



## Ray Nolan

- From the Dugout

# Rain wins on Saturday

I still have not changed by stance on loving rain, despite being rained out Saturday and barely getting the field ready in time to play Sunday. I hope we get more rain.

Thanks to Lyle Saddler for helping us pump the water off our infield Saturday afternoon. If we were not able to get the standing water off, we could not have played Sunday.

Judging whether a field is playable is a skill that takes experience and knowledge of your own field. I have to commend our head coach Ryan Carter for knowing that we could play Sunday. The whole left side of our infield was under water at 3 p.m. Saturday, and we were not getting any sun.

The most important part of the process was pumping all the standing water off. Once that was done, it was just a matter of the field drying enough to put a spike drag through it, and laying down some drying agent and infield conditioner. Despite being a little spongy, the field was safe by 2 p.m. Sunday.

Speaking of Sunday, what a strange double-header we played against Garden City. We made a great comeback in game one, fueled by a grand slam and a total of six RBI's by freshman outfielder Mike Neuberg, to gain the victory. But in game two, as head coach Ryan Carter put it, "sometimes the wheels just fall off."

After coming back to tie the score

at 4-4 after three innings, we could not stop them from scoring. That is one of the worst feelings in baseball; the feeling of helplessness. Every swing they took seemed to drive home a run, and our usually competent pitching and defense broke down. Of course, it only counts as one loss.

It seemed to dampen what was a good week overall. We swept a very competitive Brown Mackie squad on Wednesday 3-2 and 3-0. The double-header took just about four hours to play. The four hours included a 20-minute break between games and a 45-minute rain delay. The games defined the term "pitchers duel."

Also a positive this week was sophomore catcher Kyle Sandusky, who continued his torrid hitting pace by going 5 for 6 Sunday, with a home run and two doubles. He tore up Dodge City for a double and two home runs last weekend, and has continued to hit the ball hard.

This week we play McCook on Tuesday at home at 1 p.m. and Barton County in Great Bend on Wednesday, also at 1 p.m. We are currently 22-22 overall and 12-11 in conference play. We are still holding the number four spot in the conference, just behind Barton.

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TISHA COX/Colby Free Press

Colby High Eagle Josh Houtz headed toward first during the team's recent game against the Russell Broncos. The Eagles next face Lakin at home Thursday at 4 p.m.

# Eagle jayvee goes 1-1

By JOHN GATZ

Free Pres Contributor

The Colby High School Eagle junior varsity baseball team lost the first game of its triangular to Ulysses last Tuesday, 13-6, but bounced back to beat Lakin in the second game, 12-10.

Ulysses scored many of its runs on Eagle errors. Coach Rorabaugh said that "Heath (Bieker) pitched a great game, but it's hard to win when you make 9 errors in a game."

In the second game, the Eagles hit the ball well and hard, the team played good defense and center fielder Cory Reed pulled in several long hits.

Some game stats include:

**Vs. Ulysses**

Heier, 3 at bats, 1 run, 1 hit; Hawk, 3 at bats, 1 run; Bieker, 3 at bats, 2 runs, 2 hits; Reed, 3 at bats, 1 run; Plumisto, 2 at bats; Powell, 3 at bats, 1 run; Lamm, 3 at bats; Thompson, 1 at bat; Withington, 1 at bat; Lily, 1 at bat; Saddler, 1 at bat.

Pitching summary:  
Bieker — 6 innings pitched, 13 runs, 9 hits, 4 strike outs, 3 bases on balls, 6 earned runs.

**Vs. Lakin:**

Gatz, 3 at bats, 3 runs, 1 hit; Wilson, 4 at bats, 1 run, 1 hit; Heier, 2 at bats, 1 run; Plumisto, 4 at bats, 1 run; Reed, 3 at bats, 1 run, 1 hit; Powell, 1 at bat, 1 run, 1 hit; Lily, 3 at bats, 1 hit; Hawk, 1 at bat; Saddler, 4 at bats, 3 hits; Withington, 2 at bats, 1 run.

Pitching summary:

Plumisto — 6 innings pitched, 9 runs, 6 hits, 4 strike outs, 2 bases on balls, 4 earned runs.

Powell — 1 inning pitched, 1 run, 2 hits, 1 earned run.

## Lady Eagle track

**Freshmen/sophomore  
At Trego Community High School**

**Individually for Colby**  
• Carleigh Dempewolf — 200, 29.17, 1st; shot, 27' 10 1/2", 6th; 4x100, 13.11, 4th; 4x400, 1:10.58, 1st.

