Colby Legion team up by two 20 games into summer season

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baseball team finished the first 20 games of the summer season last weekend at the North Platte Tour-

nament in Nebraska. The team has 11 wins and nine total. losses, picking up several impres-

win over Burlington.

Corey Sager leads the team in batting, driving in 28 runs on 25 hits. Sager has a .410 batting aver-The Colby American Legion age. So far, he has hit two triples, six doubles and 17 singles, but has not hit a home run.

> The home run leader is Eric Blanton with four, half the team's

Brent Arnberger has the most sive shutouts, including a 14-0 at-bats for the Legion team with win over Scott City and a 14-1 67, and Preston Kryzcki has the sen and Stephen Dinkel have each average on the team at 2.46.

games. Cade Carter has scored Kryzcki and Garrett Rogers have the most runs so far, crossing the one each. Rasmussen has pitched plate 29 times in 20 games. Carter also has the most stolen bases, a whopping 24, and has never been caught stealing.

Overall, the team has scored 151 runs off 152 hits. They have totaled 8 home runs and 134 runs batted in.

Kevin Lang, Brandon Rasmus-

team's longest hitting streak at four earned three wins as pitchers. the most innings, with four complete games. He also has the highest strike percentage at 66 and has walked just seven batters.

Dinkel has 46 strikeouts, the team's best, and has also pitched the most games. Carter, who has only pitched seven and one third innings, has the lowest earned run



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First baseman Brent Arnberger fielded a foul ball in a game against Ellis last week. Arnberger has 67 at bats this summer, the most for the Colby American Legion team.

Races start up again after rain outs

By Eric Gaede

Thomas County Speedway

The weather was perfect for racing at the Thomas County Speedway on Monday after having several races rained out. This week's race was a makeup for one rained out two weeks before.

All four racing divisions had new winners for the year.

- Jason Schoenberger won the Modified division, moving to second in points. • Ryan Wark won in the Stock
- Car class, putting him in a tie for first in points. • Brett Glassman won the
- Hobby Stock class, moving up to fourth place in points.

Schoenberger, No. 6, took the win for the second time in his career at Colby. Nick Tubbs, No. 737, tried hard on the restarts but just couldn't get to the lead and finished second. Matt Morris, No. 21m, had a good lead built up but the restarts allowed the field to bunch up and he ended up third. Brady Coen, No. 3, was coming up through the field quick at the beginning of the main and finished fourth. Adam Morris, No. 8x, also came up through the field, making his biggest moves at the end of the race, and finished fifth. There were 19 Modified cars on hand.

of the year and moved into a tie Crowell, No. 2c, finished sixth

the season points. Dustin Daniels, No. 33, back racing in the Stock Car class, ran a close second, with Rogers right behind them for third. Wheat Lippelmann, No. 44, came in fourth and Bruce Plumisto, No. 01w, was fifth. BJ Wagoner, No. 51w, finished sixth and No. 7 Rod Bencken was seventh.

Glassman, No. 16, got his first win of the year and held off the hottest driver of the year, B.J. Dauer, No. 33. Dauer came from the back of the pack twice after having to go into the pits for a flat tire and still made it to a secondplace finish. Travis Glassman, No. 26, came in third and Josh Lat-Wark, No. 8, got his first win ka, No. 96, was fourth. Mathew · Chad Normandin won the with Jason Rogers, No. 37, for and Chad Fields, No. 10f, was

seventh. There were 14 cars in the Hobby Stock class.

Normandin, No. 01, was also a winner for the first time this year, holding off John Luckert, No. 37. Joe Austin, No. 07, finished third and Dusty Pennington, No. 13, came in fourth. Alex Crossland, No. 27, must have had a backup car, as he had a spectacular crash on the front stretch and rolled right in front of the grandstands in the heat race. Crossland came back in the main and held off No. 12 Tyrel Smith for fifth and Dylan Hageman, No. 9, finished seventh. Eleven cars started the main.

The next races will be next Sunday at the Thomas County Fair-

"Tracy talked to us and told us

what he wanted out of us," Mar-

quis said. "He told guys to be held

more accountable for their actions, positive and negative, and guys

Billingsley (9-4) gave up three

runs and five hits in 7 2-3 innings

and tied a season high with 11

strikeouts - two more than he

responded to that real well."

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Rockies within striking distance in West Division

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If the third career shutout. The complete Anaheim. He is 5-0 with a 1.84 Colorado Rockies are going to catch the Los Angeles Dodgers in the NL West, they'll need more of what Jason Marquis gave them Tuesday night against the team with baseball's best record.

Marquis pitched a two-hitter to become the league's first 10game winner, leading the resurgent Rockies to a 3-0 victory. The 30-year-old right-hander also hit a two-run single and out-pitched Chad Billingsley in a match up of potential All-Stars.

a game like that," Marquis said. between James Loney's one-out of the strike zone and get early tro's two-out single in the eighth. 31-13. swings. I was executing better He became the fourth pitcher in than I have probably all year, and obviously you saw the results."

Slowey, Zack Greinke, Roy Halladay and Tim Wakefield for the major league lead in wins, facing two batters more than the minimum and throwing just 86 pitches in his

game was his sixth in 214 career starts and second this season.

"That was something special," Rockies manager Jim Tracy said. "In the seven-plus years I've sat behind a desk like this, that's the first time I've seen a starting pitcher throw a nine-inning, complete-game shutout and do it with less than 90 pitches. And a lot of that had to do with the way he pounded the strike zone early in the count with his fastball."

Marquis did not issue a walk "It definitely was fun to pitch and retired 19 consecutive batters club history to win 10 games before the All-Star break, joining took over. Marquis (10-5) tied Kevin Kevin Ritz (1996), Shawn Chacon (2003) and Aaron Cook (2008).

> Marquis, who allowed seven earned runs over 3 1-3 innings last Wednesday against the Angels in the road.

ERA in his last eight starts against the Dodgers going back to Sept. 4,

"A pro of his caliber who throws up a stinker like he did the other day over in Anaheim and then bounces back like he did tonight says everything there is to say about who this guy is and what a great pro he is," Tracy said.

Brad Hawpe homered for the Rockies, who set a franchise record for wins in a month with 21.

Colorado was 14 games behind the Dodgers on May 27 after getting swept in a three-game series "I just tried to attack the bottom single in the second and Juan Cas- at Chavez Ravine and outscored

> Two days later, Clint Hurdle was fired as manager and Tracy

The Rockies' surge is reminiscent of the team's 21-1 run to the It was quite a turnaround for 2007 World Series. Colorado has gone from 10 games under .500 to five above, winning 14 of 17 on



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