

Rally time! Colby awakes to beat Norton

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Whoever believes baseball can't get kids ready for real life should have checked out Colby K-18's first game at Norton on Monday night.

Norton leads 3-1. Oh well, it's early, with plenty of time to recover. Hit the snooze button.

"Our defense kind of got lulled to sleep by all the walks we were giving out," coach Brian Quagliano said.

Norton now leads 6-3. Time to get going, but traffic's gone crazy and the boss is starting to crack.

"It was very frustrating," Quagliano confessed. "We had a lot of base-running errors that just can't happen. They (Norton) had a catcher who could throw at will to any base, and we had a couple of runners get picked off."

Norton's still leading 7-6 and it now officially feels like big trouble.

Only three outs remained, which means choosing one of three work routines.

A. Fake some pain and see who else wants the job?

B. Pout and accept defeat?

C. Focus and get the work done.

Colby K-18 chose that final option, and the result was a terrific 10-7 comeback win.

Brady Holzmeister belted a leadoff single, Rex Branum delivered his third hit of the game and Casey Quagliano promptly doubled both home for an 8-7 lead.

"Rex is being a clutch hitter for us, and that was Casey's third double of the game," coach Quagliano said. "Once we started hit-

ting, our game kind of came back to us."

Austin Hart and Ben Matchell also reached base safely while pushing across crucial insurance runs for the Jayhawk League leaders.

Alex Vap's two hits were another Colby highlight. Zack Hart recorded the final three outs to keep his pitching record a perfect 3-0.

The momentum carried into Monday's second contest, as K-18 won 4-0 and finished its fourth consecutive doubleheader sweep. Casey Quagliano pitched a four-hit shutout, struck out eight and walked just three in six innings.

"We hadn't planned on starting Casey, but after that first game, I needed someone I knew would throw strikes," coach Quagliano said.

Meanwhile, Norton's best strike-thrower saw his work get hit all over the ball yard. Colby's Tyler Schritter, Hudson Stramel, Mark Faber and Brooks Curry all contributed to a well-balanced Colby attack.

"I think everyone in the starting lineup had a hit," coach observed. "Some of those who don't get a lot of playing time, but have been watching and learning, came in and did a real good job. I think we hit better when a pitcher throws hard."

Still undefeated against Jayhawk League foes, Colby goes outside the state on Thursday to see a familiar foe in McCook, Neb.

Remember, McCook took advantage of 15 walks and dealt K-18 its only loss, 12-6, on May



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Colby coaches like Sean Lydon (above) have helped lead the K-18 team to victories over Atwood and Norton (right) during an eight-game winning streak. Among those also pictured in above photo are players Hudson Stramel, No. 8, Austin Hart, No. 13, and Parker Wright, No. 1. Colby currently leads the Jayhawk League with an 8-0 record.

25. Coach Quagliano will break in some pitchers again while preparing for Colby's home tournament



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this weekend.

"It won't hurt us to take a loss, but it'd sure be nice to go up there

and avenge it," he said. "I have enough confidence in the rest of our pitchers that we'll get the job

done." The non-league doubleheader is set to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Trojans hit big 3-0 in academic honors

Colby Community College is well represented on the 2013 Spring Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference All-Academic Team.

The Trojans placed 30 athletes on the list, which requires a 3.5 or better grade average for the semester. Eligible to be nominated were athletes whose sport competed in the spring and were on the eligibility roster:

Baseball: Drake Biggins, Hunter Brown, Grant Buchanan, Jorge Cruz, Cory Dyer, Humberto Guzman, Ryan Ihle, William Johnson, Ryan Kosolofski, Jacob Nath.

Softball: Ashley Archer, Courtney Kinnett, Elle Miller, Erin

Miller, Bailey Pfortmiller, Michelle Starkey.

Men's Golf: Luis Pujol.

Men's Basketball: John Clarke.

Women's Basketball: Kasey Hoyt.

Wrestling: Brian Wood, Konnor Kriss.

Women's Track: Shelby Aspergren, Sierra Besmer, Emily Chestnut, Amanda Diaz, Amanda Duvail, Stephanie Hornbaker, Joyce Korir, Prisca Roy-Dossou, Denet Sang, Angelina Weimann, Jessica Wright.

Men's Track: Jonathan Burgess, Fabian Hayles, Gunnar Hays, Jose Quiroga, Anthony Stephens Jr.

Volleyball showcase coming this Sunday

The 10th annual Kansas Volleyball Showcase for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors will take place on Sunday at the Newman University Gymnasium in Wichita.

It's an opportunity for players, especially from smaller, rural high schools, to exhibit their skills in front of recruiters from colleges in Kansas and surrounding states.

About 175 athletes participated last year for recruiters from more than 30 schools.

Teams are divided into groups of eight to 10 players and play three 50-minute matches with at least 10 minutes for warm-up.

Application fee before Sunday is \$70, with information being available at www.ksvbshowcase.com.

Slippery when not wet



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Rookie boys league members learned that baseball can be a little more slippery than it looks, but everyone seemed to be having fun Tuesday evening in Colby as rain stayed away.

