

Goodland swept by 14 & Under

The Colby Sweet Thunder 14 & Under girls fast-pitch team walked away with two wins when they faced Goodland in a double-header Wednesday night at the Colby Community College Softball Fields.

Sweet Thunder played strong in the first game, shutting down Goodland 11-0. In the second game, Colby was again victorious, 10-8.

Throwing for Colby were Jessica Bullington and Shawna Cox.

Other members of the 14 & Under team are Stephanie Wieland, Cierra Rous, Brianna Donn, Brittany Barton, Tess Baumfalk, Sarah Redmond, Jaime Fry, Jacquie Fry, and Hope Maley. Head coach Lynn Carpenter is assisted by Eugene Wieland.

Next action for Sweet Thunder will be Colby Girls Fast Pitch Association Invitational Tournament will be underway this weekend at the Colby Recreation Fields, with pool play beginning at 9:30 on Saturday and tournament play at 10:00 on Sunday.

Teams will be playing in 10 & Under, 12 & Under, and 14 & Under brackets.

There will be girls from Hill City, Phillipsburg, Norton, Garden City, Goodland, McCook, Scott City, and Hays.

Here is the schedule for Colby Sweet Thunder teams in Saturday's pool play at the Colby recreation fields. Tournament play will start Sunday with teams to be decided.

12 & Under.

Sweet Thunder vs. Goodland at 11 a.m. on field 2.

Sweet Thunder vs. Hill City at 2 p.m. on field 2.

Sweet Thunder vs. Garden City at 5 p.m. on field 2.

14 & Under.

Sweet Thunder vs. Norton at 9:30 a.m. on field 2.

Sweet Thunder vs. Hill City at 12:30 p.m. on field 4.

Sweet Thunder vs. Garden City at 3:30 p.m. on field 2.

Junior golf does well in Sainty

The Colby junior golfers won medals in every class at the St. Francis tournament on Monday. Here are the results.

8-9 boys.

Ryley Haas, 1st, 37; Jeremy Harter, 2nd, 51; Dylan Stithem, 3rd, 54; Brandon Standage, 59; Drew White, 89; Thane Bulmer, 80; Tyler Bates, 74; Garrett Rogers, 60.

10-11 girls.

Bailey Brown, 2nd, 72.

10-11 boys.

Levi Schlick, 1st, 48; Stephen Dinkel, 2nd, 54; Kyle Molstad, 73; Justin Brown, 68; Taylor Pool, 57; Eric Blanton, 66; Mikel Ladenburger, 58; Mitchell Tuma, 68.

12-13 boys.

Scott Blanton, 3rd, 55; Jesse Hawk, 62; Chance Bulmer, 77; Brett Harter, 67; Tanner Decker, 78; Joey Melnyk, 91; Reed Shoaf, 67; Ryan Hansen, 80.

14-15 boys.

Jared Helin, 2nd, 85; Jared Dinkel, 3rd, 86; Tyler Knapp, 119.

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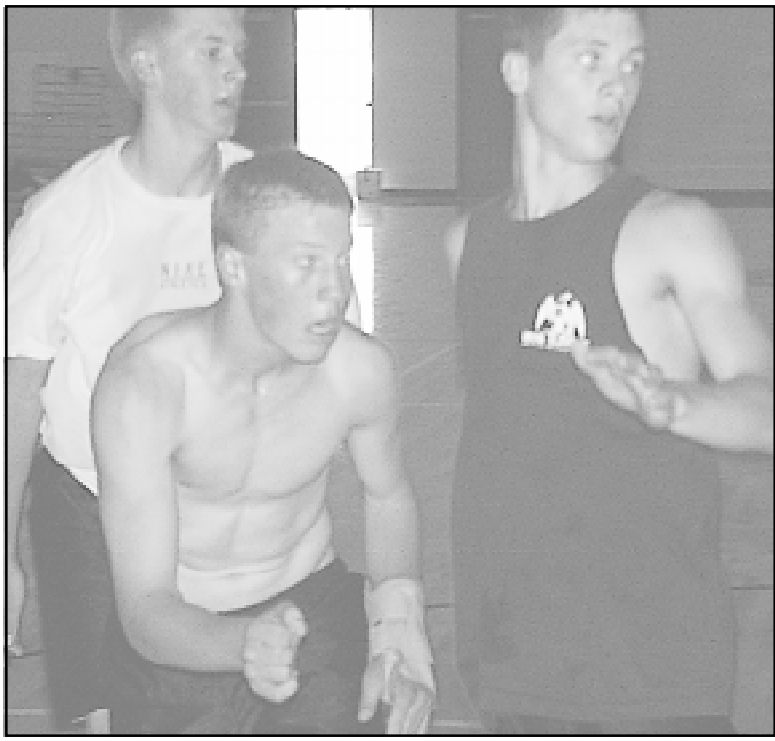
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Getting it right



JAY KELLEY/Colby Free Press

Shane Stover, Matt Augustine and Carson McKee were busy at coach Derek Bissitt's basketball camp at the Colby high school gym this morning. Incoming freshman through seniors practiced drills and fundamentals for the last three days.

Where did we get them?

