



Ray Nolan

● From the Dugout

Wish us 'good luck'

Our regular season is over and we didn't finish where we wanted to, but the playoffs are here and anything can happen.

This past week was tough. We opened Monday with a victory over McCook, 11-1, then played Pratt on Tuesday, in a makeup of an earlier season rainout. Pratt played well and swept us.

We faced Seward on Saturday, also a makeup doubleheader, and dropped two games as well. Finally, on Sunday we lost to Butler in a continuation of a game that was suspended last month.

In game one on Saturday we were leading Seward 1-0 going into the seventh inning, but for the second time in a week we lost a late inning lead to the Saints. That is why they are in first though, they are a very solid team. You expect those late inning comebacks from nationally ranked squads. We lost the doubleheader 4-2 and 3-0 despite quality outings from freshman Kobey McCall and sophomore Tyler Landenberger.

Tyler has done a fantastic job for us this season. We have pitched him against tough opponents all season and he has usually given us the opportunity to win every game.

Colby native Jared Cranston threw well for the Saints in game two of the doubleheader. He shut us out in two innings of work.

Against Butler we once again lost a lead and a close game. I will give credit to Butler, they drove four hours to play just four innings, and they got the job done. We did the same thing against Cloud County last season.

We finished the regular season on a low note, but our guys know that anything can happen in the playoffs. We are going to travel to Neosho County, who finished second in the East, to play a best of three series this coming weekend. If we win that series we will go to Wichita the following weekend to play in the Region VI tournament. The winner of the Region VI tournament will travel to Grand Junction, Colo. the next week for the NJCAA World Series.

Playoff time is a great time and I know our guys will be prepared to make good things happen. I have confidence that we can beat any team in the conference. Just look at what we have done in our own side of the league. We played four close games with Seward, we beat Barton twice, and we beat Hutchinson once. Those are the top three teams in the West.

I hope everyone has a good week and please wish us luck.

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7th/8th Track Results

NWKL Quad @ Colby April 29

7th grade girls Standings:

1st, Colby, 65; 2nd (tie), Oberlin and St. Francis, 63; 4th, Goodland, 58.

Individually — Colby girls:

Long jump, R. Lewis, 1st, 12'2", K. Houtz, 4th, 11'1/2". Shot put, T. Powell, 4th, 26'11 1/2". Discus, C. Staats, 2nd, 64'7". K. Strutt, 4th, 59'7". 100 meter hurdles, A. Coon, 5th, 21.60. Triple jump, Kendrick, 1st, 25'8 1/2", E. Terrell, 4th, 19'0". 100 meter dash, L. Wilson, 2nd, 14.16. High jump, S. Reavis, 4th, 3'8". Pole vault, L. Wilson, 1st, 5'0". 1600 meter run, S. Reavis, 4th, 7:21.00. 400 meter dash, Kendrick, 2nd, 74.00. B. Sloan, 5th, 83.00. 4X200 meter relay, Colby, 2nd, 2:18.60. 800 meter run, J. Leiker, 2nd, 3:06.25. 200 meter dash, K. Houtz, 34.71. 4X400 meter relay, Colby, 1st, 5:05.50. 4 x 100 meter relay, Colby, 2nd, 66.12.

7th grade boys Standings:

1st, Colby, 109 1/2; 2nd, St. Francis, 50; 3rd, Goodland, 35; and 4th, Oberlin, 33 1/2.

Individually — Colby boys:

High jump, C. Finely, 1st, 4'10", Blanton, 3rd, 4'4". Shot put, Miller, 2nd, 33'9 1/2". A. Schroeder, 5th, 30'1". Pole vault, Bugbee, 1st, 8'0", L. Schroeder, 2nd, 6'0". J. Bixenman, 3rd, 6'0", McClure, 4th, 5'6". 100 meter hurdles, S. Dinkel, 5th, 19.22. Long jump, McCoy, 1st, 15'3 3/4", Zwegardt, 2nd, 14'8 3/4", Carter, 5th, 13'4 3/4". Triple jump, Stephens, 1st, 30'5", Kriss, 2nd, 28'6". Discus, Brent Amberger, 5th, 78'1". 100 meter dash, McCoy, 1st, 12.63, Miller, 3rd, 13.27, A. Schroeder, 5th, 14.16. 1600 meter run, L. Schroeder, 1st, 6:01.00, S. Dinkel, 2nd, 6:36.00, C. Rundel, 4th, 7:11.20, J. Harter, 5th, 7:20.16. 400 meter dash, Stephens, 1st, 64.41, Breck Amberger, 3rd, 71.25,

Kaus, 4th, 72.24. 4 x 200 meter relay, Colby, 1st, 2:01.61. 800 meter run, L. Schroeder, 4th, 3:08.09, Harter, 5th, 3:16.10. 200 meter dash, McCoy, 1st, 26.15, Zwegardt, 4th, 31.26, Blanton, 5th, 31.91. 4 x 400 meter relay, Colby, 2nd, 4:40.27.

8th grade girls Standings:

1st, Colby, 92; 2nd, Oberlin, 79; 3rd, St. Francis, 37; 4th Goodland, 32.

