

Baseball earns split in Lakin

The Colby High School Eagle baseball team split two games in Lakin, winning the first game 3-1 and losing game two 11-0.

Jared Cranston got the win in game one. He walked five, but allowed only four hits, backed up by solid defense.

Lakin struck out only one Eagle, walked two and allowed four hits with one error. It was enough for the Colby team as they capitalized on nearly every mistake.

Game two found Zach Luedke teaming up with Josh Houtz on the mound at the same time Lakin's bats were waking up. Three walks and three defensive errors added to nine hits.

Lakin pitching also seemed to get Colby's number with eight strikeouts. The Eagles were able to get two men on base, but both were stranded.

Colby's next action is in against Larned on Friday at 4 p.m. at the Colby Recreation Fields.

Trojans sign area wrestlers

Colby's Matt Murray and Oakley's Dylan Campbell have signed to wrestle for Colby Community College, according to Steve Lampe, wrestling coach at the college.

Murray is a two-time state champion, at 125 and 135 pounds, as well as placing sixth in the national seniors meet in Newark, Del. and first in a Greco-Roman meet in Las Vegas, Nev. this year.

He is also in the running for valedictorian or salutatorian honors at Colby High School with a 3.97 grade point average.

"We are extremely happy about Matt's decision," said Lampe. "He is an exceptional young man and academically, he'll take second to no one."

Dylan Campbell is also a two-time state champion for the Oakley Plainsmen. He won the 112 division in his sophomore year and the 145 this season. Campbell placed fourth at 135 as a junior.

"Another great local," said Lampe. "We will benefit greatly by having Dylan join us."

"It's so great to keep the great athletes in our own yard."

Area Briefs

The Colby Sweet Thunder Girls Fast Pitch softball Organization is selling raffle tickets until Monday. Tickets are \$5 each for \$1,000 in cash prizes, with a top prize of \$400. The money will pay for equipment, uniforms, insurance and entry fees. For more information, call 462-7633, 694-2656, 462-6501 or 462-7347.



JAY KELLEY/Colby Free Press

Brian Wolf and David Victor warmed up for another match at the Colby Invitational Tennis Tournament at Fike Park on Saturday. Wolf and Victor remained undefeated as the Colby High School no. 1 doubles team.

College basketball signs Kansas seniors

Colby Community College Trojan men's basketball coach Brian Ostermann recently announced the signing of three Kansas graduates. Stuart Keltner, Hays, Michael Wolters, St. Francis Jason VenJohn, Ingalls all signed letters of intent to come to Colby.

Keltner finished his career at Hays High School by leading them to a 19-3 record.

The Indians finished second in sub-state this year.

Keltner averaged 9.9 points per game his senior year, second on the team.

He also averaged 4.6 rebounds and 2.2 assists and shot a team best 37 per-

cent from three-point range and shot 57 percent overall.

Wolters led St. Francis with a scoring average of 18.6 per game. He also grabbed 5.3 rebounds and dished out 4.1 assists per game.

He shot 54 percent from the field, including 36 percent from three-point range and 68 percent from the foul line, earning All-League honors in the Northwest Kansas League.

Jason VenJohn finished his senior season at Ingalls High School by earning Most Valuable Player honors for

his team.

He averaged 12.4 points, 8.1 rebounds and 2.1 block shots per game and earned All-Conference first team honors for the second straight year in the Santa Fe Trail League.

Ostermann said, "I am really excited about these three young men. They are going to bring a great deal of dedication, toughness, and enthusiasm to our program."

"All three have the ability to help this program continue its rise in the Jayhawk West."

Eagles first at home

By RALPH WOLF

Colby Free Press

The Colby High School varsity tennis team captured first place honors at the Colby Invitational on Saturday. The Eagles claimed the team title with 40 points, followed by Ulysses with 37. Other teams were Goodland, Garden City, Scott City, Ness City and WaKeeney.

Brian Wolf and David Victor remain undefeated for the season, winning all five of their matches to claim first place at no. 1 doubles.

To start the tournament, the duo beat WaKeeney and Goodland both by the score of 6-1. In their next match they defeated Ulysses 6-4.

Ness City proved to be no match, falling to the Eagles 6-1. They finished out the round-robin tournament with a decisive 6-3 win over Garden City.

Matt Murray placed second at the no. 1 singles slot with a 5-1 record. Murray breezed through his first two matches with a 6-0 win over Scott City and a 6-1 victory over his opponent from

WaKeeney.

He lost to Hill City for the second time this year, this time 6-2, then defeated his next three opponents; Goodland, 6-2; Garden City, 6-0; and Ulysses, 6-0.



Phil Schindler and Chris Erickson teamed up for the second time this season at the no. 2 doubles spot. They finished the day with three wins and two losses, which was good enough for the second place medals.

They defeated Ulysses, Goodland and Ness City, all by the score of 6-2. The duo lost to Garden City and Scott City, both with a 6-4 score.

Playing no. 2 singles was Travis Button with a 1-3 record. Button opened the tournament with a 6-0 win against Scott City. He lost to Ulysses, 6-3; WaKeeney 6-4; and Garden City 6-3 and finished the day in fifth place.

The jayvee will be in Russell on Tuesday for a doubles competition and the varsity will head to Garden City on Saturday for their next competition.

Ladies get four big wins

The Colby High School Lady Eagle softball team went on the road this week, improving to 7-5 with two wins apiece over Sublette on Tuesday and Lakin Thursday.

Colby vs. Lakin

Lucky 13 was the Lady Eagles' number Thursday as they downed Lakin 13-1 and 13-2 in five inning games.

Whitney Adams allowed four hits, a walk, five strikeouts and a hit batter for the win in game one.

Dominique Palser had three hits, Kristen Arensdorf two, and Amber Lane, Adams, and Savannah Rupp had one each.

Game two found Adams again on the mound, allowing four hits, with three strikeouts, a hit batter and no walks. Lane pitched a 1-2-3 inning for the save.

Alicia Leavitt and Arensdorf had three hits each. Palser and Melissa Augustine had two.

Becky Herl, Katie Rupp, Carla Sloan and Savannah Rupp had one

each.

"Our defense and pitching have gotten better," said coach Jack Elliott, "and our offensively, we are getting the job done."

Colby vs. Sublette

The Colby girls downed Sublette 5-0 and 6-3 on Tuesday. Adams walked one and struck out 10 in game one, allowing only a bunt single.

Colby had eight hits, but stranded 15 runners.

Augustine had two hits. Palser, Savannah Rupp, Arensdorf, Katie Rupp and Leavitt each had a hit.

Nicol Frahm got the win in game two, allowing two walks, three hits and striking out three.

Lane had three hits. Adams, Savannah Rupp and Arensdorf had a hit each. Next week is busy for the Lady Eagles.

They travel to Dodge City Monday, face Plainville here on Tuesday and Larned here on Friday. Games are all scheduled for 4 p.m.

Area Schedule

Tuesday, May 1

Colby High School varsity golf at Oakley at 3 p.m. C-team golf at Norton at 3 p.m.

Varsity Track at Garden City at Garden City at 3 p.m.

Varsity softball hosts Plainville at 4 p.m. Jayvee softball hosts Ellis at 5:30 p.m.

Junior varsity doubles tennis at Russell at 3 p.m.

Physicians for high school and middle school students at Colby High School from 5-8 p.m.

Triplains and Cheylin High School track at the Wallace County Invitational in Sharon Springs at 3 p.m.

Oakley and St. Francis High School track at Oberlin at 3:30 p.m.

Oakley High School Invitational Golf Tournament at 3 p.m. at the municipal golf course.

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