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Cole Holt threw a pitch Saturday during a Colby Community College baseball game at the baseball field on campus. The Trojans lost this game 4-0 against Butler Community College, but were able to squeeze out a win in the second game 10-7.

Trojans baseball team splits with Butler 2-2

The Colby Community College Trojans baseball team won two games and lost two against Butler Community College in double-headers Saturday and Sunday on the college diamond.

The Trojans lost the first game 4-0 and won the second 10-7 on Saturday. Colby again lost game one on Sunday 4-1, coming back to win the final game of the series 4-3.

In the first game Saturday, Mike McLaughlin and Cole Holt pitched for the Trojans. McLaughlin threw for a little more than five innings, posting 6 strikeouts and allowing 5 hits, 4 runs and 5 walks.

Holt allowed 1 hit in the one inning that he pitched.

In the second game, Colby had Devin Chavez, Bert Guzman and Kyle Matusoff pitch. Together, the three had 7 strikeouts and allowed 8 hits, 7 runs and 3 walks. The team had 5 errors in the game.

Nick Bata led the Trojans at the plate, hitting 3 for 4 to bring in 4 runs. He accounted for a run himself.

On Sunday, the Trojans used David Johnson, Guzman and Dylan Klava on the mound in game one. As a group, they had 3 strikeouts and allowed 6 hits, 4 runs and 2 walks. The team made 4 errors.

The only run that came in for Colby was scored by Austin Russell, who was batted in by Scott Jones. Jones and Bata were 2 for 3 at the plate.

In game two Sunday, Drew Posegate, Klava and Matusoff pitched for Colby. Posegate pitched seven innings with 4 strikeouts, 5 hits, 3 runs and no walks. There was one error while he was pitching.

Klava and Matusoff pitched for one inning each and allowed 1 walk apiece.

Daniel Devonshire led the team with 2 hits in 3 times at bat and

had a run batted in.

"It was a windy, hard-fought weekend against what I thought was a very tough opponent..."

said Coach Ryan Carter. "The two losses boiled down to Butler having very good pitching performances, as well as mistakes on our part at the wrong time. The wind definitely had an impact on the games, and I felt that both teams did a good job of battling through it."

"While we wanted to win at least three of the four, I am not disappointed in the weekend because I thought we played well and the weather presented a lot of challenges. It was a weekend of survival."

The Trojans will be on the road again on Saturday and Sunday, with doubleheaders both days against Barton County Community College in Great Bend.

Kansas Jayhawks wary of No. 11 North Carolina State

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ST. LOUIS — Tyshawn Taylor and the rest of the Kansas Jayhawks know better than to focus on seeds this time of year. Especially when it comes to those nasty No. 11s.

It was exactly one year ago that their bracket seemed to be opening up nicely for another Final Four run. The fourth and fifth seeds in their region went down in the second round, and the second and third quickly followed them out. That left VCU standing in the top-seeded Jayhawks' way.

The scrappy No. 11 seeds wound up advancing to Houston.

Kansas wound up heading home.

"I've been saying all along, seeds don't matter at this point," Taylor said Thursday, on the eve

of the second-seeded Jayhawks' Midwest Regional semifinal against No. 11 seed North Carolina State.

"That team is capable of being a three or four seed," Taylor added.

Just like the Rams last year. And another lower seed, Northern Iowa, the year before that.

Kansas (29-6) hasn't played a team seeded better than No. 9 since falling to second-seeded Michigan State in the Midwest Regional semifinals three years ago. That includes a blowout victory over No. 15 seed Detroit and a nip-and-tuck tussle with No. 10 seed Purdue last weekend.

"You can't think of seeds," said Connor Teahan, the lone remaining player from the 2008 title team. "Obviously the last two years the way we've been knocked out — what was VCU last year?"

It was a rhetorical question. Not

a soul in the Kansas locker room at the Edward Jones Dome on Thursday afternoon needed to be reminded what VCU was seeded.

Just like they all know what number is attached to N.C. State.