Individually — Colby girls:

Shot put, Mazanec, 1st, 34'7 1/2", Brown, 4th, 28'9 1/2". 3200 meter run, Gerstner, 2nd, 15:09.75. Discus, Mazanec, 1st, 96'6". Long jump, Dickman, 3rd, 13'1/2", Wark, 5th, 12'6". 100 meter hurdles, Schippers, 5th, 20.81. 100 meter dash, Dickman, 4th, 15.25, Cox, 5th, 15.28. Pole vault, McKee, 1st, 6'0", Barnes, 2nd, 5'6", Gerstner, 3rd, 5'0". Triple jump, Cox, 2nd, 25'8 1/2", Schippers, 4th, 23'8". High

jump, A. Wagoner, 3rd, 3'10". 1600 meter run, P. Stephens, 1st, 6:18.00, T. Wagoner, 2nd, 6:26.13. 4 x 100 meter relay, Colby, 2nd, 57.00. 400 meter dash, Mazanec, 1st, 68.00, Albers, 2nd, 72.75. 4 x 200 meter relay, Colby, 2nd, 2:08.44. 800 meter run, P. Stephens, 1st, 2:54.90, Gerstner, 3rd, 3:09.00. 200 meter dash, Wark, 5th, 32.77. 4 x 400 meter relay, Colby, 1st, 5:00.87.

8th grade boys Standings:

1st, Colby, 127; 2nd, Goodland, 51; 3rd, Oberlin, 36; 4th, St. Francis, 25.

Individually — Colby boys:

Pole vault, M. Tuma, 1st, 8'0", Luedke, 2nd, 7'6". Discus, Ziegelmeier, 1st, 133'7", Stover, 2nd, 123'7". 3200 meter run, Baden, 1st, 11:39.13, Luedke, 3rd, 14:16.97. Long jump, Robert, 1st, 16'8 1/4", R. McCoy, 2nd, 15'11", Hutfles, 5th, 14'10". High jump, Taylor, 3rd, 4'8". Shot put, Ziegelmeier, 1st, 40'9 1/2". Triple jump, Ladenburger, 1st, 31'6", Talsma, 3rd, 28'7 1/2", Schlageck, 4th, 28'1/2", Wark, 5th, 28'1/2". 100 meter hurdles, Hutfles, 4th, 19.57; 100 meter dash, Robert, 1st, 12.16. 1600 meter run, Baden, 1st, 5:37.59, Talsma, 2nd, 6:13.69. 4 x 100 meter relay, Colby, 1st, 50.94. 400 meter dash, Tuma, 1st, 60.42, Phillips, 3rd, 69.71. 4 x 200 meter relay, Colby, 1st, 1:54.81. 800 meter run, Baalman, 1st, 2:28.86, Schlageck, 3rd, 3:31.64. 200 meter dash, Tuma, 1st, 25.81, B. Rundel, 3rd, 29.45, R. McCoy, 4th, 29.73. 4 x 400 meter relay, Colby, 1st, 4:18.79.

Eagle softball picks up four wins

The Lady Eagle varsity softball girls posted four victories this past week to raise their record to 10-6.

On Thursday, they traveled to Goodland and won both ends of a double-header, 11-0 and 5-1.

Pitching both games, Sara Redmond had a super day, said coach Jack Elliott.

In game #1 she allowed one hit, struck out 10 and walked one. In game #2, she gave up four hits, put

down 12, had no walks and one unearned run.

Redmond mixed speeds well, threw hard on the inside of the plate and hit the mitt consistently, Elliott said.

Getting hits were: Whitney Adams, 2-6; Steph Wieland, 3-7 (double); Shauna Cox, 1-6 (double); Savannah Rupp, 4-5 (double); Crystal Herschberger, 0-4; Ivy Ramsey, 2-5 (triple); Lauren

Cox, 1-2; Cierra Rous, 0-2; Redmond, 1-2 (double); Jen Hutfles, 0-4; Lindsey Bugbee, 2-3.

On Friday, the Eagles beat an improved Holcomb team, 4-0 and 5-2.

Cierra Rous pitched the first two innings of game #1, giving up one hit, striking out one, walking three and allowed 0 runs. Sara Redmond finished the day allowing seven hits, 12 strikeouts, three walks, one run and one unearned run.

The Eagles scored a total of nine runs on seven hits for the day.

Getting hits were: Adams one; Wieland two; Ramsey one; Hutfles one; Rous one; and Bugbee one.

Elliott said the team is playing better ball at a big time of the season.

He said the pitching is improved, the defense is solid and the offense dropped off a bit.

He said he has some players fighting injuries—Rouse (shoulder), Adams (thumb), Hutfles (foot), Herschberger (mouth) and Cox (ankle), "but others are stepping up to help," he said.

Today, the Eagles are playing a double-header at Ulysses.

Eagle Golf Results

The Colby High varsity golfers took first place in their own invitational at the Colby Country Club last Thursday afternoon carding a 322.

