

SportsLine

Brown keys Tiger championship showing

Zach Brown, son of Jim and Tammy Brown, Colby, and a former Colby High outstanding athlete, was named "Freshman of the Year" for his track and field skills at Fort Hays State University. Brown was key to the Tiger men's 5th straight Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference championship at the conference showdown held in Hays a week ago. Additional information on Brown's awesome showing in the RMAC finals will appear later in the *Free Press*.

Softball men needed

The Colby Recreation Department is in need of more men's softball teams or individuals interested in playing men's softball this season. Please contact Ryan Sturdy, recreation director, at 462-4440.

Bissitt basketball camp reminder

Basketball camp for grades 3-8 will be held at Colby High School from June 1-4 from 9-11:30 a.m. Contact Derek Bissitt at the high school at 460-5300/ext. 3200, or 462-8083 for more information and also the cost.. The deadline is May 20.

Ostermann camp announced

Brian Ostermann, Colby College basketball coach, announces his camp in Colby will be held May 25-26-27. Sign up with the Colby Rec Department at 462-4440. Additional details and camp cost can also be obtained at that number. The cost will also include a T-shirt or basketball. Schedule: grades 1-4 boys & girls 8:30-10 a.m.; grades 5-7 boys & girls 10 a.m.-12 noon.

Colby Schools

• **Today** — Regional boys golf at Hugoton, 8:15 a.m.; regional boys tennis at Pratt, 8:45 a.m.; regional baseball, to be announced; regional softball, to be announced.

• **Wednesday** — Regional baseball and softball action continues, baseball at Ulysses and softball at Pratt.

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 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. Call (316) 284-0354 or (785) 628-0338 for additional information. You can also e-mail mayb@mayb.com. And June 4 is the deadline to 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.

Jayvee Eagles take three wins last week

The Colby High School junior varsity baseball team soundly defeated Goodland in a double-header this past week, 14-7 and 19-7.

Although the Cowboys moved into an early lead, Mitchell Gatz revved up the scoring machine with a 2-run homer in the second, and followed that with a second 2-run home-run blast in the sixth.

All of the Eagle players hit the ball extremely well with the Eagles totaling 14 runs on 14 hits and five errors. Tyson Plumisto hurled six innings, allowing seven runs on eight hits, and Jesse Hawk closed the game with no additional runs or hits.

In the second game, the Eagles scored 19 runs on 18 hits and two errors. Nearly everyone in the lineup hit the ball well.

The junior varsity split a double-header with Oakley, also last week. Colby won the first game 7-6 behind the solid pitching of Trent Powell.

The Eagles couldn't get the bats hot in the second game, losing 5-2. Hawk pitched three innings, allowing four runs on four hits. Kyle Withington covered the last two innings, allowing one run on three hits.

Game #1 stats vs. Goodland:
At Bat-Runs-Hits-RBI-Home Runs

Gatz, 3-3-3-4-2; Powell, 3-1-0-1-0; Heier, 5-1-1-0-0; Bieker, 3-3-3-2-0-0; Plumisto, 3-1-1-2-0; Reed, 3-1-2-0-0; Hawk, 3-1-2-1-0; Withington, 4-3-1-0-0; Weis, 1-0-1-2-0; Lamm, 3-0-1-1-0. Pitching: Plumsito, 6IP, 7R, 8H, 4SO, 3BB, 2HP, 3ER; Hawk, 1IP, ISO, 1BB.

Game #2 vs. Goodland:
Gatz, 4-3-2-2-0; Heier, 5-2-2-0-0; Powell, 2-5-1-1-0; Bieker, 2-3-1-0-0; Reed, 3-3-2-5-0; Hawk, 5-2-2-3-0; Saddler, 3-1-3-2-0; Plumisto, 1-1-0-1-0; Withington, 3-1-2-1-0; Lamm, 2-0-0-0-0; Thompson, 1-0-1-0-0; Weis, 2-0-2-2-0. Pitching: Bieker, 5IP, 7R, 6H, 5SO, 4BB, 6ER.

Game #1 vs. Oakley:
T. Powell, 3-0-2-0-0; Heier, 3-1-1-1-0; Saddler, 3-0-0-0-0; Gatz, 3-2-1-1-0; Hawk, 3-1-3-2-0; Withington, 3-1-1-1-0; Thompson, 3-0-0-0-0; Lamm, 3-1-0-0-0; Plumisto, 2-1-1-0-0; Weis, 1-0-0-0-0. Pitching: Powell, 7IP, 6R.

