

Legion goes 3-1 in tournament

Colby 5, McCook 4
Colby 3, Ogallala 2
Colby 7, Alliance 6
Colby 1, North Platte 9

Colby Legion went 3-1 in the Nebraska Land Days Tournament in North Platte this past weekend. Game one Saturday saw Colby lose a late inning lead only to win in extra innings.

Colby held a 4-1 lead in the sixth when McCook staged a comeback to tie the game at 4 apiece. Colby was not done though, as Bruce Arnberger reached base to start the eighth inning and Miles Ackerman followed with a base hit. Jeremy Dietz then stepped to the plate and came through with what proved to be the game winning hit, when he singled home Arnberger with the go-ahead run.

Jordan Cranston struck out four in two and two-thirds innings of

relief work to gain the victory. Ackerman and Chris Gordon led the offense with two hits and one double apiece. It was Colby's second victory against McCook in a week.

In game two Miles Ackerman earned the victory over Ogallala by allowing just two hits in five complete innings of work. Colby's only run production came in the bottom of the fifth when doubles by Chris Gordon and Bruce Arnberger, a single by Josh Houtz, and a sacrifice fly by Jeremy Dietz led to three runs and the victory. It was Dietz's second game winning RBI as many games.

Sunday morning against Alliance, Colby came back from a 6-4 deficit in the fifth inning to notch the victory.

In the bottom of the sixth, with Corey Reed and Jeremy Dietz on base and one out, Jordan Cranston

lined a double down the left field line to tie the game.

Then Brian Sulzman followed with a double over the left fielders head to score Cranston with the eventual winning run.

Sulzman went 3 for 4 and Cranston went 2 for 3 with two RBIs. Chris Gordon opened the Colby scoring in the bottom of the first with a three run home run over the left-center fence.

Heath Bieker pitched four innings in relief, striking out one and scattering four hits to earn his first victory of the summer.

In the final game of the weekend, Colby ran out of gas against North Platte, a team they split a doubleheader with a week and a half before, and lost 9-1. Colby is now 9-5 on the summer.

Their next action will be Friday at 3 p.m. in the Garden City tournament.

Colby girls ready to host tourney

The Colby Girls Fast Pitch Association Invitational Tournament gets underway at the Colby rec fields this coming weekend, beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

Bracket play will start on Sunday with championship games around 3 p.m.

Teams will be playing in 10/under, 12/under, and 14/under divisions, with 21 teams total.

Towns represented include Dodge City, Garden City, Hill City, Larned, Pratt, Hays, Great Bend, Grainfield, Burlington, Colo., Goodland, Sharon Springs as well as three Colby Sweet Thunder teams. The 10/under division will play on Saturday only.

Also, there are games tonight at the college fields starting at 5 p.m. as 14/under plays Oakley and

Grainfield, weather permitting.

The 18/U Sweet Thunder team played in the Flames of Nebraska Tournament at Hastings June 12-13 and won the tourney. In the championship game on Sunday, they beat out Blair Thunder 8-0 in 5 innings, scoring 5 of their 8 runs in the first inning alone.

The team is coached by Carl Adams, with assistants Terry Grindle and Eugene Wieland.

The 12/under girls won the Hill City Tournament this past weekend, 10/under won the Silver Division at the Hill City Tournament, and the 14/under took second.

(The Free Press thanks Barb Wieland for this information.)

Golf Results

Results from the results from the recent 14th annual "Harvest for Health Golf Tournament" put on by the Citizens Foundation.

- First Flight First Place — Jim Stanley, Gabe Stanley, Mary Beth Flanagan, John Olson
- First Flight Second Place — Scott Focke, Leslie Focke, Alan Focke, Chuck Focke
- First Flight Third Place — Gordon Reunitz, Kevin Finley, Kathy Arensdorf, Darren Organ
- Second Flight First Place — Pat Mallory, Todd Houseman, Don Newell, Kim Newell
- Second Flight Second Place —

Rod Williams, Scott Williams, Cindy Carmichael, Garrett Carmichael

- Second Flight Third Place — Lou Hines, Audrey Hines, Diana Luhman, Corey Swartz
 - Third Flight First Place — Blake Arnberger, Tim Moeder, Phil DeYoung, Kerry Wark
 - Third Flight Second Place — Joe Mildrexler, Grant Smith, Ken Frahm
 - Third Flight Third Place — Jeff Morrison, Rachele Morrison, Charles Schwanke, Robin Schwanke
- (Submitted by Tama Unger)*

SportsLine

Lake Atwood race announced

The 24th running of the Lake Atwood County Challenge Race will be held starting at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 4. The men will run four times around the lake for a distance of 8 kilometers (5 miles) and the women will run twice around the lake for a distance of 4 kilometers. Every age division finisher scores points for his or her county. In nearly every race, the team having the most participants won the competition. There are no awards or entry fees. Runners take part for the honor of his or her county. The County Challenge Race is the first event of the annual Lake Atwood Day celebration hosted by the Atwood Rotary Club. For information, call (785) 626-3295.

Weight room workouts continue

The summer weight room hours for all Colby School District athletes, 7th through 12th grades, are underway and will continue through Aug. 12 at the high school gym. The room is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, with workout sessions from 6-7:15 a.m., 7:15-8:30 a.m., 8:30-9:45 a.m., and 6:30-7:45 p.m. These sessions will include strength training and also flexibility and agility. Athletes will need to attend one session daily, but need to arrive 15 minutes prior to the session they want to attend.

MAYB updates

July 2 is the registration deadline for tournaments for 4th-12th boys and girls at Dodge City, Hillsboro and Gardner on July 23-25. Five games guaranteed.
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Wrestling chat



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Tom Peterson, a wrestling coach from Kansas City, visited with Cole Garcia in Colby before heading to Greeley, Colo. for a national wrestling tournament. Cole was accompanying wrestlers from around the area to the tournament. His father, Joe Garcia, said normally wrestlers have to try out to get a bye into the tournament but Cole was invited to participate. Cole is a wrestling standout at Colby High School.

Sports news and notes to:
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\$25 Winner ~ ERIC LUEDKE

The first load of wheat came into Rexford Grain elevator on Monday, June 14th at 9:30 a.m. by Shuler Farms from Selden. Eric Luedke of Colby was our winner with a guess of Tuesday at 6:08 p.m. We had around 100 participating with 1 guessing Monday as the date of the first load of wheat. Thanks to all who participated.

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