The Wolfpack (24-12) barely got into the tournament after a four-game losing streak late in their ACC schedule. They needed a strong run to the semifinals of their conference tournament even to have the chance to sweat out Selection Sunday.

Sweat they did, too. N.C. State was the last at-large team announced.

The momentum hasn't slowed since they were revealed in the bracket. They rolled past San Diego State, a trendy pick to reach the round of 16, and then needed some clutch free throws down the stretch to knock off third-seeded Georgetown.

Local player helps in all-star game win

Colby's Morgan Bell scored 9 points to help the North Central Kansas All Stars win the girls game in the Second Annual Sunflower Shootout All Star basketball game in Smith Center on Saturday.

Both games went right down to the wire, with the regional team coming out ahead of the Mid-Continent League all stars in both.

In the girls contest, the North Central Kansas girls held on to defeat the Mid-Continent League 75-74.

The North Central girls led 37-25 at halftime before the Mid-Continent girls made a second-half run to close the gap. Smith Center's McKenzie Benoit was fouled with one second left and went to the free-throw line to shoot two, trailing 75-73. Benoit made the first shot but missed the second, and the North Central team escaped with a one-point victory.

Beloit's Bailey Brown led the North Central girls in scoring with 19 points. Logan's Caley Greving and Alissa Gasper of St. John's Beloit-Tipton both added 12 points. Shelby Heim of Hoxie scored 7, Republic County's Michelle Cottermyre and Lakeside's Prairee Marlier 5 apiece, Kaley Johnson of Republic County 4, Beloit's Cami Englebert 3 and Washington's Morgan Bisnette 2.

"I really appreciate Michelle Cottermyre coming in to play," said Smith Center Recreation Director Mike Hughes. "One of the NCK girls was ill that morning and couldn't play, and Michelle's teammate Kaley Johnson called her at 10:30. Said she would be there at noon for practice, and sure enough, she made it."

Hannah Dietz of Trego led the Mid-Continent team with 18 points, followed by Phillipsburg's Raegan Vanderplas with 13 and Lexi Reidel of Trego with 10. Haley Dietz of Trego added 9 points, McKenzie Benoit 7, Mikayla Gottschalk of Ellis 5, Hill City's Haley Dinkel 4, Tangie Hileman of Smith Center and Hill City's Kelsey Keith 3 apiece and Hallie McCall of Smith Center 2.

Winning coaches were Dallas Cox of Beloit and Brandon Gehring of Logan. Norton's Kevin Jilka and Kim Pakkebieer of Phillipsburg coached the Mid-Continent squad.

In the boys contest, the North Central Kansas all stars won 67-63.

The Mid-Continent boys had their way in the first half, leading 34-27 at halftime against a much taller team. But the North Central boys battled their way back in the second half, taking the lead late in the game and holding on for the win.

Beloit's Zach Brummer led the winners with 12 points, with 6'10" Mitchell Walter of Washington County and Decatur Community's Dalton Jones chipping in 10 points apiece. Austin Herman of Thunder Ridge scored 9 points, Hoxie's Jaxsen Moss 8, Cole Christensen of Golden Plains 6, Lakeside's Keegan Heiland and Blake Walter of Rock Hills 4 apiece and Kalen Cromwell of Republic County and Natoma's Corey Dunlap 2 each.

Norton's Jordan Wahlmaier paced the Mid-Continent team with 14 points, while Plainville teammates Andrew Casey and Kyle Becker added 11 and 10 points, respectively. Jameson Klein of Plainville scored 8 points, Alex Hobelmann of Smith Center 7, Smith Center's Kale Terrill 5, Adam Pfeifer of Hill City 4 and Norton's Tye Nickell and Matt Craig of Hill City 2 apiece. Trego's Brad Pfannenstiel did not score.

Coaching the North Central boys were Kyle Beisner of Lakeside and Alan Sheets of Republic County. Doug Reusink of Norton and Plainville's Chris Rorbaugh were at the helm of the Mid-Continent team.

Kelsey Keith won the girl's 3-point shooting contest over Shelby Heim. Jaxsen Moss won the boy's 3-point contest.

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