

Lady Eagles score big over 6A Dodge City

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The Colby High softball team won another pair of games Tuesday, pounding Dodge City 10-1 and 11-5.

Coach Jack Elliot said the team had two good wins against the larger Class 6A school (Colby is in Class 4A).

“We executed a lot of things well today,” Elliot said, “and the pitchers were stronger than last time.”

Pitchers Skyler Mengel and Kenzie Curry continued to impress. Mengel won game one, allowing 1 run on 5 hits. Curry won the second game, allowing 5 runs on 6 hits, but striking out five. Mengel came in in the sixth inning for a save, striking out four batters and walking 1.

Colby opened the first game strong with a 6-run second inning. Dodge City picked up its only run in the fourth.

The Lady Eagles would not score again until the bottom of the fifth, on a sacrifice fly by senior Tera Raymond that brought junior Madison Gawith home.

Since neither team was ahead by more than 10 runs, the game went the full seven innings. Mengel scored in the bottom of the sixth on a double by senior Brittany Bange. Bange and senior Bailey Koerperich scored on a single by Gawith to make it 10-1. Dodge City couldn’t put any more runs across in the seventh, ending the game with a win for Colby.

Curry started game two strong,

striking out two batters in the top of the first. A third grounded out.

Mengel got across home plate in the bottom of the first on a long line drive by Curry. The ball went under the fence, a ground-rule double, and Mengel was put back at third base. She eventually scored on a grounder by Koerperich, who was thrown out at first.

With runners at first and second, junior Lacy O’Neal hit a double, bringing Gawith home and sending sophomore Jenessa Williams to third. Williams scored on a double by Raymond, making the score 3-0 Colby.

With no outs, senior Caitlyn Wark walked, loading the bases. Mengel hit a single, bringing home O’Neal. Dodge City’s catcher missed the throw to home, so Raymond kept going from third and scored, pushing Colby’s lead to 5.

With one out, Koerperich hit a triple just over the head of the Dodge City right fielder, bringing Mengel home. Koerperich scored on a ground out by Bange, giving Colby their last run of the inning.

Dodge City would answer with five runs, but they never got close to the Lady Eagles, who scored three more to win 11-5.

Gawith led the team in hits with 4 singles in the double header. Koerperich hit a single, a double and a triple and Bange hit three singles. Curry hit a single and a double; O’Neal, Raymond and Mengel each had two singles and Wark hit a single.

With the wins, the girls are 4-0. They were to play next at 4 p.m. today against Ulysses at home.



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Colby High senior Tera Raymond slid into home plate, scoring a run for the Lady Eagles in their 11-5 win over Dodge City on Tuesday. Raymond got home on an error by the Dodge City catcher, who missed a throw to home.

Colby junior varsity team wins doubleheader at home

The Colby High junior varsity softball team won two high-scoring games against Dodge City 15-6 and 17-9 on Tuesday.

Sophomore Jenessa Williams hit a home run off the first pitch in game one. Williams also had a single and a double, driving in four runs. Freshman Paige Arm-

bruster hit two doubles, driving in two runners. Sophomore McKenna Ortner got three runs batted in on two singles.

Freshman Andrea Barton drove in one run on two hits. Sophomore Bailey Terrell drove in two runs and sophomore Alexa Schindler hit two singles.

Terrell picked up the win. She struck out five batters, walked three and gave up two hits.

Freshman Madison Rogers got the win in game two, striking out seven batters. She and freshman Haley Mengel each got three runs batted in. Terrell and fresh-

men Tatym Rundel and Morgan Vap each drove in two. Freshman Haleigh Shull got one run batted in.

“The girls did a better job of pitching today,” said Coach Jack Elliot. “The defense needs to stay focused at all times. We will continue to work on defensive

situations.”

The junior varsity girls are 3-1 for the season. They were to play next at 4 p.m. today alongside the varsity team against Ulysses at the Colby recreation fields.

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