



Softball teams up all night as city holds first tourney

The Colby Recreation Department held its first all-night coed softball tournament last weekend. Six of the 14 summer-league teams signed up for the tourney. The games began at 9 a.m. Friday evening and lasted until 8 a.m. Saturday.

Brady Jasper, Colby Community College women's basketball coach, grilled burgers and ran a concession stand during the tournament. Prizes were raffled off at 4 a.m., with the grand prize, a bat

bag donated by the Sports Shoppe, going to Brian Quagliano.

Each team played five games, with the best record winning the tournament. Colby Bowl finished first with a 4-1 record, winning a free entry to next year's department-run coed league. Other teams were Honeymoon's Over, Williams, Pope, Cornerstone Ag and Gange Grene.

"This was a first-time event for the Colby Recreation Department, and maybe for a lot of the partici-

pants too," said Recreation Director Stacy Lee "I think it went really well for our first try, and everyone seemed to have a great time. Pulling an all-nighter isn't easy."

The department held its second annual Harvest Hustle 5K walk-run Saturday morning at the Community Building.

Twelve walkers and runners did the 3.1-mile predicted-time race. Cash prizes were awarded to the three participants who finished closest to their predicted times.

Melissa Stramel came in third, only 52 seconds off her time, Noah Pardee was second, 35 seconds off his time. And Rachel Budke came in first first; just 10 seconds off.

Dustin Reed finished first overall at 22 minutes, 42 seconds.

The department has more plans for the summer, with the second annual Iron Athlete Triathlon on Saturday, July 25, and the second Recreation Run 5K on Thursday, Aug. 13.

White Sox pitcher shuts down Royals; Kansas City suffers 4-1 loss to Chicago

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The last thing the slumping Kansas City Royals needed was for Mark Buehrle to get even better.

But the Chicago left-hander tinkered with the grip on his sinker and became even more dominant than usual against the Royals, taking a four-hit shutout into the ninth before settling for a 4-1 victory that gave the surging White Sox their sixth win in a row.

"I had everything working," said Buehrle (8-2), who raised his career mark against Kansas City to 20-8. "I changed my sinker grip in the bullpen because the last two or three games, it's been cutting instead of sinking. So I moved my fingers closer together and I think it was probably one of the best sinkers I've had in a while."

Mark Teahen, one of the few Royals hitters who seems to have much luck against the 30-year-old Buehrle, was 2 for 3, raising his career mark against him to .440.

"I asked him if he'd sign (the ball)," said Buehrle with a grin. "I finally got him out."

Teahen grounded out in the eighth.

"He's tough. He really is," Teahen said. "He mixes up all his speeds, pitches both sides of the plate." Jayson Nix hit a solo home run off Bruce Chen (0-2) as

the Royals lost their sixth in eight games. They've scored only three runs in their last three games, all losses.

Chen went six-plus innings plus two batters and gave up two runs on five hits. Making his second major league start since undergoing Tommy John surgery in late 2007, Chen walked one and struck out five and did not allow a hit until Nix sent a 2-2 pitch sailing into the visitors bullpen leading off the fourth.

The left-hander, looking for his

first victory since Oct. 2, 2005, was not threatened again until Jim Thome doubled under David DeJesus' glove leading off the seventh and Paul Konerko followed with a shallow single.

"I felt pretty good," Chen said.

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Morgan Vap, prepared to hit at a Bambino Girls League game on Thursday evening at the Colby Recreation Field between the red and yellow teams.



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