

Lady Eagles win first regionals game

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The Colby High School softball team won the opening round of the Regional Tournament with a 10-0 blowout of the Ulysses Tigers on Monday at the Colby Recreation Fields.

Skyler Mengel – who graduated from Colby High School the day before along with the team’s other seniors – pitched a 1-hitter, giving up just one base hit in the fifth inning. She retired the other batters in order with 1 strikeout and no walks.

Kenzie Curry had the team’s only hit, a double. Ulysses walked 11 batters and had 5 errors and numerous wild pitches, allowing the Lady Eagles to run the bases and score without hits.

The girls jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Lead-off hitter Caitlyn Wark scored the first run, getting home on a ground out by Curry. Bailey Koerperich and Madison Gawith walked. Brittany Bange got on by an error that allowed Koerperich to score, making it 2-0.

Mengel hit a grounder to the Ulysses third baseman, who bobbled it and tried to make the throw to first, but Mengel was safe. Gawith scored on the play. Bange and Mengel would also score on wild pitches. Karly Kriss and Haileigh Shull – a freshman playing her first varsity game – both walked and then advanced on wild pitches.

With Wark at the plate for the second time in the inning, Kriss and Shull both got home on wild pitches, making it 7-0. Wark ended up walking and stole second. Raymond also walked, but Curry hit a pop fly to end the inning.

The Lady Eagles added a run in the bottom of the second. Koerperich walked and stole second base. Bange hit an infield grounder, but the throw missed the first baseman, allowing Bange to get to second and Koerperich to get home.

Both teams went down in order in the third inning. Koerperich walked and stole second again in the bottom of the fourth, but was left on base after a strikeout and a pair of ground outs.

Ulysses’ only hit came in the top of the fifth with a single to center field. The Lady Eagles were able to retire the side without any damage. Kriss and Shull scored in the bottom of the fifth, ending the game by the 10-run rule.

The Lady Eagles were to play Russell today at 4:45 p.m. in the



KEVIN BOTTRELL/Colby Free Press
Colby High graduate Caitlyn Wark ran home for the first run in the softball team’s 10-0 win over Ulysses on Monday.

second round. Russell advanced with a narrow 6-5 win over Kingman on Monday. The Lady Broncos are 13-8 for the season.

The winner of Colby’s second round game will face the winner of the early game, Pratt versus Hugoton, who played at 3 p.m.

Hugoton won 2-1 against Hoisington on Monday. As the No. 1 seed, Pratt got a bye in the first round. The regional championship game is scheduled for 6 p.m.

If the games are called because of rain, they will be played Thursday.

College baseball team defeated in final round

The Colby Community College baseball team closed an 42-win season on Monday with a 5-2 loss to Seward County in the Region VI championship.

The Trojans got into trouble early, giving up 3 runs in the first inning on 3 hits and 2 errors. Colby answered with a run of their own in the bottom of the first. Nick Bata hit a single to center field that scored Austin Russell, making the score 3-1.

The Trojans pulled within 1 in the bottom of the third. Scott Jones hit a single up the middle, scoring Jon Cotter from second.

However, Colby couldn’t put any more runs

on the board. Seward added runs in the seventh and eighth innings, going on to win the game 5-2. Colby had 6 hits and 4 errors to Seward’s 11 hits and 1 error.

Cory Ridenour started the game on the mound for the Trojans. He gave up 3 runs on 6 hits. He got 2 strikeouts. Ridenour was relieved in the fifth inning by R-Jay Joe, who struck out 2 and gave up 2 runs on 5 hits.

As the winner of the losing bracket, Colby would have had to win twice Monday to advance to the Junior College World Series. The Trojans finished their season at 42-20.

Bulldogs take second at Logan

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Five boys is not a lot for a track team, but for the Brewster sixth graders, it proved just enough to capture second place at the Logan Invitational on May 5.

Jaden Schmidt brought home two gold medals, winning the shot put with a throw of 27 feet 2 inches and the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:12.18. He also placed second in the discus with 67 feet 2.5 inches.