• Liz Erickson — 100, 15.14; 200, 31.28; 4x100, 15.79, 4th; 4x400, 1:11.5, 1st.  
• Kayla Foltz — long jump, 11' 6 1/2"; javelin, 64' 2".  
• Jacquie Fry — long jump, 13' 6 1/4", 4th; triple jump, 28' 3/4", 5th;

4x100, 15.32, 4th.

• Rishonna Martin — 1600, 7:05.4, 2nd; pole vault, 6' 6", 3rd; 4x400, 1:13.24, 1st.

• Jennifer McMahan — javelin, 51'; discus, 44' 4"; shot, 24' 1 1/2".  
• Nicole Ritter — javelin, 52' 11"; discus, 64' 9 1/2"; shot, 25' 1 1/2".

• Kasie Stevenson — high jump, 4' 2", 6th; long jump, 12' 5"; javelin 59' 11".

• April Weaver — 400, 1:08.6, 2nd; 4x100, 14.13, 4th; 4x400, 1:10.11, 1st.

• 4X100 — 58.37, 4th.  
• 4X400 — 4:45.6, 1st.

# Rockies avoid sweep with 4-1 win

DENVER (AP) — Vinny Castilla was more excited about the timing of his big hit than the record he established.

Castilla set a franchise record with an RBI in his 10th straight game and the Colorado Rockies avoided a three-game sweep by beating the Houston Astros 4-1 Sunday.

"I was aware of the record after the last game, so when I did it today I knew I had it," said Castilla, who

was given a day off Saturday. "It was nice, but the most important thing was that the hit came at a time to make the lead 4-1."

Castilla had two hits and two RBIs to pass Todd Helton, who drove in a run in nine straight May 6-15, 2001.

"I am a more patient hitter than before, and I can sit on my pitch," Castilla said. "I am still aggressive with the bat, but I am a little more selective."

Joe Kennedy (3-0) allowed a run and five hits, struck out four and walked two in 6 1-3 innings. It was the second time in his career that he's won three consecutive starts.

"Joe was effective with the same recipe: a two-seam fastball, a tight fastball in, his changeup, and he gave them some sliders against a very good right-handed lineup," Colorado manager Clint Hurdle said. "I think he's pitching at the top of his game."

## LAND AUCTION

200 Acres (MOL) Rawlins County, Kan. "A Hunter's Paradise"

**Seller: The Late Virgil Baumfalk and Nanette Baumfalk**

**Date:** Thursday, April 29, 2004 **Time:** 2:00 pm CST

**Auction Location:** TNT & Jones Auction Facility, 200 N. Franklin, Colby, Kan.

**LAND LOCATION:** From Atwood - 3/4 mile East, 1 mile North, and 3/4 mile East.

**MANNER OF SALE:** As individual tracts only, not in combination.

**Tract 1:** 37 acres of grass with home and outbuildings, 37 acres of alfalfa ground, 12 acres of farm ground, 4 acre Farm Stead.

**Tract 2:** 27 acres of farm ground, 38.5 acres of creek bottom and trees.

**Tract 3:** 40 acres of grassland

**TERMS:** 15% down day of sale, balance to be paid on or before May 28, 2004, or upon such terms as may be acceptable to the Seller. Personal and Corporate checks are acceptable for the down payment with the final payment to be in certified funds. Bidding is not contingent upon financing. Financing, if necessary, needs to be arranged and approved prior to the action. ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE DAY OF SALE TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER PRINTED MATERIAL.

**ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS:** The successful bidder will be required to enter into a HomeLand Real Estate Purchase Contract immediately following the auction. Copies of the contract will be available from the auctioneer prior to the sale.

**EVIDENCE OF TITLE:** Seller will provide title insurance to the Buyer(s) in the amount of the purchase price with the premium to be paid one-half by the Buyer(s) and one-half by the Seller, Title evidence will be provided on sale day. Buyer(s) may close as soon as closing documents are prepared - no later than May 28, 2004.

**CLOSING AND POSSESSION:** Closing date shall be on or before May 28, 2004. Possession shall be immediately upon closing.

**TAXES:** Seller shall pay taxes for all of 2003 and prior years Taxes for 2004 shall be prorated to the date of closing. (2003 Taxes were \$762.09)

**ACREAGES:** Acreage figures are considered to be approximate and are from reliable sources, based

on (USDA) FSA figures. All FSA information is subject to change. FSA acres may not be the same as deeded acres.

