to thank everyone for supporting us and wishing us luck as we played this year," Lucas said.

The Eagles' season got off to a good start on April 4, as they placed first out of 10 teams at the Sugar Hills tournament at Goodland. They shot a 330, beating the next team by an impressive 16 strokes.

Haas had the lowest score at Goodland, he said, a 74.

"His strength is his short game," Lucas said. "He's a great wedge hitter and a good putter."

Stithem placed third, shooting

an 82. He was tied for second after two rounds, but he lost the playoff, the coach said. Schiferl finished seventh with an 85 and Molstad shot an 89. Finley finished with a 90 and sophomore Rocque Russell shot a 96.

The golfers will be at the Decatur Community High School tournament this afternoon at the Oberlin Country Club, east of town on U.S. 36.

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Eagles varsity tennis team comes in first at Russell

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The Colby High boys varsity tennis team came away with first in a closely contested tournament in Russell on Friday.

The Eagles were declared the winner after the tournament ended in a three-team tie among Colby, WaKeeney and Pratt. It took some time to total up the stats and announce the winner, since all three teams had 16 points.

"The team is working very hard," said Coach Matt Ludwick. "I'm very proud of them. They are very focused this year."

The No. 2 doubles team of ju-

nior Grey Henry and senior Sam Matzek dominated their competition, beating Russell 8-2 over Rieder and Buhler of Russell, Ellinwood's Clawson and Barr 8-3 and Rennaken and Rempe of Pratt 8-1.

Senior Jeremy Harter finished third with a 3-1 record in No. 1 singles. Harter beat Sam Killian of Russell 8-5, crushed Hoisington's Jordan Klima 6-0 and shut out Killian 6-0 in their second match to decide who would win finish in third place. His only loss was to Leon Blacher of Pratt, 8-6.

Senior Jared Bixenman finished third in No. 2 singles with a 3-1 record. He defeated Cale Clawson of Ellinwood 8-1, Hoisington's

Jordan Mooney 6-1 and Cassidy Hullman of Pratt 6-4. He lost to Kale Morris of Russell 8-7.

The No. 1 doubles team of senior Jordan Hockersmith and freshman Justin Slavens went 1-2. They lost to Flax and Uhrich of Trego County 8-4 and dropped a match to Larned's Johnson and Von Feldt 6-1. They eked out a victory over Whitson and Whited of Pratt 6-5.

Ludwick said he was going to move Henry and Matzek to No. 1 doubles and move Hockersmith and Slavens to No. 2.

The team was to play at Goodland today and at 3 p.m. Friday at Scott City.

Royals pitcher leads team to victory

CLEVELAND (AP) — Brian Bannister was excited to be back in the major leagues — and even more delighted his first start came in Cleveland.

Bannister and two relievers out-pitched reigning AL Cy Young Award winner Cliff Lee, and the Kansas City Royals beat the Indians 2-0 Wednesday night.

Lee allowed two runs and nine hits over eight innings, but matched his loss total of last season. A year ago, the left-hander

went 5-0 against the Royals on the way to a 22-3 record.

"If you had told me before the game I would pitch eight innings and give up two runs, I would have been happy," Lee said.

Bannister, improved to 4-1 with a 1.62 ERA overall against the Indians. He allowed four hits and walked only one.

"I wanted to get ahead in the count because they're drawing a lot of walks," Bannister said. "I was able to get a couple of

groundballs when I needed them and the guys played good defense behind me.

"It wasn't a spectacular outing, but I did what I needed to do," he added.

Jamey Wright worked two scoreless innings and Joakim Soria pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

Soria hadn't worked in a game since saving a 4-2 win over the Indians on April 13.

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