



Eagles sweep Monarchs

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The Colby High School Varsity baseball team finished an outstanding season by sweeping Thomas More Prep-Marian on the road on Thursday. They won the first game 8-0 and the second game 15-3.

Senior Corey Sager continued his hot streak at the plate by bashing a two-run home run in game one.

Junior Preston Krzycki started the first game for Colby before being relieved by senior Stephen Dinkel in the 6th inning. Dinkel pitched two shut out innings to secure the win for the Eagles.

Senior Cade Carter had 3 hits in the game and senior Eric Blanton has a double and a single.

Senior Levi Schlick started game two and pitched for the duration of the game. The Monarchs were able to get a couple runs on him in the third inning that gave them a 3-1 lead going into the 4th. The Eagles' bats got hot in the 4th as they overtook the Monarch's lead and eventually turned the game into a blow out.

Blanton had 2 singles and a double, Sager had a single and a double and Carter had 3 singles.

The game ended in the 6th due to the 10 run limit. If the team is leading by more than 10 runs after 5 innings and the opposing team has already batted in that inning than the leading team is declared the winner.

With the two victories the team improved their record to 19-1.

They will play their first regional game against Kingman today at 5 p.m. at Young Memorial Field. Dinkel will start the game on the mound for Colby.

The Eagles are the No. 2 seed in the 7-team regional tournament. Kingman is a No. 7 seed.



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
Senior Corey Sager fired a throw to a teammate at a Colby High School baseball practice on Friday at Young Memorial Field in the Colby Recreation Complex.

Colby freshman breaks school record in pole vault

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Freshman Emilea Finley vaulted 8 feet, 6 inches to break the school record on Friday at the Northwest Kansas League Meet in Rawlins County.

The vault earned her a second place finish in the event. The Colby varsity girls track and field team dominated meet, finishing with 110 more points than their closest competitor. They accumulated 196 points. The boy's team placed 4th out of 8 teams with 77 overall points.

Finley also finished 1st in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:48.7 and the 4 by 800 and 4 by 400 teams she ran with both placed first at the meet.

Sophomore Kayla Hockersmith and Katrina Kaus performed well at the event. Hockersmith finished 1st in the high jump with a leap of 5' and she finished 1st in the long jump with a leap of 15'7". Hockersmith also placed 2nd in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 16.87 and 2nd in the 200 with 27.98. Kaus finished 1st in the 3200 with a time of 12:52 and she placed 2nd in the 1600 with 5:49.1. Senior Taylor Young finished 1st in the discus with a throw of 114' 6" and she placed

third in the shot put with a throw of 33' 2".

On the boy's side sophomore Kale Arnberger finished 1st in the triple jump with a leap of 39' 7". He also placed 4th in the long jump with 17'11". Senior Matt Ryan placed 1st in the shot put with a 45' throw. Freshman Jared Nally finished 3rd in the 3200 with a time of 11:39.4 and he placed 4th in the 1600 with 5:12.4. Senior Breck Arnberger finished 3rd in the 800 meter relay with a time 2:10.5. Junior Ethan Stickle vaulted 12' to earn him a 3rd place finish in the pole vault.

Freshman Paige Roopehan finished 2nd in the long jump with a time of 6:27.6 and she placed 2nd in the triple jump with a time of 31' 8.25. Junior Alli Barton finished 2nd in the 100 meter relay with a time of 13.49 and placed 4th in the 200 meters with a time of 28.86. Freshman Morgan Bell placed 2nd in the high jump with a leap of 4' 10" and she finished 3rd in the 300 meter hurdles with 49.39. Freshman Haley Stickle placed 3rd in the triple jump with a leap of 31' .5" and placed 4th in the long jump with a leap of 31' .5". Sophomore Kylie Reitecheck finished 5th in the 1600 meters with a time of 6:27.6 and junior Rachel Lamm placed 5th in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of

18.56.

Junior Kalen Rasmussen finished 4th in the 800 with a time of 2:14.1. Junior Chase Moore vaulted 11'6" to earn him a 5th place finish in the pole vault and sophomore Sam Kendrick placed 4th in the triple jump with a leap of 37' 6.5". He also finished 5th in the long jump with a leap of 17' 9.75".

The 4 by 800 meter relay team of senior junior Torey Taylor, Rasmussen, Moore and Arnberger finished 3rd with a time of 8:57.9. The 4 by 100 team of seniors Heath Stephens and Scott McCoy, junior Adam Weber and sophomore Troy Koon finished 3rd in the 4 by 100 meter relay with a time of 46.9 and Stephens, Rasmussen, Arnberger and Stickle placed 5th in the 4 by 400 meter relay with 3:45.5.

The women's 4 by 400 meter relay team of freshmen Alyse Dumler, Bell, Finley and sophomore Kaus finished first with a time of 4:19.8 and the team of junior Caity Wright and Barton, sophomore Allison Giersch and freshman Brenda McKee placed first in the 4 by 100 meter relay with 54.18.

