



Pitcher throws no-hitter

Colby High junior Skyler Mengel not only threw a no-hitter on Tuesday at Scott City, she almost threw a perfect game.

Mengel only allowed one runner to get on base in the entire game.

“She used her drop ball and screwball and moved the ball in and out,” said coach Jack Elliot. “They had trouble getting the meat of the bat on the ball.”

The only Lady Beavers’ runner who reached first base came in the first inning when Mengel hit a batter. Juniors Brittany Bange had two runs batted in and junior Caitlyn Wark had one run batted in the first game.

Mengel also started the second game for the Lady Eagles. She allowed two runs in five innings. Colby led 8-2 when Mengel left the game.

She was relieved by freshman Kenzie Curry in the sixth. Curry pitched a one, two, three inning in the sixth, but she struggled in the seventh. The Lady Beavers scored five runs in the seventh before Mengel returned to the mound and got the game’s final out as Colby pulled out a 8-7 victory.

Wark went a combined three for six in two games and Mengel went four for eight. Junior Bailey Koerperich, sophomore Madison Gawith, Wark and Mengel all doubled in one of the games.

Elliot said Wark and Koerperich made some good infield plays during the games. He said Wark, Colby’s shortstop, backhanded a hard



Colby High freshman Bailey Terrell fired a throw home during the Lady Eagles’ softball practice on Monday at the Colby Recreation ballfields. Lady Eagles varsity team swept Scott City 3-0 and 8-7 on Tuesday.

shot in the hole between shortstop and third base and threw out the runner before she reached first. The coach said Koerperich, the team’s second baseman, fielded a hot shot between first and second base and threw out the runner at first.

The Lady Eagles junior varsity team cruised through both of their

games at Scott City, crushing the Lady Beavers 16-2 in game one and hammering Scott City 15-2 in the second game.

Curry started the first game for the Lady Eagles. She threw five solid innings before she was relieved by freshman Karly Kriss. Freshman Bailey Terrell pitched the entire second game. Coach

Elliot said all three Colby pitchers threw strikes in the games. He also said everybody on the Lady Eagles’ team was able to make contact with the ball.

With the wins both the varsity and junior varsity team’s improved to 2-0.

The varsity team plays at 4 p.m. next Tuesday at Dodge City.

Eagles’ players chosen by league

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Colby High senior Braden McKee, coach Jon McKee’s son; and junior Corbin Stephens were both selected for the Northwest Kansas All-League basketball team.

“They were definitely two of the top 10 players,” said coach Jon McKee. “Everybody on our team worked hard, but those guys stood out a little more due to their versatility. They could both play on the inside and outside”

Stephens was the Eagles’ leading scorer, averaging 11.4 points per game. He was second on the team in both free throws and three pointers made. He made 44 free throws and nine three-pointers. He was also second on the team in assists and rebounds with 24 and 100 respectively. Stephens shot 42 percent from the field – the third highest percentage on Colby’s squad.

Corbin said his favorite things about basketball include taking the ball to the hoop and creating his own shot.

“Creating shots for myself is more fun then just setting up and shooting,” said Stephens.

Coach McKee said Stephens is a very athletic player.

“He has a lot of upside potential,” he said.

Coach McKee also said Stephens’ rebounding and team defense really improved this year. The coach said Stephens’ team defense was always very good, but it really improved as the season

progressed.

The coach said Stephens best games this year were against Oberlin on Feb. 5 and versus rival Goodland on Feb. 16. Stephens scored a team-high 19 in the Eagles 56-47 win at Oberlin and he scored a season-high 25 in Colby’s 52-51 home-court victory over Goodland. Stephens had several other high scoring games this season including scoring 17 points against St. Francis and dropping 19 on Hoxie.

Braden McKee led the team in overall assists, rebounds and blocks. He dished out 49 assists, grabbed 146 rebounds and had 47 rejections.

“I kind of like blocking shots,” he said.

He said when you get a really big block, your opponent looks demoralized.

McKee was also the team’s third leading scorer, averaging 7.8 points per game.

“He made things happen on offense,” said coach McKee.

Coach McKee said Braden’s best games were against Newton, Oberlin and Norton.

He had a season-high 24 in a 61-47 loss to Newton on Dec. 4 in the second round of the Hays City Shoot-Out. He was unconscious from the three-point line in the game, knocking down all five of his three-point attempts. McKee had season-high 15 rebounds in the Eagles’ 55-49 win at Oberlin on Feb. 5 and he scored 19 in Colby’s 46-39 victory at Norton in the Eagles’ last regular season game on Feb. 23.

Lady Trojans prevail over Nebraska team

The Lady Trojans softball team bounced back from their two losses Monday at Butler County Community College in Council Grove, by scoring two victories over Central Community College from Columbus, Neb. on Tuesday at Carl Adams Field.

Colby won game one 4-2 and they won the second game 8-3.

Freshman Courtney Bloski got the win for the Lady Trojans in game one. She allowed two runs on six hits in seven innings.

Sophomore Jamie Main and freshman Holly Denny both went two for three in the game. Brester and Dirks both doubled.

The Lady Trojans scored the first run of the game in the bottom of the third. The Lady Raiders scored two runs in the top of the fourth to go up 2-1, but Colby tacked on three more runs in the top of the sixth and won the game 4-2.

Colby outhit Central 9-6.

Main picked up the win in game two against the Lady Raiders. She allowed three runs on 11 hits scattered over seven innings.

Dirks went two for three with a

home run and four runs batted in. Both teams got a run in the first inning. But the Lady Trojans had a big fourth inning, scoring seven runs and taking a 8-1 lead. The Lady Raiders scored two runs in the top of the seventh, but Colby pulled out a 8-3 victory.

Dirks homered in the game and freshman Kaitlin Wright doubled. Central outhit Colby 11-8.

The Lady Trojans fell to Butler 7-1 and 10-2 in a doubleheader on the road on Monday. The Lady Trojans only had one hit in the first game.

Brester went two for three in the second game. It ended in the fifth inning due to the eight-run rule.

“We didn’t play with any fire at Butler,” said Coach Ryan Sturdy.

Sturdy said his team put everything back together against Central on Tuesday.

“Our pitchers threw well,” the coach said. “Our defense played well enough to keep us in the games until we made the adjustments at the plate to score runs. I’m proud of how we came back and played well at home.”

With the win the Lady Trojans

improved to 14-10 overall and 5-3 in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Western Division.

They will play in a tournament on Friday and Saturday at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park.

They play three games on Fri-

day and two on Saturday. They play Butler at noon on Friday, North Central Missouri College from Trenton at 2 p.m. and Allen Community College at 6 p.m. They take on Iowa Central from Fort Dodge at 9 a.m. Saturday and Johnson County Community College at 11 a.m.



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