Three Colby Eagles placed in the top 10—Sean Mengel, first, with a 77, Chris Finely, second, 77, and Jared Helin, eighth, 82. Other top 10 finishers were Matt Mondero, Oberlin, third; Andy Fikan, Atwood, fourth; Jeff Cameron, Hoxie, fifth; Derrick Raymer, Goodland, sixth; Nathan Linin,

Goodland, seventh; David Heyd, Scott City, ninth; and Carl Dulmer, Oakley, 10th.

Teamwise, Atwood was second with a 342; Hoxie, third, 343; Goodland, fourth, 347; Norton, fifth, 356; Oakley, sixth, 360; Oberlin, seventh, 361; Garden City, eighth, 363; and Hays High, ninth, 368 (tie) with Scott City, 368.

Other Colby golfers, and their scores: R.J. Ladenburger, 86; Deke Elliott, 89; and JD Donn, 95. Josh Cox and Alex Kelinsorge, junior varsity golfers, shot 106 and 107, respectively.

Trojans drop three

**Colby 2, Seward 4
Colby 0, Seward 3
Colby 5, Butler 6**

The Colby Community College Trojans had a tough weekend as they dropped three games to end the regular season. On Saturday they led Seward 1-0 going into the seventh inning before the Saints scored four to win the game.

Freshman Kobey McCall pitched well against the Saints in game one holding them scoreless through six innings.

Sophomore catcher Kyle Sandusky hit a solo home run in the bottom of the seventh in the Trojans attempted comeback.

In game two, despite a strong performance by sophomore lefty Tyler Landenberger, the Trojans could not hold off the regular season champions.

Sunday versus Butler the Trojans could not figure out how to score runs and the Grizzlies slowly, but surely came back to win the continuation of an earlier suspended contest.

The Trojans finish the regular season in a tie with Pratt for sixth place, 25-31 overall and 12-20 in conference. They lose the tiebreaker with the Beavers though, and will enter the first round of the playoffs as the seventh seed. The Trojans will travel to Neosho County this weekend for a best of three series. The winner of that series will go to Wichita the following weekend for the Region VI tournament to play for the right to travel to Grand Junction, Colo. for the NJCAA World Series.

Grinnell Golf

Grinnell's varsity golfers scored a 304 to win their own recent invitational golf tourney.

In the junior varsity division, Grinnell placed sixth of six teams.

Varsity individual results (for Grinnell) on the par 64 courses included: 2nd, B. Zimmerman, 73; 3rd, B. Struckhoff, 73; 5th, D. Goetz, 76; 10th, D. Meier, 82; 14th, T. Tholen, 83. On the junior varsity side (32-par): 2nd, K. Doxson, 40; 3rd, B. Weiser, 44; 6th, A. Stephens, 45.

SportsLine

Junior golf sign up is tonight

Youngsters wanting to participate in junior golf this season are asked to attend a sign up meeting tonight at the Colby Country Club at 7 p.m. Parents are asked to accompany. The program is for members and non-members. Scholarships are available. Generally, junior golf involves those in the 8-16 age-range. Please call Miles Ladenburger at 460-7687 if you need additional information.

Free sports physicals Tuesday

Colby Medical and Surgical Center, 175 S. Range, will give free sports physicals for students of Colby, Rexford and Brewster schools for the 2004-05 athletic season on Tuesday. Colby Middle School at 5:30 p.m., Colby High at 6:15 p.m., Golden Plains (Rexford) and Brewster at 7 p.m. Students planning to participate in sports activities next school year **must** bring their forms along to the clinic and these are available at their respective schools. Call 462-3332 if you need additional information.

Colby Schools

• **Today** — Junior varsity/varsity softball at Ulysses, 1 p.m.; junior varsity boys tennis tourney at Scott City, 2 p.m.; varsity baseball with Healy and Leoti at Healy, 4 p.m.; "C" softball with Ellis at Colby Rec Complex, 5 p.m.

Colby College

• **Friday-Saturday** — Baseball vs. Neosho County, there, region play-offs.

Citizens Foundation golf tourney in June

The 14th annual Citizens Foundation Benefit Golf Tourney is scheduled for June 18 at the Colby Country Club. Tee off at 9 a.m. Questions to Tama Unger at 460-1214.

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. And June 4 is the deadline for register for tournaments on June 25-27 at Olathe. (Information or registration same numbers as above.)

SportsLine contact is td@nwkansas.com to get your item placed in this column. Deadline is 10 am.

Colby, Oakley teams place

Colby and Oakley teams took first and second places in the recent Sappa Valley 3-on-3 Tournament at Oberlin.

In the fifth-sixth grade boys' division, the Colby JayCats took first — Gray Henry, Brandon Kraus and Brandon Gordon. Colby Eagles #1 took second — Garret Rogers, Dylan Stithem and Ryley Haas.

In the 9th-10th boys' division,

Oakley T-Birds took first — Brandon Ahrens, MyKel Rodriguez and Brent Pettay.

In the 3rd-4th girls' division, the Oakley Shooterz came in second — Brooke Hemmert, Kaylen Rath and MaKenzie Weiser.

The event was sponsored by the Oberlin Cyclones Mid-America Youth Basketball team. More than 70 teams were involved.



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