The 4 by 800 team of Wright, sophomores Kim Gerstner and Lauren Shoaff and McKee finished finished 4th in the 4 by 800 meter relay with a time of 12:01.6.

Kansas City erases early deficit and defeats Baltimore Orioles 7-4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Next time the Kansas City Royals lose a game they should have won, they'd better not complain to anybody in Baltimore.

The Royals had every reason to lose to the Orioles on Sunday. They fell into an early 3-0 deficit against a pitcher who seemed to have complete command. They committed four errors. They even pulled a wild strategic gamble by calling for a suicide squeeze on back-to-back pitches.

Yet, John Buck had a tiebreaking RBI triple in the eighth and the Royals gratefully deposited a 7-4 victory in the win column that squared the four-game series.

"If you'd told me we were going to commit four errors and still have a chance to win the ballgame, and win it by the margin we did, I'd have told you you were crazy," said Royals manager Trey Hillman. "It took us a while to wake up."

It was the first time the Royals had committed four errors in a game and still won since April 10, 2003 at Detroit.

"A total missed opportunity," said Baltimore catcher Gregg Zaun. "We should have been able to close that one out and win that ballgame."

Jose Cruz (3-0), the fourth Royals pitcher, retired all six batters he faced for his 11th straight

winning decision. He has not lost since June 9, 2007, when he was with Arizona.

Buck connected off Jim Johnson (2-2) for his third triple of the season after David DeJesus doubled leading off the eighth. The Royals called a suicide squeeze with Coco Crisp at the plate, but Buck stopped his dash home and retreated to the bag when Crisp did not try to make contract.

On the very next pitch, Buck bolted toward home as Crisp pushed a deadened bunt back toward the mound. Buck was safe and so was Crisp, who eventually scored the seventh run on Billy Butler's RBI single.

"I saw who it was at the plate and first I was thinking Coco might do it on his own and knowing Trey is an aggressive manager as far as that kind of stuff, I figured he might do it," Buck said.

Buck wasn't surprised to see the suicide squeeze put on a second time.

"No, I wasn't. I was actually looking for it again," he said.

Buck, Jose Guillen and Butler each had two RBIs for the Royals, who had lost seven of eight after winning six in a row and taking over first place in the AL Central.

Baltimore starter Koji Uehara allowed only two hits the first five innings, but surrendered two doubles and two singles to the first

four batters in the sixth and left trailing 4-3.

Robinson Tejada relieved a shaky Luke Hochevar with one out in the fourth and pitched 2 2-3 innings of hitless relief for the Royals.

DeJesus tripled just past the glove of a diving Nick Markakis in right-center and scored on Buck's infield out to make it 3-1 in the third. Butler had an RBI double in the sixth and Guillen put the Royals on top 4-3 with a two-run double.

"We were playing pretty sloppy early on," DeJesus said. "But our pitching kept us in there. Our middle relief guys did a great job of keeping it close. We were able to put some good at-bats late. Johnny did a great job of not selling the bunt too early."

Hochevar, who gave up eight runs in only two innings in his first start after being recalled from Triple-A Omaha, went 3 1-3 innings and was charged with three runs — two earned — on three hits, three walks and a strikeout.

"I wish they would have left Hochevar in a little bit longer," said Baltimore manager Dave Trembley. "But Trey could see what was going on."

Apparently, Hillman could.

"He wasn't going to pull out of it himself, in my opinion," Hillman said.

Junior Bulldogs high jumper finishes second at invitational

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The Brewster High School track and field teams both finished sixth at the Palco High meet on Monday at Stockton.

Spencer Holm finished first in the long jump with a leap of 6 feet. Holm placed second in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 16.69 and fifth in the 100-meter dash with 11.54.

Devan Selby finished second in the 1600-meter run at 5:17 and fifth in the 800-meter run with 2:36.24.

On the girl's side, Kasey Hoyt

took first in the 1,600-meter run with 6:11 and in the 800 meters with 2:45.

Britt Kammer finished second in the 800 meters at 2:47 and she third in the javelin with a toss of 87' 9".

Rose Bear finished fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 3 minutes and Sheena Rall took eighth in the shot put with a 27', 1 3/4" throw.

The teams competed in the Colby Invitational on Friday at Denen Field.

On the girl's side, Hoyt finished fourth in the 800 meters with 2:42.6. She ran seventh in the 1,600 meters with 6:21.3.

Kammer was seventh in the 800-meter run with 2:45.8, fifth in javelin with a toss of 87' 3" and 10th in the 1,600-meter run with 6:29.8.

Bear took seventh in the discus with a throw of 73' 5" and 13th in the 800-meter run with 3:00.1. Rall was eighth in the shot put with a 27', 2.75" throw and 13th in the discus with a throw of 64', 5.5".

On the boys side, Holm was second in the high jump with a leap of 6', 2" and sixth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 17.23. Selby finished sixth in the 1,600-meter run with 5:13.2.

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