

# College baseball loses four

The Colby Community College Trojan baseball team fell to Dodge City 7-3 and 11-0 in a homecoming double-header on Thursday, followed by 9-0 and 8-3 losses to Butler County in El Dorado on Saturday.

**Colby vs. Butler County**  
Errors hurt the Trojans in a big way in the first game on Saturday. "Highlights were not plentiful," said assistant coach Ray Nolan.

Seth Vontz (0-4) took the Trojan loss. He allowed three earned runs on 10 hits with six strikeouts, but five errors hurt Colby.

Colby played much better in game two, but Butler County had a four-run fourth inning to put the Trojans away. Mike Dove and Zack Andrews had doubles for Colby.

Chris Johnson took the loss with six earned runs on 11 hits and five strikeouts with only one walk.

**Colby vs. Dodge City**  
The Trojans, fresh off a tough Arizona road trip, had only two bad innings between the two games against Dodge City, but those were enough.

Rob Mortimore (2-3) gave up just two earned runs in seven innings, but the Trojans could not overcome a five run fifth inning by Dodge City.

Mortimore struck out three and walked two, allowing eight hits.

Justin Lane and Brady Nighswonger each had two hits.

Justin Miller hit a double and Brian Berryman hit his second home run of the season.

Game two found Colby down 1-0 going into the sixth, before a 10 run Dodge City sixth.

Andy Wernke falls to 0-4 for the Trojans.

The next outing for the baseball team is Wednesday.

They host Pratt at Trojan Field at 1 p.m.

## Stretching out



JAY KELLEY/Colby Free Press

Doug Hurtt warmed up at a Colby High School tennis practice during warmer days last week. Spring sports are in full swing in Thomas County. Colby High School has track, golf, tennis, baseball and softball. Golden Plains has golf and track. Brewster has track and Colby Community College has baseball, softball and track.

# Softball team takes third in Texas tourney

The Lady Trojans went to Texas for spring break and brought home a third place trophy in Midland, Tex.

The Lady Trojans took on Midland in a double-header on Thursday showing signs of not playing for two weeks and losing both games.

The ladies drew Midland in the first game of tournament pool play, losing 5-1. In the second game, against Howard College (Big Spring, Tex.), Colby came up short again falling 8-0.

The ladies bounced back to win the last game of the day against Hill College (Hillsboro, Tex.), 8-6. Cristin Dumler picked up the win. Melissa Murray led the team going 2-for-3. Lindsey Arnberger and Cara Liuzzi each went 2-for-4.

On Saturday Colby drew Hill again for first round play. Freshman pitcher Kayla Hansen picked up a 7-5 win. Sophomore Stephanie Kotschwar led the Lady Trojans at the plate going 1-for-2 with 2 RBI's.

Moving up in the bracket, Colby faced off against Howard again, this time losing 16-1 and falling into the consolation bracket.

Colby went to battle with Hill for a third time after picking up a forfeit win from Garden City. Hansen picked up another win, 6-5. Jessica Hernandez and Kotschwar, each went 2-for-3.

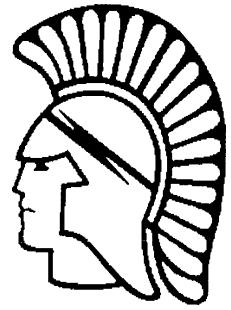
In the consolation finals, Colby fell 8-1 to Howard. Megan Langerak went 2-for-3 at the plate.

"Overall, the team played better," said coach Carl Adams. "In each of the games the team showed signs of improvement."

"We still need to work on the little things."

Colby will start conference play this week on Tuesday against Brown Mackie in Salina at 2 p.m. on Tuesday.

The Lady Trojans play at home Thursday against Garden City and Saturday against Seward County. Both games start at 1 p.m. at Trojan Field.



## Basketball At-A-Glance

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Connecticut rolled into the women's Final Four again with a 67-48 victory over Louisiana Tech.

Connecticut, winners of 15 straight even while losing stars Svetlana Abrosimova and Shea Ralph, will play Big East rival Notre Dame on Friday night in St. Louis. The Irish beat Vanderbilt 72-64 in the Midwest final in Denver.

In the other semifinal, Purdue will play Southwest Missouri State. Purdue beat Xavier 88-78 in the Mideast final

in Birmingham, Ala., and Southwest Missouri State defeated Washington 104-87 in the West Final in Spokane, Wash.

VILLANOVA, Penn (AP) — Jay Wright, who led Hofstra into the last two NCAA tournaments, has accepted the job as coach at Villanova, a university source told The Associated Press.

Wright, who led the Pride to a 26-5 record and a second straight America

East Conference title, replaces Steve Lappas, who resigned Saturday after nine years at Villanova and was hired as coach at Massachusetts.

AMHERST, Mass. (AP) — Steve Lappas was hired as basketball coach at Massachusetts two days after he resigned at Villanova.

He replaces James "Bruiser" Flint, who restored the program's integrity but did not produce a winner.

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