

Division I baseball finishes up regional play over weekend

The National College Athletic Association Division I Regionals were played this past weekend and five teams from the Big XII, as well as Wichita State, were involved. Three of the Big XII teams hosted Regionals, but that did not seem to help much, as only two of the teams made it out alive.

Texas did not let their chance slip away as they beat Lamar of Texas to advance to the Super Regional. The Longhorns had to be beaten twice on Sunday and Lamar did their job in the first game, but could not rally in the second to eliminate Texas.

Baylor also was able to advance as they beat Southern Mississippi on Sunday 3-2. Baylor should have hosted a regional as well, but instead they were the only regional number one seed to have to travel.

Texas A&M, Nebraska, Missouri, and Wichita State were not as fortunate in their Regionals. Texas A&M had to be beaten twice on Sunday to not advance, and that is exactly what Houston did as they won 7-6 and 7-6.

Nebraska lost to Southwest Missouri State on Saturday 4-2 and beat Eastern Michigan 18-2 in the nightcap. That set up a rematch with Southwest Missouri State on Sunday. Southwest Missouri State had to be beaten twice and the Huskers took care of the first one, 9-5. The second game proved to be less than desirable as the Bears shut the Huskers out 7-0.

Missouri did not make it to the final day in their regional. The Tigers opened with a first round lost to North Carolina, 4-3. They then took care of Middle Tennessee State, 13-7, but lost to Mississippi State 10-5.

Wichita State opened their Re-



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- From the Dugout

gional with a 4-2 win over Mississippi, but then lost to Rice, the host of the Regional, 10-1. The Shockers then beat Mississippi again 5-4 before losing to Rice, 5-2, to end their season.

Texas now will play a three game series against Florida State and Baylor advances to play Louisiana State University. Both Florida State and Louisiana State University won the Regionals that they hosted.

The Junior College World Series was won this week by Southern Nevada who defeated San Jacinto of Houston 4-1. Southern Nevada is located in Henderson, right outside of Las Vegas. They just started their program four years ago, and with the help of a lot of homegrown talent, have become a national power. We played them four years ago in Arizona during their inaugural season and they were even good then.

This week the Colby American Legion team opens play against McCook at McCook at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Thursday they will be home against Garden City for a double header at 6 p.m. Next Monday, June 9, they face Ellis here in Colby at 6 p.m. and on Wednesday June 11, they face Goodland in Colby at 6 p.m.

I am helping with the team and I know that they are filled with talent and should be fun to watch. Please support them all summer as they make a run for a regional championship.

Eagles claim two state championships in track

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Colby Free Press

The Colby Eagle track team sent 16 athletes to the state track meet on Friday and Saturday in Wichita. The Eagles reigned supreme in two events and brought home first place medals.

Freshman Jessica Stephens came in first in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:14.69. She also ran the 3200 meter race and finished fourth in 11:56.89.

Also bringing home the gold was the girls 4 X 800 relay team who took first with a combined time of 10:01.81. The relay team was comprised of Summar Stephens, Emily Sloan, Amanda Seeman and Erica Erickson, with Ivy Ramsey as an alternate.

All three girls relay team qualified for state. The 4 X 100 team of Andrea Barker, Shea McKee, Maret Peterson and Lori Zigelmeier did not place, while the 4 X 400 relay came in fourth with a time of 4:10.97. The relay team was made up of Lauren Kaiser, S. Stephens, Ramsey and Erickson with J.



Stephens as an alternate.

Barker also competed in the 100 and 200 meter dashes. The freshman finished seventh in the 200 meter with a time of 26.47 and did not place in the 100 meter.

Ramsey ran both the 800 and 1600 meter races. She placed fifth in the 1600 with a time of 4:20.96 and seventh in the 800 with a time of 2:25.19.

Erickson competed in the 400 meter dash and Erica Molstad qualified for the long jump. Neither athlete place in the state tournament.

As a team, the ladies finished the meet in fifth place with a team score of 33 points.

Sports Briefs

DETROIT (AP) — Roger Clemens remained one victory shy of No. 300 when the Detroit Tigers rallied from six runs down Sunday to spoil history. The Yankees salvaged something, however, as Alfonso Soriano and Jorge Posada homered off Steve Sparks in the 17th inning to give New York a 10-9 win.

Clemens' chase of 300 will continue next weekend in Chicago.

He is scheduled to start Saturday at Wrigley Field against Kerry Wood. The Yankees haven't played the Cubs there since the 1938 World Series, and Clemens has never pitched in a game inside Wrigley.

PHOENIX (AP) — Matt Williams, the last of the original Diamondbacks and a five-time All-Star

with 378 career home runs, has played his final game for Arizona.

The Diamondbacks announced Sunday that the 37-year-old third baseman has been designated for assignment. The move follows the team's acquisition of third baseman Shea Hillenbrand from Boston for pitcher Byung-Hyun Kim.

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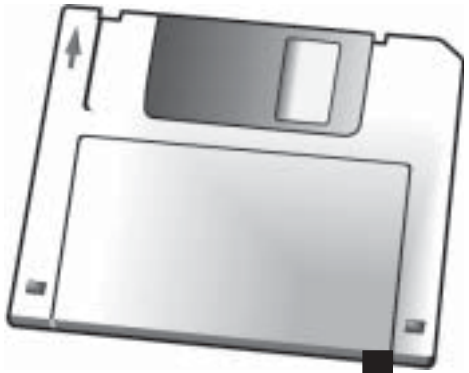
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