I got a folder from a marketing coalition made up of all the Big 12 Conference cities. Most of it was standard promotional stuff, but one page was really interesting.



Jay Kelley

• Weekend Warrior

It told about the origins of the mascots of the Big 12. One of the really interesting things about these stories is, in some cases, no one really knows how it came about!

So, if you heard a different story, let me know.

Kansas State went by the "Aggies" until 1915, when Willie the Wildcat made his first appearance. Believe it or not, he lasted only one season. He reappeared in 1920 for good. Willie is selected by the cheerleader coach each year from among the student body.

The roots of Kansas' Jayhawk are much older. For the history buffs, the

term jayhawk became associated with the free-staters in Kansas prior to the Civil War. The University adopted the bird in 1866 and the original caricature was created in 1912. The Jayhawk has gone through six renditions and the last one celebrated 50 years in 2000.

Nebraska went through several names before 1900, Old Gold Knights, Antelopes, Rattlesnake Boys and Bugeaters. In 1899, after winning nine straight championships, a Lincoln sportswriter began to call the team Cornhuskers (Iowa had dropped the name.)

Over the next few weeks we'll look at the rest of the old Big Eight and some of the 'foreigners' from Texas.

Races guarantee rain this season

By SHERRY BARRETT

Colby Free Press

The new catch phrase for the 2001 racing season at Thomas County Speedway seems to be "Have a race and the rain will come."

With only two out of four races run on the regularly scheduled dates even those days rain or the threat of rain was present. The weather trend for the area has been very dry, but it seems that every two weeks, on race day, some sort of precipitation appears. At about 6:15, the time for hot laps to begin, a persistent little rain cloud that couldn't decide which way it wanted to travel went back and forth over the track about five times.

When the rain finally quit for good about an hour later, it was necessary to scrape the top layer of mud from some of the track surface with a tractor and

drag. Many volunteers with four-wheel-drive pick-ups as well as the racers helped to lay-in and repack the track.

Track promoters would like to send a special thanks to those that helped with this and got their vehicles thoroughly undercoated with sticky, gooey mud! The results were well worth the effort.

At about 9:30 p.m. the track was in near perfect condition. It was very tacky, fast and smooth. Patience by both the fans and racers were well rewarded with some of the best and fastest racing one could ask for. The racers were able to run just about anywhere from high to low, resulting in lots of passing and fine close racing as much as three and four wide.

In the bomber feature Justin Meitl gained an early lead with Jarod Smades

and Michael Wasson right on his tail. It looked like Meitl was on his way to his first feature win. With two laps remaining he slowed for a lapped car that had slid down into his racing line. Smades and Wasson went high and passed Meitl. Jarod Smades then held off Wasson's challenge and took the checkered flag for his first feature win.

Anyone could have won the super stocks. Ryan Wark and Bill Albin had both worked their way to the front of the pack. These two were in a hot dual for the last three laps with Wark the victor. A blanket could have been thrown over the next five cars that were also in the hunt for the win.

Darren DeLoach started the modified feature with an early lead and held that position to the end. Brady Coen and Doug Holzmeister were poised to capitalize on any mistake Darren might make. DeLoach was able to hold his line and came out on top. Jeff Hartwell, who had a huge lead in Heat 1, blew up his engine on the last lap of the heat race. He was able to come back out in the feature, during a yellow flag and make a green flag restart in order to stay in the hunt with his track points.

The top three finishers in the cruiser put on an extremely competitive show in the feature. The #88 team of Mark Fabrizio and Pete Schlageck were the winners. The #01 car of Michael Meyer and Justin Berry finished second in the race, only to have their car be the only car that was claimed after the races.

Due to the late start of the races all of the cash dashes were not run.

Don't forget the Rain Date Race July 1 and the regular scheduled race just one week later July 8. As always-hot laps begin at 6:15 p.m. with races beginning at 7 p.m.

Baseball Scoreboard

National League East Division					American League East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	40	29	.580	—	Boston	42	27	.609	—
Atlanta	37	33	.529	3 1/2	New York	39	31	.557	3 1/2
Florida	36	34	.514	4 1/2	Baltimore	33	37	.471	9 1/2
New York	33	39	.458	8 1/2	Toronto	33	38	.465	10
Montreal	27	45	.375	14 1/2	Tampa Bay	21	49	.300	21 1/2
Central Division					Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	42	27	.609	—	Minnesota	42	27	.609	—
St. Louis	38	33	.535	5	Cleveland	41	27	.603	1/2
Houston	36	33	.522	6	Chicago	33	35	.485	8 1/2
Milwaukee	35	34	.507	7	Detroit	30	38	.441	11 1/2
Cincinnati	26	44	.371	16 1/2	Kansas City	27	44	.380	16
Pittsburgh	24	44	.353	17 1/2	West Division=				
West Division						W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	43	28	.606	—	Seattle	53	17	.757	—
Los Angeles	38	33	.535	5	Anaheim	34	35	.493	18 1/2
San Francisco	38	33	.535	5	Oakland	34	36	.486	19
Colorado	36	35	.507	7	Texas	25	44	.362	27 1/2
San Diego	32	39	.451	11					

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