

Trojan baseball had tough week

Trojan fans, after a tough week against Seward, Hutchinson, and surprisingly, Dodge City, we headed into a doubleheader this past Monday against a Western Nebraska team that was on a 15 game winning streak.



Ray Nolan

• From the Dugout

The Cougars are led by former Dodge City coach Mike Jones. Jones had several successful seasons at Dodge before moving to Western. Two seasons ago we gave him a going away present with an upset in the Sub-Region playoffs down in Hutchinson. Dodge City was the three seed that year and after a 2-1 loss against Barton, we took our revenge out on the Conqs. Although they had beat us four times that season, we got to them for 10 hits and won 10-4.

Back to this season, in game one Monday our bats were shut down almost completely as the Cougars rolled to an 8-0 victory. We had just four hits against their 15.

Game two went much differently, but had the same result. Behind 10-3 in the bottom of the fifth we rallied for six runs.

Freshman Brian Hassing started the comeback with a single to left. Then freshman Dustin Moore walked and freshman Jerad McBride loaded the bases with a single to right. Sophomore right fielder Travis Glassman, nursing a bad hamstring, then singled home the first run of the inning with a shot to right.

I was coaching first base at the time and Glassman said to me, "McClure needs to clear the bases," and that is just what freshman left fielder Dan McClure did with a double to the left-center gap. Freshman shortstop Nick Krick then walked, and freshman center fielder Joel Gould completed the scoring with a double down the left field line that drove in both McClure and Krick.

McClure and Glassman both had great games. McClure went 3 for 5 with a double and five RBIs and Glassman went 3 for 4 with an RBI.

Despite the great comeback, at the end of the game we found ourselves on the wrong side of a 12-9 decision and in the midst of an eight game skid. But with heads held high we went into Wednesday against Butler determined to not let misfortune get the best of us.

On Wednesday I felt we played two of our best games of the season even though we came away

with a split. Grizzly pitching carved us up in game one and we lost 5-2. Even though we lost, I felt we played well and was confident heading into the second game.

My optimism proved warranted as we came out hot scoring six in the bottom of the first. The inning starting off with both Dan McClure, and sophomore infielder Ian Mabb, getting hit by pitches. Joel Gould then lined a single to left to score McClure and Brian Hassing nailed a triple to right to plate Mabb and Gould. Sophomore Keith Wollis then singled to left to score Hassing. After freshman catcher Kyle Sandusky was plunked, sophomore Justin Dickson singled to center to bring home Wollis. Four batters later Mabb found himself up again, and hit by a pitch again, to bring home the sixth Trojan run of the inning.

From that point we cruised to an 11-3 victory. Hassing finished the game 3 for 4 with a triple and two RBIs. He was 5 for 7 on the day. Wollis went 2 for 4 in the second game and Dickson was 3 for 3 with a titanic home run to right in the sixth. Travis Glassman from Oakley finished the game 3 for 4 with an RBI. He reached base all four at-bats. Glassman is 7 for his last 11 with three runs scored.

Freshman Tyler Landenberger again pitched impressively allowing just one earned run and striking out seven in five innings of work to record his third victory of the season.

Our game for this Monday has been canceled due to Western Nebraska's need to play conference make-up games. Conference games always take precedent over non-conference games. Wednesday we travel to Pratt and Saturday we take on Garden City at home.

Pratt is a game ahead of us in the standings, but has split doubleheaders with both Seward and Hutch. Garden City is coming off a very surprising week that saw them sweep Hutch. Please come out and support us Saturday at 1 p.m.

Colby athletes take rodeo event titles

The Colby Community College men and women's rodeo team solidified their regional standing with a strong performance at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford April 12-13.

Most outstanding performers for the rodeo were freshman Karli Sherwood of Holly, Colo. and David Dyke, a sophomore from Fremont, Iowa.

Sherwood led the women's team by winning the breakaway roping after splitting seventh in the first go round with a time of 3.6 seconds. She won the second go round with a time of 3.2 seconds and was first in the average. Sherwood is currently fourth in the regional breakaway standings.

Kelli Hammernik, a sophomore from Leigh, Neb., was sixth in the



Dyke



Sherwood

first go round of barrel racing, was sixth in the second go round and ended up sixth in the average.

"Karli is roping extremely well right now," said coach Allen Russell. "Her timing and consistency have been unbeatable the last couple weeks. Kelli's horse performs better outside in the big arena than in the small indoor facilities, so

the arena at Weatherford suited her really well."

The women's team moved from fifth to fourth in the Central Plains Region.

The three major universities of Southwestern Oklahoma State, Northwestern Oklahoma State and Oklahoma State are the only schools in front of the Colby women.

On the men's side, Dyke split fifth in the first go round of the bull riding with a score of 73 points, won the second round with a score of 77 points and won the average.

Dyke was the only bull rider out of the ten finalists to ride his bull in the concluding round. He is now sixth overall in the Central Plains Region. It is also worth noting that Dyke, who placed at last year's col-

lege finals, currently graces the home page of collegeroodeo.com.

"We've been waiting for a big outing from David all year," Russell said. "He always seems to come up with a solid ride when it's most needed."

