

Babe Ruth team ready for Liberal tournament

By JAY KELLEY
Colby Free Press

The Colby Babe Ruth baseball team finished their season with two wins over third-ranked Ellis, 5-3 and 13-9 at the Colby Recreation Fields on Tuesday.

In game one, Josh Houtz had three hits. Matt Augustine had one. Brian Sulzman had two hits and three RBIs, including a two-run double. Bruce Arnberger had a hit and an RBI. Dusty Quenzer had a hit.

Augustine started on the mound, followed by Cranston, Houtz and Mengel. "We were trying to get a little time for all our pitchers before the play-offs," said Krzycki.

Augustine had four strikeouts, including three straight in the second inning. The relievers gave up two walks, two hits and three runs.

Houtz had two hits and stolen base in game two. Cranston had a single and a double. Augustine had a hit and an RBI. Sulzman had three hits and five

RBIs, including a three-run and a one run double. Mengel had a two-run double.

Cranston started on the mound, followed by Arnberger, Sulzman and Houtz. The group gave up eight hits, three walks and struck out three.

Colby has a 19-11 record going into the regional tournament in Liberal on Friday. Their first game will be at 8:30 p.m. against either Southwest Kansas or Southeastern Colo.

"We shoot for 20 wins every season," said coach Jeff Krzycki. "We had some guys missing in early games and lost about four we shouldn't have, but it has been a good season."

Colby has been 4-2 in the last week. Along with the wins against Ellis, the beat Hoxie on Saturday 6-4 and 14-4 and lost to McCook Friday night, 12-3 and 12-1.

"McCook were 16-year-olds," said Krzycki, "and we had them 3-3 in the fifth, but we just couldn't stop their bats."

Baseball At-A-Glance

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Two explosions in the light tower at Qualcomm Stadium caused the Arizona Diamondbacks-San Diego Padres game to be suspended in the third inning.

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Baltimore Orioles were forced to postpone

their game against the Texas Rangers because of a train derailment in the vicinity of Camden Yards.

Oriole Park was evacuated after the train carrying hazardous materials derailed in a tunnel that runs about one mile north of the stadium.

Racing Results

Here are the results from Sunday's races at the Thomas County Speedway. Races will start at 7 p.m. next Sunday, with hot laps at 6:30.

Bombers

Heat 1
1. 111 Mike Giesenhagen; 2. 44A Doug Bauer; 3. s5 Allen Sneathen; 4. 99 Scott Waterman; 5. 10b Ben Meitl (DNF); 6. 25 Jeremy Blackwill (DNF).

Heat 2

1. 44 Jake Blackhart; 2. 33 Wayne Williams 3. 11 Larry Rogers 4. 43J Jarod Smades; 5. 78 Gene Sneath; 6. 13 Keith Stegman

Heat 3

1. L7-Michael Wasson; 2. 11M Shawn Mohler; 3. 14 Justin Meitl; 4. 8 Angel Munoz; 5. 57 Andrew Kuntz.

Cash Dash

1. L7Wasson

Feature

1. Wasson; 2. Williams; 3. Smades; 4. Blackwill; 5. Rogers; 6. Munoz; 7. B. Meitl. The following were all (DNF): 8. Bauer; 9. Stegman; 10. Sneath; 11. Mohler; 12. Sneath; 13. Blackhart; 14. Kuntz; 15. Waterman; 16. J. Meitl; 17. Giesenhagen (DNS)

Superstocks

Heat 1

1. A1 Bill Albin; 2. 55 Wheat Lippelman; 3. 27 Todd Schwarz; 4. 86 Justen Beakley; 5. 23X A. J. Warta (DNF); 6. CZ8 Eric Kinderknecht.

Heat 2

1. 41 Ronnie Hill; 2. 3 Travis Towns; 3. 11 Troy Plummer; 4. 17 Shannon Maughlin; 5. 88 Alan Kurth; 6. 54S Earl Shannon.

Heat 3

1. 6T Randy Tipton; 2. 8 Ryan Wark; 3. 15 Brad Wagoner; 4. 103 Dan Lauer 5. 14U Jay Nichol; 6. 17R Casey Rhea.

Cash Dash

1. Albin

Feature

1. Hill; 2. Lauer; 3. Wark; 4. Towns; 5. Tipton; 6. Wagoner; 7. Plummer; 8. Albin; 9. Schwarz; 10. W. Lippelman; 11. Rhea; 12. Beakley; The following were all (DNF); 13. Maughlin; 14. Shannon; 15. Warta in the #88; 16. Nichol; 17. Kinderknecht 18. 23X car (DNS)

Modifieds

Heat 1

1. 21 Darren DeLoach; 2. 34H Doug Holzmeister; 3. 21 John Icke; 4. 2D Dwayne Dechant; 5. 383 Milo Lippelman; 6. 49c Michael Daut; 7. 58D Dale Farr.

