

Record setters



COURTESY PHOTOS
Kortney Bredimier and Madison Rogers (above) and Trevor Strutt and Keegan Strange (right) set a pool record at the recent Colby/Oakley swim meet held at Oakley. Their time was 1.19.78. The Colby swim team took part in the Northwest Kansas Swim League showdown at Burlington, Colo. over the



Strutt



Strange

weekend. Results will appear in the *Free Press* later this week.

Dodgers drop Rockies

DENVER (AP)—The slumping Los Angeles Dodgers stumbled into a much-needed All-Star break. Jolbert Cabrera had a three-run double in the first inning, and Wilson Alvarez won for the first time in more than a year as the Dodgers beat Colorado 9-3 on Sunday to close out a rough first half. Los Angeles was tied with San Francisco for the NL West lead on June 22, but the Dodgers lost 14 of 19 before the break to drop 7 1/2 games behind the Giants. “The All-Star break is something I’ve always looked at as an interruption,” said Dodgers manager Jim Tracy, whose team is 4-9 in July. “In the case of this year, I think it’s very good thing for our club.” At least the Dodgers are starting to hit. Los Angeles started the season strong behind good pitching, but there wasn’t much offense. The Dodgers are still the NL’s worst hitting team at .243, but they scored

five or more runs in five of six games and had at least 12 hits in three of four. The Dodgers had 12 hits against the Rockies, scoring five runs in the first inning and three more in the ninth to salvage the final contest of the three-game series. “We just started the last couple of games,” Alvarez said. “If we keep going like that with this pitching staff, we are going to win a lot of games.” Rockies starter Denny Neagle (2-3) struggled in his previous two outings and it seemed to carry over early Sunday. Cesar Izturis hit Neagle’s first pitch to the gap in right-center for a triple, then Alex Cora sent the next delivery to the same area for a run-scoring double. Shawn Green followed with an RBI double, and Cabrera made it 5-0 with a three-run double. Neagle settled in after that, allowing two hits in the next three in-

Royals romp Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Darrell May didn’t have a win to show for his first 16 appearances this season. Now the left-hander has won four straight starts for first-place Kansas City. May pitched five innings as Kansas City beat the Rangers 8-2 Sunday night, completing its first three-game sweep at Texas since 1980 in the final game before the All-Star break. “I kept saying that’s just the way baseball is, things will turn around sooner or later,” said May, 0-4 with a 4.18 ERA in his first 16 games. “You’ve just got to have faith to do it, and sure enough it has.” May (4-4) gave up one run on seven hits over five innings. The left-hander has a 1.61 ERA, allowing just five runs over 28 innings during his winning streak. The Royals (51-41) are the first team to follow a 100-loss season with 50 wins by the break. They lead the AL Central by seven games over the Chicago White Sox, their largest division lead since 1980, when they won the West by 13 games. “We had a good spring training and we felt good coming into the season, but who would have thought this,” May said. “It hasn’t been one person, it’s been everybody.” Seldom-used infielder Julis Matos was 3-for-5, including a two-run homer that started the scoring. Angel Berroa had a two-run homer and Carlos Beltran had two RBI singles. Matos homered with one out in the third. Beltran followed with a single and scored on Ken Harvey’s single one out later. Berroa then hit a liner that just cleared the wall in left for his ninth homer, giving Kansas City a 5-0 lead. Manager Tony Pena put Matos in the starting lineup for only the third time since he was recalled from the minors July 3. Then Pena half-jokingly predicted that the third baseman would get three hits. “He must know what he’s doing,”

said Matos, who didn’t know of the prediction until after the game. “I knew I was just going to try to help my team win.” Tony Mounce (1-3), one of six rookies on Texas’ roster, gave up six runs on eight hits in four innings. Texas had won nine of 16 before being getting outscored 29-7 in three games against the Royals. Kansas City’s sweep was its first at Texas since Aug. 18-20, 1980. The Rangers are last in the AL West at 38-55, 20 games behind Seattle. “It’s frustrating the way we played the whole series,” said Rangers manager Buck Showalter.