Tad Holm placed second in the high jump, with a personal-best height of 4 feet, 4 inches. Holm also came in third in the 75-meter hurdles with 14.34 and fourth in the 200-meter dash in 32.44.

J.B. Felzien took third in the 100-meter dash with 14.81, fourth in the 75-meter hurdles with 14.92 and fifth in the 75-meter dash with 11.84. Cade Mayer, fourth in the 800-meter run with 3:00.47, seventh in the 400-meter dash with 1:21.29, and eighth in the long jump with 10 feet, .25 inches. Placing fifth in the discus with a throw of 48 feet, 7 inches was Dalton Arntt. He also placed eighth in the 75-meter dash with 13 seconds, and ninth in the shot

put with 18 feet, 10.25 inches.

For the seventh and eighth grade boys, Layton Werth ran the 1600-meter run in 5:42.15, winning first place. Werth also placed fifth in the 800-meter run with 2:35.5 and 11th in the triple jump.

C.J. Felzien placed second in the discus with a throw of 99 feet, 10 inches and eighth in the shot put with 29 feet, 10.5 inches. Takoda Turner, second in the 1600-meter run with 5:43.42, and third in both the 800-meter run with 2:29.12, and the 400-meter dash with 1:03.15.

Jace Jorgensen placed eighth in the 100-meter dash with 13.57, fourth in the medley relay, along with Werth, Felzien and Turner with 2:04.73, and seventh in the 4-by-100 relay with team members Nathan Brown, Carl Mayer and Ismael Ornelas. Jorgensen, along with Brown, Mayer, and Ornelas, placed sixth in the 4-by-200 relay with 2:09.3.

Justin Schmidt placed sixth in the 1600-meter run with 5:59.91, ninth in the 400-meter dash with 1:12.73, and eighth in the 200-meter dash with 29.93. Brown ran the 400-meter dash, finishing 10th with 1:13.42.

On the girls’ side, for the sixth

grade, Shavaun Barnes finished fifth in the 400-meter dash with 1:21.68, sixth in the 800-meter run with 3:11.49, and eighth in the 75-meter dash with 12.32. Lily Herz leaped 7 feet, 6.5 inches in the long jump for 14th place, was 10th in the 75-meter dash with 13.16, and 12th in the 100-meter dash with 16.91.

For the seventh and eighth grade girls division, Kendra Rush brought home second place in both the 100-meter dash with 14.17 and the 800-meter run with 2:44.7. She was fifth in the triple jump with 25 feet, 11.75 inches, and was a member of the medley relay team, which finished fourth.

Dara Roulier, also a member of the medley relay, was sixth in the 400-meter dash with 1:17.04, 10th in the discus with 60 feet and 14th in the shot put with 24 feet, 3.5 inches. Alicia Barrie ran the 200-meter Hurdles in 38.25 seconds for sixth place, the 100-meter hurdles in 20.97 for fifth, and was a member of the medley relay. Rachel Friess, the fourth member of the medley relay, finished fifth in the 400-meter dash in 1:16.78, 12th in the 100-meter dash in 15.44, and sixth in the long jump with 11 feet, 5.25 inches.

Cleveland embarrasses Kansas City

By Doug Tucker
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KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The Cleveland Indians did not just beat Kansas City two in a row. They embarrassed them.

With Carlos Santana and Ascrubal Cabrera hitting home runs and Travis Hafner unloading a three-run double in the top of the first inning Tuesday night, the first-place Indians tacked a 7-2 win onto Monday night’s 19-1 spanking and beat KC for the fifth time in a row.

Collectively, this was a 26-4 beatdown by the first-place team the Royals have been hoping to catch up with in the AL Central.

“They outplayed us in every phase of the game the whole series,” said Royals manager Ned Yost. “They out-hit us, they out-pitched us, they out-defensed us. They just outplayed us.”

It was a fourth straight loss by the Royals. But at least the series gave them an indication of where they need to improve.

“We need to pitch better, we need to hit better in clutch situations,” said Yost. “We need to just play better baseball than we did in this last series. They came in and outplayed us, and that’s the name of the game every night. You’ve got to be better than you opposition, and for the last four nights, we haven’t been. We have to find a way to be.”



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