Three Trojans top league lists

Three Colby Community Col- He pitched four innings, allowing lege baseball players were hon- two runs on seven hits while striking out five.

ored by the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference in March.

Freshman outfielder Austin Russell was named the hitter of the week after batting an even .500 (16-for-32) during the week of March 13 to 19. He scored 10 runs, had 10 runs batted in and three stolen bases.

Russell, a freshman from Victoria, British Columbia, finished off the week on March 19 with a 4-for-4 performance at Cloud County with three runs scored, one run batted in, a walk and a stolen base. For the season, he is hitting a team-leading .417 with 15 runs batted in, 29 runs scored, 8 walks and 1 strikeout. He is a perfect 11-for-11 in stolen base attempts.

Matt Stevens was named pitcher of the week after earning two victories, over Lamar and Cloud County. Stevens, a sophomore from Fort Lupton, Colo.,

got the win in a 13-3 five-inning Saturday and Sunday in its next romp over Lamar on March 15. conference action.



A. Russell



Matt Stevens



Jon Cotter

Stevens' performance on Sunday against Cloud County was even better. He pitched a seven-inning complete game, allowing just one run on six hits while striking out 10. He has a 2.25 earned run average with 24 innings pitched.

Jon Cotter was named the hitter of the week for his performance in six games from March 20 to 27. The sophomore shortstop from Moose Jaw, Sasketchewan, hit .478 for the week with 3 doubles, 1 home run, 7 runs scored, 9 runs batted in and 5 stolen

Cotter is hitting .366 for the season with a team-leading 13 extrabase hits - 10 doubles, a triple and two home runs - and has 27 runs batted in. He is 13-for-13 in stolen base attempts.

The baseball team is currently 16-10 for the season, and 9-3 in the West Division of the conference. Colby plays Barton County at 1 p.m.

Getting ready for the first meet



team was scheduled to have its first meet at 1 p.m. today in

Colby High track coach Gordon Rasmussen walked among his team as they warmed up before practice last week. The

Royals lose opener against Los Angeles

the Los Angeles Angels wanted to see in their season opener.

Torii Hunter and Jeff Mathis homered, Jered Weaver pitched two-hit ball into the seventh inning and the Angels beat the Kansas City Royals 4-2 on Thursday.

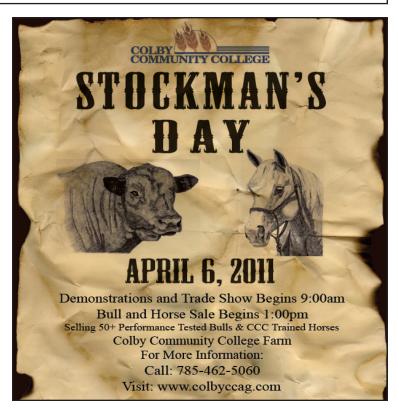
The Royals made it interesting late in the game on solo shots by Mike Aviles and Jeff Francoeur, but Los Angeles' bullpen escaped threats in the eighth and ninth.

Aviles' leadoff drive off Kevin Jepsen trimmed Los Angeles' lead to 4-2 in the eighth. The Royals went on to load the bases on three

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - walks, but Michael Kohn, the An-Take away a near-collapse by the gels' fifth pitcher, struck out Franbullpen and this was exactly what coeur and retired Alcides Escobar on a fly ball to end the inning.

> With runners at the corners and two out in the ninth, Alex Gordon barely missed a home run before Fernando Rodney struck him out for the save. Gordon was 0 for 5 with three strikeouts and left five

> The Royals committed three errors. After Mathis connected in the sixth, Peter Bourjos bunted and wound up at third on throwing errors by Hochevar and second baseman Chris Getz. Maicer Izturis ended up driving him in with a single.



Legislators halt work to root for Wichita State

TOPEKA (AP) - Work on the ita area, clad in black and gold, 2012 state budget came to a halt bolted from the chamber even bein the Kansas House so members could cheer Wichita State in the NIT men's basketball champion- blocks from the Statehouse. ship game from Madison Square Garden.

nationally televised game at 6 p.m. Central time Thursday against Alabama. Wichita State won its first NIT title, 66-57.

House members from the Wich-

fore recess was announced to catch the game. Watch parties were held

Win or lose, all 125 members were expected to be in their seats The Shockers tipped off in the later in the evening to finish the proposed \$14 billion budget. The House microphone was adorned with black and yellow balloons following the Shocker victory.

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