In Zone Tournament Winning weekend puts Colby top seed

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Colby improved their record to 16-6 this past weekend and claimed the number one seed for the Zone Tournament on Friday. Colby swept the Garden City Bandits Friday evening with scores of 20-3 and 4-1. In game one Colby took advantage of Bandit errors and clobbered 16 hits to gain the victory. Jared Cranston and Chris Gordon combined for the win on the mound. Cranston struck out eight in three innings of work and Gordon struck out five in four innings. Bruce Arnberger, Jared Cranston and Ryan Arensdorf each had three hits. Arensdorf led off the game

with a double and Arnberger hit doubles in both the fifth and sixth innings. Cranston had a triple but his three RBI’s were created with two singles, both in a ten-run seventh inning. Brian Sulzman, Chris Gordon and John Wark each added two RBI’s to the effort. Josh Houtz threw seven complete in game two to push his record to 3-1 for the summer. Chris Gordon and Brian Sulzman each had two hits to help complete the sweep of the Bandits. Sunday brought a trip to Goodland and although Colby put up 28 runs in the double-header they came away with only a split. Scott Wolf struck out seven in game one and kept his record per-

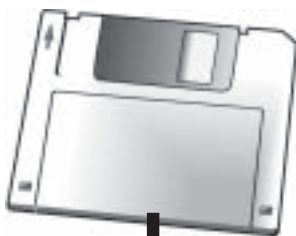
fect for the summer notching his fourth victory. Ryan Arensdorf, Jared Cranston, Bruce Arnberger and John Wark each had two hits. Arensdorf had both a double and a triple. He also drove in three runs and Cranston knocked in two. Game two was disappointing for Colby as mistakes finally got the best of them and a four-run lead in the seventh slipped away. Ryan Arensdorf again led the way on offense. He belted three hits and scored three runs setting the table for the good offensive output. Brian Sulzman and Bruce Arnberger each had two hits and a double apiece. Colby held a 14-10 lead going

into the bottom of the seventh before Goodland rallied for five in the bottom of the inning to earn the victory. Despite the loss, Colby at 16-6 are the number one seed for the Zone Tournament this coming weekend in Colby. Their first game is Saturday at 4 p.m. against the winner of the Phillipsburg and Stockton contest Friday night at 6 in Colby. Plainville and Norton play at 8 p.m. Friday for the right to play number two seed Goodland Saturday at 2 p.m. Before the tournament, Colby has a warm up double-header in Garden City Tuesday night at 6 against the Garden City Blues.

Colby College teams are tops in the classroom

The National Junior College Athletic Association has recognized two Colby Community College teams as the top academic teams in the nation. The Lady Trojan softball team, coached by Carl Adams, was the top spring academic team-of-the-year with a combined GPA of 3.66. Trojan wrestlers also received first place honors with a 3.07 combined GPA. Coach for the wrestling squad is Steve Lampe. The combination of athletic skills and academic excellence has brought national recognition to five additional varsity teams at Colby College, said Debbie Schwanke, public relations director. The women’s outdoor track team was fourth in the nation with a 3.23 GPA. The women’s indoor track team also finished fourth with a 3.03 combined GPA. Coach for the track squads is Jeff Becker. The men’s baseball and basket-

GPA
• Indoor Track: (4th place) 3.03
GPA
• Baseball: (6th place) 3.17 GPA
• Men’s Basketball: ‘(6th place) 3.13 GPA
• Women’s Basketball: (8th place) 3.43 GPA



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Armstrong moves into overall lead

L’ALPE D’HUEZ, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong took the overall lead in the Tour de France on Sunday after completing the second mountain stage of the race. Armstrong finished third in the stage, 2 minutes, 12 seconds behind Iban Mayo of Spain. Armstrong holds a 40-second lead over Joseba Beloki of Spain, who stayed with the four-time defending champion through the climb. Beloki was the runner-up to Armstrong last year.

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