Travis Sharp, a sophomore from Interior, S.D., split fourth in the first go round of the bareback riding with a score of 74 points. John Lessman, a Sydney, Neb. freshman, was fifth in the first go round of the steer wrestling, fifth in the second go round and fifth in the average.

The men's team finished sixth in the field of 26 teams. With the points at Southwest Oklahoma State University, the men's team moved from tenth to ninth in the Central Plains Region.

The next competition for the rodeo team will be April 26-27 in Hays.

Eagle golf team finishes fourth at Goodland

By MICHELLE L. HAWKINS
Colby Free Press

After a 45 minute delay due to the rain and lightning, the Colby Eagle golf team completed their second tournament of the season last Tuesday in Goodland.

The boys finished fourth out of 14 teams after the 18 round tourney.

Two Eagles placed individually

in the tournament, Christopher Finley and Deni Wieland. Finley came in fifth with 80 strokes, while Wieland was ninth with 82.

Head coach Ray Higley commended the boys on their performance saying they scored better at the tournament than they had done in the past.

Team results are as follows:

Ulysses 328; Goodland 331; Atwood 332; Colby 337; Norton 341; Hoxie 361; TMP361; Quinter 364; Scott City 366; Stanton County 369; Tribune 373; Oakley 382; Oberlin 387 and Hays High Junior Varsity 391.

Individual medals went to: Chirs Lamb, Atwood 78; Bill Linn, Goodland 78; David Heyd,

Scott City 79; Shawn Pyle, Ulysses 80; Christopher Finley, Colby 80; Brendon Gross, TMP 81; Brett Tyler, Ulysses 81; Brent Milliken, Ulysses 82; Deni Wieland, Colby 82; and Ian Scherling, Goodland 83;

The next tournament for the boys will be in McCook on Tuesday. Tee times are scheduled to start at 9 a.m.

College horse show team places fourth in regionals

The Colby Community College intercollegiate horse show team finished fourth in overall standings at the Regional Show hosted by New Mexico State University.

Four stock seat riders and one hunt seat rider qualified for the event held Feb. 28 and March 1 in Las Cruces, N.M.

Open rider Amy Rice of St. Francis, won the reining and Sarah Pippenger of Clay Center, received second in her intermediate class. Rice received a belt buckle and traveling trophy for her win in reining. She also received fifth place in the rail class.

Katie Strifler of Westmoreland, also competed in the intermediate division and Nick Olsen of Saukville, Wis., received fifth in the

beginning class. Andi Dosek of Oceanside, Calif., participated in the novice fences class.

Rice and Pippenger qualified to compete in the Zone competition also held at New Mexico State on

March 29. They competed with their region as well as riders from Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

Rice placed third in her reining class. Pippenger took sixth in the intermediate rail class.

The top two places in each class advanced to Nationals in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

The team is coached by Marie Skolout. She is assisted by horse production director Sarah Wessels.

Local sports calendar

- Monday** - Junior Varsity baseball at Goodland, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday** - Varsity golf at McCook, 9 a.m.; Varsity track at Scott City, 9:30 a.m.; C team golf at Scott City, 2 p.m.; Junior Varsity golf at Scott City, 3 p.m.; Colby Invitational Junior Varsity Tennis Tournament at 3 p.m. — Matches will be played at Colby Community College courts and at Fike Park courts.; 9/10 track meet at WaKeeney, 4 p.m.; Golden Plains track team at Eastern Heights Invitational at Logan, 3 p.m.; Colby Community College Softball at Hutchinson, 3 p.m.
- Wednesday** - Colby Community College baseball at Pratt, 1 p.m.; Colby Community College softball at home with Barton County, 3 p.m.

KU makes Self official

By DOUG TUCKER

AP Sports Writer LAWRENCE (AP) — Bill Self made a good first impression on his new Kansas team.

The next step is for the 40-year-old Oklahoma native to be formally introduced as the successor to Roy Williams, who won more than four of every five games in 15 years with the Jayhawks but moved last week to North Carolina. A news conference was set for 1 p.m. today.

Self, who was 78-24 in three years as head coach at Illinois, met with the Kansas players for more than an hour Sunday night.

The players, including three starters from the team that lost by three points to Syracuse in this year's NCAA championship game, liked what they heard.

Williams, who was 418-101 in 15 years at Kansas, shocked the Jayhawks seven days ago when he decided to become head coach at North Carolina, his alma mater and the school he turned down three

years ago.

Self, who spent the past three seasons at Illinois, arrived on campus earlier Sunday and had dinner with chancellor Robert Hemenway, interim athletic director Drue Jennings and several staff members and current players.

A source within the athletic department, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Self didn't want a Sunday announcement because of Easter.

Self's first college coaching job was as an assistant at Kansas under Larry Brown in the 1985-86 season, when the Jayhawks reached the Final Four for the first time since the early '70s. During his three seasons at Illinois, Self led the team to the NCAA tournament each year, reaching the final eight in 2001.

His teams shared the Big Ten regular-season title in 2001 and 2002. This season, the Illini finished second in the league standings but won the tournament championship.

Kansas will have to spend \$500,000 to buy out his contract.

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