

Colby Lady Eagle softball picks up two wins in Holcomb

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Although rain in Colby postponed many athletic events on Thursday, the Colby varsity softball, played in Holcomb and the weather was on their side.

The games were shortened to five innings and the Lady Eagles brought home two wins, 14-4 and 20-3.

Coach Jack Elliott said the team has been battling sickness and injuries, but was pleased with the performance of the team.

"They have been hitting the ball extremely well," he said. "We still need to solidify the defense, but in all, it was a super day."

Junior Whitney Adams pitched both games for the team with a fifth inning relief from Cierra Rous in the second game.

In game one, Adams allowed only 4 hits, 4 runs and 3 walks. She



gave up no earned runs and struck out three batters. The Colby defense had 3 errors behind Adams in the field.

Offensively, the girls hit well and had five home-runs during the game, two by junior Savannah Rupp and one apiece by senior Samantha Wolf and juniors Shawna Cox and Jenny Hutfles. Crystal Herschberger and Alicia Leavitt both hit doubles.

At bat, Herschberger was 4-4, while Rupp and Wolf were both 3-

4. Rupp also had 4 RBIs while Wolf had 3. Adams was 2-4 and Leavitt and Becky Herl were 2-3. Leavitt was also credited with an RBI while Herl had 2. Hutfles was 1-3 with 2 RBIs and Cox finished the day 1-2 with 1 RBI.

In the second game, Adams allowed 3 hits, 3 runs and 1 hit batter. She gave up no earned runs or walks and was able to throw 3 strike-outs. Rous pitched a perfect fifth inning for the save. The Lady Eagle defense committed two errors.

Offensively, Wolf was 3-3 which included a home-run and a double. She had a whopping 7 RBIs. Rupp was 4-5 at bat and had a triple and 6 RBIs. Adams hit 3-4 with 2 double and 3 RBIs. Rounding out the offense was Herschberger, 3-5 and 1 RBI; Jen Wilson 1-3; Leavitt 1-3; and Brianna Swafford 2-2. Swafford hit one triple and had 2 RBIs.

Eagle baseball defeats Russell

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The Colby High School baseball team picked up two huge wins over Russell last Tuesday as they defeated the Broncos 18-2 and 22-0. Both games were played in five innings.

Senior Jared Cranston pitched the first game and picked up his third win of the season. He allowed 3 hits, 2 walks and gave up no runs. Cranston struck-out 8 batters.

Sophomore Matt Augustine hit his second home-run of the season.

Bruce Arnberger and Brian Sulzman also had a homer each.

Those credited with RBIs were: Sulzman 4, Arnberger 2, Cody Hatfield 3, John Wark 2, Augustine 3, Cranston 1, Ryan Arensdorf 1, and Chris Gordon 1.

In game two, Augustine was at the mound for Colby. The 18-2 win was his second this season. He allowed 2 hits, 2 runs, 2 earned runs and walked 3. He was able to throw

4 strike-outs.

Offensively, Arensdorf and Hatfield had 4 and 3 RBIs respectively. Gordon had 2, while Josh Houtz and Augustine had 1 each. The only homerun of the game was by Arensdorf.

After a postponement of Thursday's game due to rain, the Eagles will again be in action on Thursday as they travel to Lakin for a 4 p.m. game.

Local sports calendar

Friday - Varsity track at Holcomb, 3 p.m.; Varsity and junior varsity softball with Goodland at home, 4 p.m.; Brewster track team at Oakley Invitational, 3 p.m.; Colby Community College track team at Region VI Tournament in Overland Park.

Saturday - Varsity tennis at Scott City, 9 a.m.; Varsity golf at Oberlin, 9:30 a.m.; Powerlifting meet at Scott City, 10 a.m.; Colby Community College track team at Region VI Tournament in Overland Park.

The seventh and eighth grade track meet postponed from Thursday due to weather, has been rescheduled for Monday at 3 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Tickets sold out

The tickets for the Kansas University Barnstorming Tour to be held this Saturday in Colby have been sold out. Admission will be open to only those who have pre-purchased tickets.

Tryouts on Sunday

Baseball tryouts for the 12 and under traveling team will be held this Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Colby Baseball complex.

Contact Blake Arnberger at 462-6915 or 462-0464 for more information.

Rodeo Queen Contest

The Plainville Saddle Club is looking for single girls, ages 14 to 23, who would like to compete for the club's rodeo queen. Interested young ladies may contact one of the committee persons for an application.

The contest will begin at 9 a.m. on Friday, June 13, and will consist of two go-rounds of horsemanship, personal interview and a written test. There will be a parade that afternoon followed by the rodeo. All contestants are asked to ride in the parade.

The 2003 Plainville Rodeo Queen will be announced Friday evening during the opening night of the Plainville Rodeo. They will participate in the grand entry of the rodeo.

Anyone interested in entering is asked to contact Patty Kammer at (785) 434-2139; Judy Rachel at (785) 434-2334; or Candace Rachel at (785) 434-4907.



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Colby High School junior Bruce Arnberger kept his eye on the ball as a pop-fly headed his way. Arnberger plays both first and third base.

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