

Colby's K-18 to play for 2002 title

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The Colby K18 baseball team traveled to Lucas on Tuesday evening for a semi-final match up with Osborne and came home the winner 10-9 in a closely fought game.

Colby was visitor on the score board and used the opportunity to put up two runs early in the game. Leading off for Colby was Jordon Cranston with a double to deep left field. Cranston then advanced to 3rd on a wild pitch and scored on Travis Powell's sacrifice fly to left field. Matt Augustine reached first on an error by the 1st baseman and advanced to 3rd on a stolen base and an overthrow. Augustine then scored on Deke Elliott's hard shot to the second baseman.

The next at bats for Osborne and Colby found the hitters going three up, three down for quick innings. Osborne put one up on the scoreboard in the bottom of the 2nd to bring the score to 2-1.

Colby bats came alive in the top of the third scoring 5 runs on 5 hits. Travis Powell led off with a single, Augustine walked, and Elliott hit a single loading the bases. Powell tried to steal home on a wild pitch but was thrown out at the plate. Quenzer followed with a sacrifice fly allowing Augustine to score. Sean Mengel walked and then Jeremy Dietz hit a nice shot to right center allowing Elliott and Mengel to score. Mitchell Gatz singled followed by Trenton Powell taking a walk, again loading the bases. A balk by the Osborne pitcher brought in Dietz.

At this time, Osborne decided a pitching change was in order but it didn't stop Cranston who hit a shot to center field scoring Gatz for the final run of the inning for Colby.

Osborne was able to put up another run in the bottom of the 3rd but Colby



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Matt Augustine was on the mound Tuesday night for Colby's K-18 semi-final game against Osborne. Colby held on to win 10-9 to advance to the state final Thursday night against Ellis.

still lead 7-2 after three complete innings. The fourth inning found Augustine hitting a solo shot over the left field fence for his 10th home run of the year. Colby seemed in control of the game with an 8-2 lead, but the Osborne bats came alive in the bottom of the 4th inning, scoring 7 runs to take a 9-8 lead and putting the Colby fans on the edge of their seats.

Both teams were scoreless in the 5th inning. The 6th inning found Elliott and Quenzer each singling with Dietz coming to bat. Dietz hit back to the pitcher who hesitated when making the play, allowing all runners to advance safely. Gatz hit a hard shot to the 1st baseman who was unable to field the ball allowing Elliott to score and tie the game.

Osborne threatened in the 6th but Colby held them scoreless and the game went into the seventh inning tied at 9-9. The top of the 7th found Colby at the top of their line up. Cranston started the inning with a walk followed by Travis Powell singling. Augustine hit a clutch single, scoring Cranston and Colby again had the lead 10-9.

Colby stranded 2 runners that inning and the score remained 10-9 with

Osborne coming up for their final at bat. Osborne quickly put two runners on base but Colby's defense stepped up and Osborne was unable to score and Colby won the game 10-9.

Starting pitcher for Colby was Jordon Cranston. Cranston had 8 strikeouts, and gave up 3 walks and 9 hits. Matt Augustine relieved Cranston in the bottom of the 4th and was credited with the win. Augustine had 4 strikeouts, and gave up one walk, one hit, and no runs.

Hitting for Colby was Cranston with 1 double, 2 singles and 1 RBI, Augustine with a home run, a single and 2 RBI's, Elliott with 2 singles and 1 RBI, Powell with 2 singles and 1 RBI, Quenzer with 1 single and 1 RBI, Dietz with 1 single and 2 RBI's, and Gatz with 1 single and 1 RBI.

In other bracket play, Ellis defeated Beloit 10-0, and Concordia beat Stockton 6-2.

Concordia and Ellis then met in the other semi-final game with Ellis coming out on top 11-7.

Colby will face Ellis in the championship game which will be played in Lucas on Thursday following the Osborne/Concordia game at 6:30 p.m.

Chiefs fight it out at training camp

RIVER FALLS, Wis. (AP) — Offensive lineman John Tait was led off the Kansas City Chiefs practice field Tuesday bleeding from a head wound delivered during a fight.

Tait fought with rookie defensive end Eddie Freeman toward the end of the afternoon practice. Freeman has been involved in several scuffles during the first week of camp.

"He took a few stitches," coach Dick Vermeil said of Tait. "His helmet came off and he took a fist right between the

eyes."

As Tait and Freeman struggled, several other players began to join the fray, with offensive players in white jerseys grabbing defensive players in red uniforms. Vermeil stopped practice and yelled loud enough to be heard all over the field.

"If this doesn't stop, I'll run every one of you out of here," he said. "This is not red jerseys against white jerseys. It's the Chiefs. We just got a man hurt here."

Later, Vermeil said there would be no disciplinary action.

"It happens all the time. What you don't want is it to escalate. You especially don't want a guy's helmet to come off. They're going to fight. That's part of the game. But you don't want offensive and defensive guys jumping in to support their line of scrimmage."

Freeman, a second-round draft pick, is "a tough guy," Vermeil said.

"He's a hot-headed kid. He knows he's wrong. He's got to control it."

Baseball still headed for strike

NEW YORK (AP) — Another day at the bargaining table produced only slight progress for baseball players and owners, who still appear headed toward the sport's ninth work stoppage since 1972.

Negotiators for the sides met twice, for a total of about 3 1/2 hours. The

primary topic of the first session was revenue sharing, with owners wanting a large increase in the amount of locally generated money that is shared by all teams. Management also wants a new formula that would be less favorable to the clubs with the highest and lowest revenue.

First dunk for WNBA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lisa Leslie became the first woman to dunk in a professional game, jamming on a breakaway in the first half of the Los Angeles Sparks' 82-73 loss to the Miami Sol in the WNBA.



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