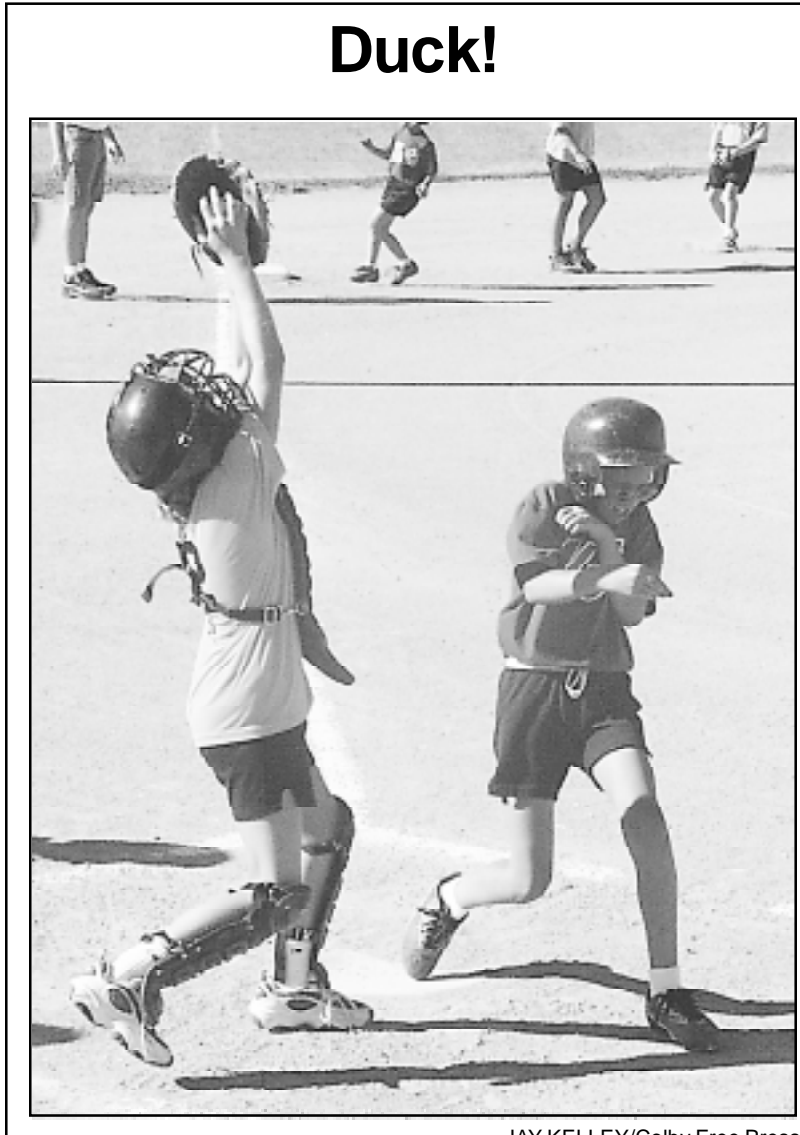
Heat 2

1. 23X Jeff Hartwell; 2. 3 Brady Coen; 3. 38 K. B. Murphy; 4. 37 Jeff Tubbs; 5. 9 Monty Nordyke; 6. 76 Mike Shaw.

Cash Dash

1. DeLoach

Feature



With the ball coming in to the plate, the Mets' Emily Terrell was as concerned about getting hit as she was about crossing the plate as Kirstie Strutt caught a throw from the pitcher. The Pirates, Strutt's team, won 14-11.

JAY KELLEY/Colby Free Press

Duck!

Colby athlete leaves for Shrine Bowl Friday

By JAY KELLEY
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Zach Brown said he is pretty excited about leaving for the Shrine Bowl on Friday, but he isn't letting it go to his head.

The former Colby High School wide receiver and defensive back has been working out and working hard all summer.

"It (the Shrine Bowl) has been a good excuse to prepare for Garden City," said Brown.

Brown will be playing football at Garden City Community College next

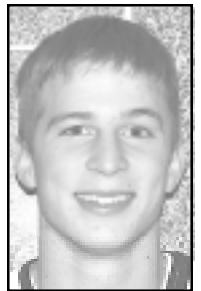
season. He reports to camp on Aug. 8. He reports to the Shrine Bowl on Friday.

"We have to be at St. Johns (Salina) on Friday morning," he said. The teams will go to St. Louis on Saturday to visit the Shriner's hospital, then practice all week in Salina.

On Friday, they will travel to Manhattan. After a practice, they will have a banquet that night, with the parade and game on Saturday.

Brown has been running four days and lifting weights three days a week. He, Justin Schwanke and Schwanke's father, Charles also operate Parking Lot Maintenance of Colby, repairing parking lots.

"Sometimes I lose track of days," said Brown.



Z. Brown

Area Briefs

The Colby Recreation Department and Colby Community College women's basketball coach Tom Stephens are sponsoring the Best of the West men's 5-on-5 basketball tournament at the Community Building this weekend. Call 462-4440 for more information.

The Soaring Eagle football camp is scheduled for Monday-Wednesday and there are still openings. Applications may be picked up at Colby High School, or from Mike Gottsch. Cost is \$45 and includes a jersey.

Kansas State University strength coaches will be hosting a camp on Wednesday, concentrating on techniques for strength, speed and flexibility. The camp will run from 11 a.m.-3

p.m. for boys and girls entering grades 7-12. Cost in \$15 and part of the proceeds go to the Colby High School weight room. Call Mike Gottsch at 465-5300 for more information.

The Colby Eagle State Championship Wrestling Camp, hosted by Colby High School head coach Mitch Beims, will be July 30-31 at the Colby Middle School wrestling room. Sessions for K-6 will run from 5:30-7 p.m. and for 7-12 from 7:30-9 p.m. Cost is \$20. For information, call Beims at 462-7631.

Mike Gottsch is organizing a full-contact football team for kids entering 5/6th grades. Seven games will be played, one each Sunday, beginning in early Sept. Call Gottsch at 462-7177 for more information.

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