Game #2 vs. Oakley
Heier, 3-0-1-0-0; Reed, 3-1-1-0-0; Powell, 2-0-1-0-0; Bieker, 2-0-1-1-0; Hawk, 2-0-1-0-0; Saddler, 2-0-1-0-0; Plumisto, 1-0-0-0-0; Thompson, 1-0-0-0-0; Withington, 1-0-0-0-0; Lamm, 1-1-0-0-0; Weis, 1-0-1-0-0. Pitching: Hawk, 3IP, 4R, 4H, 5BB, 2HP, 4ER, 3SO; Withington, 2IP, 1R, 3H, 1BB, 0HP, 1ER, 3SO.

Meet the champ!



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Colby High School Eagle runner Jessica Stephens took first place in the girls' 1600-meter run Friday during the Northwest Kansas League track meet in Oakley.

At home today

Eagle softball girls drop two to TMP

The Colby Eagle varsity softball Eagles traveled to Hays-TMP for their final two games of the regular season last Thursday. They lost both games, 7-1 and 10-0.

The temperature was 40 degrees and a light drizzle persisted. TMP was 16-2.

In game #1, Cierra Rous pitched a complete game, allowing seven runs, eight hits, three K's, four walks and one hit batter. She did super in making her longest outing of the year.

In game \$2, Savanna Rupp made her first career start, allowing 10 runs, nine hits, two K's and three walks.

Offensively for the Eagles:

Whitney Adams, 1-6; Steph Wieland, 0-5; Rupp, 1-6; Crystal Herschberger, 2-6; Ivy Ramsey, 1-5; Lauren Cox, 3-6; Rous, 0-4; Lindsey Bugbee, 0-3; Elaine Lamm, 1-5; and Katie Friesen, 0-3.

Colby struck out 21 times against TMP sophomore Kendra Roles, who has 200+ strike outs going into past season play.

Colby (10-10) is the #4 seeds in the regional starting today and faces Larned, #5 (7-13) today at 4 p.m. at the Colby Rec Complex.

A win would put Colby against Hugoton, the #1 seed (17-1) at Pratt on Wednesday.

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Ray Nolan

- From the Dugout

This wait was worth it

After two days of delays because of heavy storms in southeastern Kansas, we finally left for Chanute on Saturday. The wait turned out to be well worth it because we swept the defending Region VI champions 6-1 and 11-9 to advance to the Region VI tournament.

In game one sophomore lefty Tyler Landenberger pitched his best game of the season, striking out nine Neosho County Panthers, and walking just two in seven and two-thirds innings of work to gain the victory.

Dan McClure had an outstanding game (not to mention day). He went 4 for 4 with a double in game one. He scored three times. Freshman A.J. Steele knocked Dan in twice with a double and a situational ground out. A.J. went 2 for 5 with a double and three RBI's.

Well, game two wasn't quite as smooth, but we managed to pull out the victory. We used four different pitchers to strike out 12 Panthers. They still managed nine runs and held a 9-6 lead going into the top of the ninth. (We have to play nine inning games during the playoffs this season.)

With one out in the ninth freshman Mike Neuberg got hit by a pitch, and freshman Josh Hunter came through with a double to the left center gap, to put runners on second and third. After the second out was recorded, Dan McClure again game through, hitting a single to right that scored two runs to make the score 9-8.

Sophomore Cole Armstrong was

next and proceeded to get hit by a pitch. Then A.J. Steele hit a hard ground ball that the Panther shortstop could not field. With the bases loaded, a wild pitch brought home McClure and tied the game at nine apiece. Then sophomore Joel Gould came through with a single to left that brought home Armstrong and Steele, making the score 11-9.

Freshman Travis Hearne came in and closed out the ninth for the victory, the sweep, and a trip to Wichita to play in the Region VI tournament for the right to go to the NJCAA World Series.

We open Thursday against Johnson County, who also sent an impressive message of their own, going to Hutchinson and sweeping the Blue Dragons on Saturday.

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All conference selections came out over the weekend and we had four players gain honors. Our centerfielder and leadoff hitter Dan McClure, and our shortstop Cole Armstrong, both earned second team all conference honors. Our outstanding battery of sophomore catcher Kyle Sandusky and sophomore left handed pitcher Tyler Landenberger earned honorable mention all conference honors.

All conference is always a touchy thing. You never know the impression your players make on other coaches. I am thankful that the coaches realized the abilities and outstanding play of these four guys.

Ray Nolan is assistant baseball coach at Colby College.

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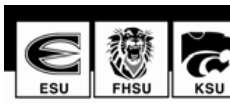
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