Colby pitchers throw two no-hitters



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Colby High sophomore Karly Kriss was safe at first after a throw got past the Ulysses first baseman in game two of a home doubleheader Friday.

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Two Colby High pitchers combined to throw a nohitter and a perfect game Friday in a double header against league rival Ulysses in softball action at the Colby recreation fields, winning 15-0 and 16-0.

Senior Skyler Mengel pitched the first game, allowing no runs, no hits and no walks while striking

"The only bumps in the road were three errors committed behind her," said coach Jack Elliot.

The Tigers fell quickly in the top of the first. Senior Caitlyn Wark started off strong in the bottom of the inning with a double to left field. Mengel hit a pop fly to left that allowed Wark to reach third. Sophomore Kenzie Curry walked and stole second, then senior Bailey Koerperich walked to load the bases. Wark scored on a wild pitch, which advanced the other runners to second and third.

Brittany Bange hit a grounder to the shortstop that allowed Curry to score. Junior Madison Gawith walked and stole second, but sophomore Karly Kriss grounded out to end the inning at 2-0.

Mengel retired the Tigers in order in the top of the second. In the bottom half of the inning, junior Lacy O'Neal walked and got to second a wild pitch. Senior Tera Raymond got to first on a bunt. Both runners advanced on a wild pitch as Wark walked to load up the bases. Mengel made a shot chop to the infield, who overthrew the base, allowing O'Neal to score Colby's third run of the game.

With the bases still loaded, Curry walked, bringing home Raymond. Bange hit a double that scored Wark, Mengel and Curry. An error brought Bange over to third on the play.

With the score at 7-0, Koerperich struck out looking for the first out of the inning. Gawith hit a single to center field that brought Bange home. Kriss hit another single in the same direction. Both girls would advance on wild pitches. O'Neal, in her second at bat of the inning, walked again to load the bases.

A wild pitch brought Gawith home to make it 9-0. Kriss advanced to third and O'Neal to second. Raymond hit a single to center field that scored Kriss and brought O'Neal to third. O'Neal then scored on

a wild pitch to make it 11-0.

With only one out and back at the top of the order, Wark walked and moved over to second on a wild pitch. Mengel hit an infield fly for the second out of the inning. Curry walked, loading the bases for Koerperich, who struck out earlier in the inning. Koerperich got on base by an error that allowed Raymond to score and Wark and Curry to advance. With two outs and a score of 12-0, Bange hit a pop fly to shallow left field that finally ended the inning for the beleaguered Tigers.

Ulysses was unable to score any runs in the top of the third. Mengel picked up two more strikeouts, but the Lady Eagles got into trouble late in the inning when a pair of errors by Gawith at first allowed two runners on. However, Gawith helped the team get out of the inning by catching Mengel's throw to

The Lady Eagles needed just three runs to end the game on the 15-run rule. Gawith lead off with a single to left. Kriss also hit the ball to left, but Gawith was thrown out at second on a fielder's choice. Junior Katie Zerr came in for O'Neal. Kriss stole second, giving her the opportunity to get to third on Zerr's infield single. Zerr also stole second, and Raymond walked to load the bases. Kriss scored on a wild pitch, as did Zerr, making the score 14-0.

With the winning run on third and one out, Wark and Mengel walked and Curry hit a sacrifice fly that brought Raymond home to end the game.

In game 2, Curry pitched a perfect game, striking out five while matching Mengel's performance with no runs, no hits and no walks.

Wark hit better in game 2, going 3 for 3 with a triple and two doubles. She scored 3 runs and batted in 2. Kriss hit a triple and a single and got one run batted in. Sophomore Jenessa Williams also belted a triple as well as a sacrifice fly that combined to bring

Curry went 2 for 3 with a double and a single that brought home 3 runs. Bange got a double and one run batted in; Koerperich, a single and 2 runs batted in; Gawith, a single and 1 run batted in; and O'Neal got one run batted in on a sacrifice.

The Lady Eagles played at Ellis on Tuesday and will play at Hugoton on Friday.

