

# Trojans baseball team splits four games

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The Colby Community College baseball team split four games last week, defeating Brown Mackie Community College in Salina and losing to Hutchinson Community College at the campus baseball field.

The winning scores against Brown Mackie were 6-3 and 18-1 and the losing scores against Hutchinson were 6-0 and 9-8.

The Trojans (12-10 Jayhawk West conference, 24-16 overall) were strong at the plate in Salina, but struggled some at home.

In game one against Brown Mackie, David Garcia, Dalton Cheever and Mike McLaughlin took turns on the mound for Colby.

Garcia pitched for a little more than 4 innings where he had 7 strikeouts and allowed 8 hits, 3 runs and 2 walks.

Cheever had 1 strikeout and allowed 1 hit in an inning and McLaughlin struck out 1 and allowed 2 hits in one inning. The men made 1 error.

The leading hitter was Austin Russell 2 for 4 hits, both singles. He had 1 run batted in and scored 1 run.

The Trojans were unstoppable in game two, scoring 18 runs in four innings.



Pitcher Bert Guzman made a diving toss to first base Saturday during a Colby Community College baseball game at the campus field. The Trojans played two games against Hutchinson and lost both, 6-0 and 9-8.

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Pitching for Colby was Dylan Klava, who threw 5 strikeouts and allowed 3 hits, 1 run and no walks. The team committed 1 error. Colby's biggest inning was the second when it racked up 10 runs

due to Brown Mackie's pitcher throwing wild pitches, walking 5 batters and hitting 2 with pitches. Brown Mackie's fielders also made several throwing errors. The Trojans then scored another

6 runs in the third to shut down their opponent.

Kodie Fewin led the bats, going 2 of 4 at the plate, scoring once and knocking in 3 runs.

On Saturday, the men faced Hutchinson on their home field. Bert Guzman and K.J. Morales pitched for the team.

Guzman had 7 strikeouts and allowed 3 hits, 4 runs and 2 walks while Morales struck out 1 and allowed 3 hits, 2 runs and no walks. Colby had 2 errors.

The leading hitter was Russell with 3 for 3 hits, two doubles and a single.

In game two, McLaughlin pitched the majority of the game (six innings) and Klava, Garcia and Ryan Kosolofski threw for a total of two innings.

McLaughlin had 3 strikeouts and allowed 8 hits, 8 runs and 5 walks. The men made 6 errors during his set.

Klava allowed 2 hits and 1 run. Garcia had 1 strikeout and allowed 1 walk and Kosolofski allowed 2 walks.

Hunter Brown was the lead hitter, hitting 4 of 5 at the plate, scoring twice and batting in 4 runs.

The Trojans will play their next games at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in Pratt.

Their next home game will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday against Otterero Junior College from La Junta, Colo.

# Rockies batter feeling right at home in lineup

By Pat Graham  
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DENVER — Michael Cuddyer has settled in at the plate much faster than at his new place.

Then again, feeling at home on the field was always the easy part for the Colorado Rockies outfielder.

Cuddyer is off to a torrid .370 start this season even as he settles his family into their new surroundings. His wife and kids just arrived from Chesapeake, Va., last week and they're still arranging their rented house.

That's what off days like Thursday are for, not to mention playing a little backyard baseball with his nearly 4-year-old son, Casey.

But while Cuddyer may still get lost traveling around the Mile High City, once he sets foot inside the stadium he's on very familiar ground.

There, in the batter's box or out in right field, he's been as good as advertised.

A powerful bat. Solid glove. Leadership.

Those were the attributes the Rockies were seeking when they signed him to a three-year deal last December. Cuddyer has quickly emerged as a voice in the clubhouse, the player who youngsters can turn to for advice and tips. He's very approachable and always available.

He learned from one of the best.

When Cuddyer was with the Minnesota Twins, he watched the

late Harmon Killebrew go about his business of helping everyone in his path even long after he stepped away from the game after a Hall of Fame career. Cuddyer decided he wanted to be just like

Killebrew, who carried himself in an unassuming manner.

Killebrew always had time to talk to players and never seemed put out by a request from a fan.

So that's Cuddyer's style, too.

# Colby youth soccer team defeats Norton 8-2 on road

The Colby American Youth Soccer Organization Under 19 team traveled to Norton on Sunday.

While playing on the road in the wind, rain and cold, Colby's coed team outscored Norton 8 to 2.

Goals were scored by Marc Bremenkamp with two, Tomas Ferencak, Trek Keck, Caleb Mazanec

and Kellan Ziegelmeier added one each. Brook Ziegelmeier added two points with a goal and a penalty kick.

The Under 19 coed team will compete with Norton on Sunday, April 29.

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