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Eagles advance to state

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Some lemons are sweet. And the Colby High softball Eagles found a sweet lemon in Pratt Wednesday evening — Lemon Park — which proved to be the springboard for a trip to state.

The Jack Elliott-coached Eagles defeated Pratt, 6-1 in eight innings in the championship game of the Class 4A Regional semifinals, earning a berth in the state tournament.

The girls, seeded #4 in the regional, beat Larned in the first game, 3-2 Monday in Colby.

Earlier Wednesday the Eagles played #1 seed Hugoton (17-1 on the season), and dispatched the well-polished southwest Kansas team, 4-3.

While that was happening, Pratt was beating up on Ulysses, 5-0.

So that set the stage for Wednesday night's Colby-Pratt showdown which is now history.

The state takes place next Friday and Saturday (May 28-29) at the Bill Burke Complex at Salina.

Recap of the tourney: Monday — Hugoton, first round bye; Colby over Larned, 3-2; Ulysses over Scott City, 10-0; and Pratt over Goodland, 15-1.

Wednesday — Colby over Hugoton, 4-3; Pratt over Ulysses, 5-0.

Wednesday — Championship game, Colby over Pratt, 6-1.

Sharp, Helin to 4A state tennis

For two Colby High School tennis players, now is the time to be sharp. Let all the rusty stuff behind.

Because their next stop is Hayden High School at Topeka, Friday and Saturday, site of the Class 4A State championships.

The two players representing Eagleland are Jordan Sharp and

Rusty Helin, both juniors. They take a 28-13 doubles record onto the courts at the capital city. They finished fourth in doubles play at the Class 4A Regional on Monday at Pratt.

Bo Dunne/Joey Rictcher of Wichita Collegiate finished first at the regional, Ben Hawley/Regis

Fox, Wichita Collegiate, finished second, and Drew Spencer/Matt Lira, Wellington, finished third.

In regional singles, Zach Anderson of Ulysses was first, Van Winter of Collegiate second, Austin Moore of Collegiate third and Dustin Sanborne of Pratt fourth.

Jesse Vincent is Colby's coach.

SportsLine

Awards potluck is Friday

A final reminder was issued today to all parents of students who took part in Colby Eagle softball of the "Awards Potluck" on Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the high school commons.

Parents and students are encouraged to attend and to bring a food dish and table service. Drinks will be provided. The program is open to the public.

Colby Schools

• **Friday** — Class 4A tennis tourney at Topeka Hayden, 12 noon; regional track meet at Buhler, depart 8:30 a.m., field events 3 p.m., prelims 4:30 p.m., finals 6 p.m.

• **Saturday** — State tennis at Topeka Hayden, 9 a.m..

• **Monday** — State golf tourney at Emporia Municipal golf Course, 8 a.m.

• **May 28** — State baseball at Salina's Dean Evans Stadium, 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; state softball at Salina's Bill Burke Complex, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.; state track at Wichita State University's Cessna Stadium, 8 a.m.

• **May 29** — State baseball continues at Salina, 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.; state softball continues at Salina, 10 a.m., 12 noon, 1 p.m.; state track continues at Wichita State University, 8 a.m.

Colby College

• **Today** — Region VI Baseball Tournament vs. Johnson County at Laurence Dumont Stadium, Wichita.

Brewster Schools

• **Friday** — Regional track at Fort Hays State University.

Golden Plains Schools

• **Friday** — Regional track at Fort Hays State University.

Triplains Schools

• **Friday** — Regional track at Fort Hays State University.

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.

Wrestling camp scheduled

The Jim Murray Wrestling Camp is scheduled for June 2-4, from 1-5 p.m. at Colby High School. The camp will feature Matt Murray, NCAA Division 1 runner-up and Eric Luedke, NJCAA national champ.

For cost and other details, please call (785) 443-1339.

Bissitt 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 for registration is today.

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 High School senior Savannah Rupp made it safely to first base during the regional championship game against Pratt in Pratt on Wednesday. Colby won the game 6-1 in eight innings and now heads to the 4A State Softball Tournament, next Friday, in Salina. Earlier in the day, the Eagles defeated top seeded Hugoton, 4-3, to advance to the finals.

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