

Like a flash



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A header tries to get a rope on his steer during the team roping event at the Thomas County Free Fair PRCARodeo Tuesday night before a lively crowd. More action is on tonight's schedule at the grandstand starting at 8 p.m. According to the weatherman, there is a slight chance for shower activity. Tuesday night's rain left 0.25 inches in Colby gauges.

Girls 1-1 as tourney continues

By RALPH WOLF

Special Reporter

HASTINGS, Neb — The Colby Sweet Thunder 18-Under team opened the Class B Western National Championship Fast Pitch Softball Tournament here with a 4-1 win over Tuff Enuff of San Antonio, Texas.

Sarah Redmond was credited with the win, as she allowed only 4 hits, 1 base on balls and struck out 2.

Savannah Rupp had 2 RBI's with a first inning homer. Shanae Calkins came up next in the batting order and also connected with a round-tripper.

Shawna Cox went 2-for-3 and Becky Herl had an RBI single. Brittany Pettibone and Hope Maley also had base hits.

In their next game, the Thunder faced the Fullerton Hills Gold team

of Fullerton, Calif., losing a heart-breaker, 2-1.

Corri Ball was on the hill for the Thunder, giving up just 3 hits, 2 walks, while fanning 4.

Sweet Thunder was only able to connect for 2 hits with Samantha Wolf recording a double in the 2nd inning.

In the 6th, Shawna Cox reached base on an error after laying down a perfect bunt and Whitney Adams knocked her in with an RBI single, which tied the score at 1-1.

With 2 outs in the bottom of the 7th, the Fullerton runner attempted to steal second, but catcher Becky Herl had a perfect throw for what appeared to be the 3rd out of the inning, only to have the runner called safe.

The next batter hit a ball deep to score the runner from second for the Fullerton's 2-1 victory.

Sweet Thunder takes their 1-1 record into the tournament's bracket action on Thursday morning.

Golf benefit getting closer

The reminder today from Brian Ostermann, men's basketball coach at Colby Community College is, "Please mark your calendar for Thursday, Aug. 28. It's only a month away!"

Ostermann was making reference to the annual men's basketball golf benefit at the Colby Country Club.

Highlights include: shotgun start at 11 a.m.; lunch provided; auction follows at around 5 p.m.

Ostermann urges participants to call now and sign up a team. He said the cost is \$240 per team.

"Todd Barrows, Rod Ryan and Keith Downing represent the committee for this event," Ostermann said. "They will contact many of you regarding a team, hole sponsorship, auction item donation, etc."



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