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Colby High Softball Coach Jack Elliot motioned for runner Morgan Bell to run home April 10 during a varsity softball game against Ellis at the city ball fields. The Lady Eagles won both games, 15-0 and 13-2, and have started the season 5-1.

Colby varsity team starts season at 5-1

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The Colby High varsity softball team has started the season strong, racking up 5 wins and 1 loss so far.

The Lady Eagles beat Holcomb 7-1, Ellis 15-0 and 13-2 and Hugoton 11-1 and 17-7. Their loss was 6-3 to Holcomb.

Junior pitcher Kenzie Curry is 4-1 and junior pitcher Bailey Terrell is 1-0.

Coach Jack Elliot said Curry threw a no-hitter in the first game against Hugoton on Friday.

"Offensively, we have gotten better as the season goes on," he said.

Up to this point, Curry is 10 for 16 at the plate with 5 singles, 4 doubles, 1 triple, 8 runs batted in and 15 runs scored. Senior Morgan Bell is 4 for 12 with 3 singles, 1 double, 8 runs batted in, 7 runs and 4 sacrifice flies.

Sophomore Haileigh Shull is 8 for 17 at bat, hitting 5 singles, 4 doubles, 11 runs batted in and

scoring 8 runs. Junior Jenessa Williams is 12 of 20 with 7 singles, 4 doubles, 10 runs batted in and 5 runs.

Junior Karly Kriss is 6 for 18 with 5 singles, 1 double, 6 runs batted in and 7 scored; senior Lacy O'Neal is 3 for 15 with 1 single, 2 doubles, 1 run batted in and 6 runs scored; Terrell is 4 for 14 with 3 singles, 1 double, 5 runs batted in and 6 scored; and junior McKenna Ortnier is 4 for 9 with 3 singles, 1 double, 5 runs batted in and 3 runs scored.

Other players contributing to the wins are sophomore Tatym Rundel with a single, 2 runs batted in and 1 run; junior Lauren Bell with a single, 2 runs batted in and 1 run scored; and sophomore Andrea Barton with a single and 1 run batted in. Also playing with the varsity is freshman Brooklyn Bange.

"We've been playing better every outing," Elliot said. "Defense is solid so far. I'm very happy with our progress."

The junior varsity has also

started its season well with a 3-1 record.

The squad lost to Holcomb 6-4, with Haley Mengel as the losing pitcher, and defeated Holcomb 9-5, with Dani Foster on the mound.

The girls then defeated Hugoton twice, 28-0 and 9-8. The winning pitchers were again Mengel and Foster.

In the first game, Mengel struck out 4 and walked 2, Darby Sager had 4 strikeouts and 7 walks and Foster gave up a double and retired the side for the win.

At the plate, Barton hit a double; Mengel had 2 singles and a triple; Madison Rogers had a home run and a single; Lauren Bell, Abby Friesen and Kali Kuper each had a single; and Morgan Vap had a double.

In game two, Foster had 2 singles, Macy Page had a single and Kelly Sloan and Maura Hansen each hit a triple.

The next games will be Thursday, April 26, against Lakin in Scott City.

Junior varsity runs in Rawlins

The Colby High junior varsity boys and girls track teams both took sixth place at the Rawlins County meet Tuesday.

The girls finished with 33 team points and the boys with 2 points.

For the girls, Paige Roopchan placed in three events. She took first in the triple jump with a jump of 33 feet, 8.75 inches; third in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 17.86 seconds; and fourth in the long jump with a jump of 15 feet, 2 inches.

Other placers for the Lady Eagles were Olivia

Wetter, 300-meter hurdles, 57.37; Shelby Gardner, 1,600-meter run, 7:11.56; and Morgan Mengel, shot put, 29 feet, 3 inches.

The 4x100-meter relay team took fifth place in 56.96 and the 4x400-meter relay team was fourth in 5:00.28.

On the boys side, two boys placed. Brandon Gae came in sixth in the 800-meter run with 2:35.22 and Aaron Faber finished sixth in the 1,600-meter run with 5:37.85.

Bell signs with Kansas Wesleyan



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Colby High senior Morgan Bell watched Monday as her mom, Renell Bell, signed as a witness on her daughter's letter of intent to play basketball at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina. Also joining her for the signing were Jack Elliot, Colby High softball coach and junior varsity girls basketball coach; Parker McKee, Colby girls basketball coach; her sister, Lauren Bell; her father, Max Bell; and Gordon Reimer, head coach of the Wesleyan women's basketball team. Morgan has participated in basketball, volleyball, softball and track and was all-league in basketball and second team all-league in volleyball this year. "Kansas Wesleyan is getting a good gal," said Principal Larry Gabel.


Lady Trojans golfer places fifth

Colby Community College women's golfer Jaelyn McCauley, a freshman from St. Francis, placed fifth at the Jayhawk Community College Conference Women's Golf Meet in Great Bend.

McCauley posted a 27-hole total of 143 at the Club at StoneRidge on April 9 and 10.

Twenty-one women golfers competed. Colby freshman Taylor Gobin, Hill City, withdrew due to illness after the first nine holes.

Miles Ladenburger coaches the college golf teams, assisted by Lisa Stithem.



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 and Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Announce the Availability of the Explanation of Significant Differences for the Ace Services Superfund Site

EPA and KDHE announce the availability of the Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for the Ace Services Superfund site. The ESD is required by the Superfund law when a change occurs in the cleanup remedy which does not alter the existing overall remedy.

The cleanup change follows an EPA optimization study of the remedy currently in place. Conclusions following the study recommended construction of a subsurface geo-membrane to inhibit drainage of storm water into this area and stop further migration of contaminated ground water.

The ESD and site information is available at the following locations during normal business hours:

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