Lady Eagles' junior varsity wins two games over Ulysses

The Colby High junior varsity Ulysses at the Colby recreation

game 18-0. Sophomore pitcher Bailey Terrell gave up just one hit and one walk while striking out

Freshman Madison Rogers hit softball team won both games of a double and drove one run in. a double header Friday against Terrell and sophomore McKenna Ortner each had one single and The Lady Eagles won the first Abby Friesen had a single and up 6 runs, but still won 11-6. one run batted in. Freshman Jenna Ketchum had three runs batted in and sophomore Jenessa Williams ond inning. She was relieved by

Since the girls led by more than 15 runs, the game ended after three innings.

The Lady Eagles had a little two runs batted in. Freshman trouble in game two. Colby gave Freshman Haley Mengel started the game but struggled in the sec-Terrell, who finished the game.

Terrell also batted well, hitting Haileigh Shull got one in with a a single, a double and a triple to single. Rogers and freshman Paige drive in one run. Freshman Maura Armbruster each got base hits. Hansen got a double and two runs batted in. Mengel got a single and

Coach Kathy Elliot said she was pleased with the girls' effort and two runs batted in while freshman attitude during the games.

"Ulysses struggled with pitching, and it was hard for our girls to stay focused at the plate," she said. "We need to only be aggressive on strikes. We still need to improve on defensive situations.'

Golden Plains track team does well at Hoxie competition

By Cole Christensen

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains High School track and field team competed in its first meet of the season at Hoxie on Friday.

This was not an easy meet for Golden Plains, with teams including Hill City, Hoxie, St. Francis and Wheatland/Grinnell also competing. However, the Bulldogs performed well, with the boys finishing third overall and the girls finishing fifth.

Rilee Spresser got the Bulldogs' sole first-place finish with a long jump of 18 feet, 5.25 inches. Spresser placed second in the shot put with a throw of 43 feet, 4 inches; fourth in the javelin with 137 feet, 10 inches; and fourth in the high jump with 6 feet.

Other individual boys scores included:

Cameron Spresser, fifth in the 110-meter hurdles with 21.36. Chance Hoeting, sixth in the 110-meter hurdles with 21.39.

Kalyn Weber, second in the 100-meter run with 11.36; third in the 200 meters with 24.92; and third in the javelin with 141 feet. Andrew Luna, fifth in the 200 meters with 25.54.

Devinn Ritter, fourth in the shot put with 41 feet, 10.5 inches.

Cole Christensen, second in the high jump with 6 feet, 2 inches; third in the triple jump with 38 feet, 10 inches.

Zach Spresser, fifth in the triple jump with 36 feet, 9 inches.

The Bulldogs' 4-by-400 relay team of Luna, Christensen, Jose Bermudez and Ethan Walter placed third with 3:55.27.

The 4-by-800 team of Hoeting, Josh Barnhart, Cameron Spresser, and Jesus Garcia also placed third with 10:49.52.

Individual girls scores includ-

meters with 14.98; third in the high jump with 4 feet, 8 inches;



JUDY ROGERS/Golden Plains High Schoo Randi Cressler got a good spin going before throwing the discus at the Hoxie Invitational on Friday.

200 meters with 30.19; sixth in the long jump with 12 feet, 8.5 inches.

Virdiana Beltran, third in the 200 meters with 31.25; fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with 20.5; Leea Juenemann, fourth in the 800 meters with 2:53.59.

Hannah Antholz, fifth in the discus with 79 feet, five inches. Jordan Christiansen, fourth

Kylie Jones, sixth in the 100 in the high jump with 4 feet, six Avery Spresser, third in the tri-

Macayla Easton, second in the ple jump with 29 feet, 5 inches.

The girls 4-by-100 meter relay team of Beltran, Jones, Easton and Melissa Ritter placed third with

The 4-by-400 meter relay team of Jones, Christensen, Easton and Angela Ritter placed third with 4:45.6.

The Bulldogs continued their season this week, traveling to Colby for the Triplains Invitational on Tuesday. They will be in Logan on Friday for the Northern Valley Invitational.

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