**MINERALS:** Seller is retaining 1/2 minerals for 10 years non-participating. The mineral rights are believed to be intact.

**INSPECTIONS:** Each potential bidder is responsible for conducting their own independent inspections and due diligence concerning pertinent facts about the property. Neither Seller nor HomeLand Real Estate, its agency and representatives are making any warranties about the property, either expressed or implied.

**EASEMENTS:** This sale is subject to all rights-of-way and easements, whether recorded or not, and to any oil and gas lease of record.

**AGENCY AND ESCROW:** HomeLand Real Estate agents and its representatives are the Exclusive Agents of the Seller. Northwest Title will serve as escrow agent and closing agent for these transactions. The closing fee shall be paid one-half by the Buyer(s) and one-half by the Seller.

**BROKER/AUCTIONEER NOTES:** A Hunter's Paradise! Pheasants, geese, wild turkeys, and plenty of deer. An older, rustic looking home that would make a great hunting lodge plus one building that could be turned into guest quarters and another that could be a meat locker. A very secluded property, lots of trees, and only 5 minutes from town. Call for Brochure or VCR Tape.



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# SportsLine

## Colby

• **Tuesday** — Varsity boys golf tourney at Hoxie, 3 p.m.; jayvee boys singles tennis tourney at Russell, 3 p.m.;

## Colby College

• **Tuesday** — Baseball with McCook, at home, at 1 p.m.  
• **Wednesday** — Baseball at Barton County (Great Bend), 1 p.m..  
• **Saturday** — Softball, Region VI Tournament at Wichita; baseball at Liberal, 1 p.m.  
• **Sunday** — Softball, Region VI Tournament, Wichita; baseball vs. Air Force JV, at home, 1 p.m.

## Golden Plains

• **Friday** — Middle school track at Quinter, 10:30 a.m.; high school track at Quinter, 3 p.m.

## Triplains

• **Tuesday** — Track at St. Francis, 3 p.m.  
• **Friday** — Junior high track at Quinter, 10 a.m.; high school track at Quinter, 3 p.m.

## Brewster

• **Tuesday** — High school track at St. Francis, 3 p.m.  
• **Friday** — Junior high track at Quinter, 10:30 a.m.; high school track at Quinter, 3 p.m.

## Youth track meet planned at Oakley

The Oakley Booster Youth Track Meet has been scheduled for Saturday, May 8 with registration at 8 a.m. and field events to start at 9 a.m. The meeting is for all youths 14 and under. For more information, please contact Jason Robben, Box 11, Oakley, Kan. 67748, call (785) 672-9027 or e-mail jrobben@go.com.

## MAYB updates

May 14 is the registration deadline for 4th through 12th grade boys and girls basketball tournaments on June 4-6 in the following locations: Hays, Garden City, Arkansas City, Riley County and Leavenworth. Five-game guarantee. Call (316) 284-0354 or (785) 628-0338 for additional information. You can also e-mail mayb@mayb.com.


May 28 is registration deadline for 4th through 12th boys and girls basketball tournaments on June 18-20 at Goodland, Chanute and Topeka. Five games guaranteed. (Information or registration same numbers as above.)

## Foundation's golf tourney announced


The Citizens Foundation's 14th annual Benefit Golf Tournament will be held Friday, June 18 at the Colby Country Club. Tee off is at 9 a.m. Questions to Tama Unger at (785) 460-1214. Tourney committee includes Scott Focke, Carla Sharp, Rod Williams, Jim Stanley, Gwen Young, Tama Unger, Ron Brier and Jeanene Brown.

E-mail items for this column to td@nwkansas.com, or fax to (785) 462-7749. Thank you!


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# ATTENTION


Colby High School, Brewster High School,  
and Golden Plains High School

# Senior Parents!!



## Hurry in parents!! Deadline is May 3rd!!!

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**TANNER B. BROWN**

*I will attend Hutchinson Community College.*


**PARENTS:**  
Mike & Jeanene Brown

*Tanner Brown - Way to go!  
We're so proud of you. "May  
you live all the days of your life"*  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Chanda and Cassie

The Colby Free Press is now planning the Senior Graduation Tab and will be giving parents a chance to put a baby picture in along with a short message from the family.

We will automatically feature your student's picture and information, but this will be your chance to put in a baby picture to show how much *your* senior has really changed over the years!

Call Crystal @ 462-3963 for more information or stop by the office at 155 W. 5th in Colby.



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