

Trojans go 1-5 in Arizona road trip; beat fourth-ranked national team



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Justin Lane beat this throw to first in a Colby Community College home game against Dodge City. The Trojans lost both games 7-4 and 11-0 after returning from a six-game trip to Arizona on Thursday.

The Colby Community College Trojans went 1-5 in a three-day road trip in Arizona over the weekend, starting with two losses, 5-4 and 3-1, to South Mountain Community College in Phoenix on Sunday, two losses, 6-1 and 6-3 to Yavapai in Prescott on Monday and finishing by splitting two games, an 11-8 win and a 12-1 loss, with Central Arizona in Coolidge on Tuesday.

South Mountain vs. Colby

Sunday found Rob Mortimore (2-2) pitching six strong innings, giving up five earned runs on 10 hits and striking out four while walking three in the 5-4 loss.

Three Trojan runs in the top of the

seventh came up short. Freshman Josh Prickett had two hits and two RBIs and Mike Dove had a double.

Game two saw sophomore Andy Wernke fall to 0-3 with a 3-1 loss. He gave up no earned runs but four errors hurt Colby. James Allen struck out two in an inning of relief.

Justin Miller hit a double for the Trojans.

Yavapai vs. Colby

Seth Vontz (0-3) gave up just one

earned run in the 6-1 loss. Vontz also struck out four and walked three. Jordan Rudel had a double to provide the Trojans' offense.

Game two saw Yavapai scoring six runs again, this time off three earned runs against Freshman right-hander Troy Bartel (0-1). Bartel struck out three and walked four in 5 1/3 innings in his first start. He allowed only four hits in the 6-3 loss.

Four Roughrider runs in the first inning buried the Trojans. Brady Nighswonger and Jeff Theisen each had a double and Nighswonger had two other hits.

Central Arizona vs. Colby

The Trojan bats came alive on Tuesday, led by Rudel's two home runs, a grand slam in the second and a ninth inning solo shot. The Trojans took an early lead on the fourth-ranked Vaqueros, but the game was tied in the bot-

tom of the seventh.

Allen (3-1) pitched four innings of relief to take the win. He pitched out of a no-outs runner-on-second situation in the seventh and a bases loaded no-outs in the eighth.

A two-run single by Scott Kadatz capped the win. He had two hits and three RBIs for the game. Prickett had two hits and Rudel had a single along with his two long balls, with five RBIs.

Game two found the Vaqueros awake and ready to hit. Rudel's third home run of the day wasn't enough.

Freshman Bryan Berryman (0-1) "showed promise," according to assistant coach Ray Nolan, but the Central lineup was too much. Berryman allowed eight earned runs on seven hits with a strikeout and five walks.

Nick Geronimo allowed four runs on three hits with a walk in 1 2/3 innings of relief.

Area Briefs

• The Colby Community College is sponsoring the First Annual Trojan Track 5K Road Race on Saturday, March 24 at 9 a.m. Entrants will be given a T-shirt and the first place finishers in divisions will be awarded a gold relay baton. Cost is \$10. Registrations will be accepted until the day of the race. For more information call James White, Colby track coach at 462-3984, ext. 222 or 462-9659.

• Kappa Upsilon sorority will be hosting a 3-on-3 basketball tournament in Colby on Saturday, April 7. This is for boys and girls divisions in grades 3-8. For more information, please call Bonnie Dinkel at 462-7247 or 462-2751 or Pam Augustine at 462-

2924.

• Bethany College is sponsoring their 5th Annual Boys and Girls 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on April 21 for grades 3-12. Deadline is April 14 and cost is \$40 per team. Call Clair Oleen at 785-227-3380 ext. 8176 or 785-227-3279.

Area Schedule

Saturday, March 24

Colby Community College softball at Butler County in El Dorado at 1 p.m. Indoor track hosts the Colby Invitational at Dennen Field.



Royals set to make cuts

HAINES CITY, Fla. (AP) — There are only nine games left before the Kansas City Royals leave spring training camp, and team officials have some key decisions to make before reaching the opening day roster of 25.

The team has to make nine cuts before the April 2 opener in New York.

The Royals have 36 players in camp but two pitchers, Jose Rosado and Orber Moreno, will begin the season

on the disabled list.

Manager Tony Muser plans to keep 11 pitchers, two catchers, seven infielders and five outfielders. There are 16 healthy pitchers, three catchers, eight infielders and seven outfielders in camp.

Four starting pitchers — Jeff Suppan, Blake Stein, Dan Reichert and Brian Meadows — are set, along with two bullpen jobs, Roberto Hernandez and Doug Henry.

Whoever lands the final five spots will depend on the health of Mac Suzuki, who had shoulder surgery last year.

Suzuki is scheduled to throw a maximum of 60 pitches Saturday in a start against Atlanta, his third March appearance. If he is not up to 90 pitches before the season, he could go to the bullpen.



Tourney Update

Here are this weekend's games in the NCAA Basketball Tournament.

At First Union Center, Philadelphia

Regional Semifinals

Thursday, March 22

Kentucky (24-9) vs. Southern California (23-9), 7:38 p.m.

Duke (31-4) vs. UCLA (23-8), 25 minutes after first game

At The Georgia Dome, Atlanta

Regional Semifinals

Friday, March 23

Michigan State (26-4) vs. Gonzaga (26-6), 7:38 p.m.

Penn State (21-11) vs. Temple (23-12), 25 minutes after first game

Regional Semifinals

Friday, March 23

Arizona (25-7) vs. Mississippi (27-7), 7:55 p.m.

Illinois (26-7) vs. Kansas (26-6), 25 minutes after first game

At Arrowhead Pond, Anaheim, Calif.

Regional Semifinals

Thursday, March 22

Georgetown (25-7) vs. Maryland (23-10), 7:55 p.m.

Stanford (30-2) vs. Cincinnati (25-9), 25 minutes after first game

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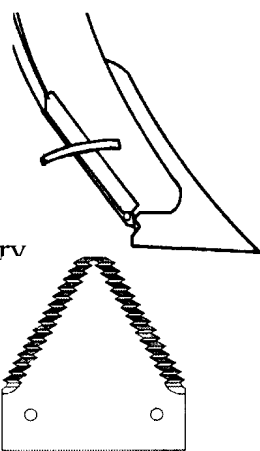
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