Colby on the road

Colby legion baseball teams will be traveling the next two evenings before K-18 hosts a tournament this weekend.

Tonight, Colby fourth through sixth graders at Grainfield/Grinnell, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Colby K-18 at McCook, Neb., 5:30 p.m.

Friday: Colby Sluggers at Goodland Tournament.

Heat force Game 7

MIAMI (AP) — When LeBron James' greatness almost wasn't good enough, officials began preparing for a San Antonio celebration.

Miami's championship reign would be over. James and the Heat wouldn't let it happen.

James powered Miami to a frantic fourth-quarter rally and overtime escape as the Heat beat the Spurs 103-100 on Tuesday night to extend the NBA Finals as far as they can go and keep Miami's repeat chances alive.

James finished with 32 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists, making the go-ahead basket with 1:43 remaining in the extra period.

Wave of Colby swimmers crashes through Oakley invitational

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The wave keeps growing larger and larger as the Colby Swim Club's annual home meet draws closer.

The team descended upon Oakley on Saturday morning with more than 100 competitors splashing into the pool for coach Sondra Finley.

Now the target is Colby Aquatic Park this weekend, and don't be surprised if the deluge is just as big or even bigger.

And it will be fun to watch.

"When we're closer to home, more kids are able to compete," Finley said. "We definitely had

over 100 swimmers at Oakley. I expect most of them will be competing for us on Saturday."

Finley said the swimmers delivered a season-high 225 team points.

Rival Goodland will be among the teams challenging Colby beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Meanwhile, here are more results from the Oakley meet, where only Goodland (305 points) outscored Colby among eight squads. The younger group featured four girls who earned top three places in three individual events: Macy Catlin, Madisyn Lemman, Kourtney Finley and Taylor Bieberle.

Allison Catlin and Kamrynn El-

ling both captured three top-five places. Wade Rush matched that feat while leading Colby's younger boys. There were also four champion relays mentioned today. Other results will be featured on Thursday.

All events are measured in yards.

Age 8-and-under girls

Alisabeth Barton placed 14th in 50-freestyle (1:12.62), 19th in 25-freestyle (30.7) and 21st in 25-backstroke (40.35).

Hailey Bolyard placed 35th in 25-freestyle (50.39) and 32nd in 25-backstroke (57.82).

Cydney Brown placed seventh in 50-freestyle (58.42) and 12th in 25-freestyle (25.91).

Calista Carney placed 28th in

25-freestyle (41.63), 18th in 25-backstroke (39.24) and 13th in 25-breaststroke (56.64).

Kamrynn Elling placed third in 25-butterfly (32.1), fourth in 25-breaststroke (28.76) and fifth in 100-individual medley (2:26.27).

Amanda Jaeger placed 16th in 50-freestyle (1:17.45), 18th in 25-freestyle (29.82) and 25th in 25-backstroke (46.21).

Kayla Jaeger placed 11th in 50-freestyle (1:03.77), 13th in 25-freestyle (26.51) and 19th in 25-backstroke (39.25).

Baylei Kraft placed fourth in 50-freestyle (56.56), seventh in 25-freestyle (23.97) and 14th in 25-breaststroke (36.43).

Anne Morris placed 18th in 50-freestyle (1:31.75), 27th in 25-freestyle (40.77) and 20th in 25-backstroke (39.91).

MaKenzi Rhymer placed 26th in 25-freestyle (38.97).

Maya Rodriguez placed 13th in 50-freestyle (1:10.79), seventh in 25-butterfly (44.86) and 12th in 25-breaststroke (47.56).

Jayla Rush placed fifth in 25-butterfly (35.05), ninth in 25-breaststroke (36.69) and sixth in 100-individual medley (2:42.6).

Jade Schroer placed sixth in 25-freestyle (23.58), eighth in 25-backstroke (30.92) and first in 25-breaststroke (25.94).

Relays: A team of Kayla Jaeger, Elling, Rush and Schroer placed fourth (1:50.02); B team of Kraft, Amanda Jaeger, Rodriguez and Brown placed fifth (1:58.31); and C team of Barton, Bolyard, Morris and Carney placed eighth in 100-freestyle (2:46.14).

A team of Carney, Elling, Schroer and Rodriguez placed second

(2:22.92), and B team of Amanda Jaeger, Kayla Jaeger, Rush and Kraft placed third in 100-medley (2:34.43).

Age 8-and-under boys

Breon Barton placed seventh in 50-freestyle (56.71), fourth in 25-freestyle (23.19) and fifth in 25-backstroke (33.83).

Jack Delzeit placed 20th in 25-freestyle (52.69) and 14th in 25-backstroke (1:32.78).

Cal Lanning placed 11th in 50-freestyle (1:20.17), 15th in 25-freestyle (37.85) and eighth in 25-breaststroke (44.54).

Aaron Lindsey placed 17th in 25-freestyle (41.8) and ninth in 25-backstroke (44.87).

Kaeden McCarty placed ninth in 50-freestyle (1:08.94), 11th in 25-freestyle (31.13) and eighth in 25-backstroke (42.74).

Other results appear Thursday.

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