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Colby Community College Trojan first baseman Evan Friedland tried to tag out a Barton County Community College player during Saturday's games at the Colby College diamonds. The Trojans split the doubleheader, winning the opener 13-11 and losing the second game 9-8.

Almost, but no sweep for Trojans

The Colby Community College baseball Trojans were close to a sweep Saturday afternoon against Barton County, but instead had to settle for an unfortunate split.

The Trojans jumped out to a 10-0 lead on the Cougars with nine runs in the second inning of game one, but they did not cruise to easy victory. The Cougars scored a few runs each inning, but came up short as the Trojans won 13-11.

Several Trojans helped the winning effort with multiple hit performances. Sophomores Steve Young and Casey Miller both homered, and freshman Grant Gering tallied three hits. Sophomore Braden Ham picked up his second victory of the season.

The Trojans once again shot out to an early lead in game two, only to give it quickly back. They were down 7-5 in the sixth when freshman Adam Hills came up with two

runners on and lined a double to the left center gap to score both runs, and tie the game at seven apiece. Then sophomore Kyle Christensen grounded a ball up the middle, which was fielded cleanly, but not thrown to first in time to get Christensen. In the process Hills sprinted home to score the go-ahead run.

For the second time this week the Trojans suffered heartbreak in the seventh, though. With two outs and two runners on for the Cougars, a Trojan miscue led to both Cougar runners scoring. The Trojans had two runners on with two outs in the bottom of the seventh, but couldn't get them home and lost 9-8.

The Trojans are now 1-3 in conference and 6-6 overall. Their doubleheader Sunday against Dodge City (0-2, 2-17) was canceled due to the weather. The Trojans face Cloud County (1-3, 7-12)

today at Concordia.

Trojan stats
Game 1
R H E
Barton 11 14 2
Colby 13 15 2
WP: Ham (2-1)
Battery: Ham, Skelton 3 and Christensen

2H (Young, Schmidt, Hills, Sulzman); 3H (Gering); 2B (Young, Gering); 3B (Sulzman); HR (Young (3), Miller (1)); 2 RBI (Steele, Young, Gering); 3 RBI (Miller)

Game 2
R H E
Barton 9 10 2
Colby 8 11 2
LP: Mortimore (0-1)
Battery: Keating, Micklewright 3, Mortimore 6 and Christensen
3H (Christensen); 2B (Hills, Gering); 2 RBI (Steele); 3 RBI (Hills)

Rodeo team tasting success early on

(Oakley) split third and fourth in the long round in breakaway roping. She was also second in goat tying in the long round and finished third in the short round and average. Sophomore Chris Sherman (Brule, Neb.) and freshman Chance Frazier (Cimarron) came back to the short round in sixth place and ended up fifth in average in team roping. Justin Binder and freshman Troy Boone (Dodge City) won the long round in team roping.

"This is a very good start to the spring season," said head coach Allen Russell. The team was at Fort Scott Community College Rodeo on March 10-13 and then will have a short break before they compete in the Oklahoma Panhandle State University Rodeo on April 1-3.

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SportsLine

Colby School District Basketball potlucks announced

Girls
A reminder was issued today to all parents of students who took part in Colby High School girls' basketball that there will be an awards potluck on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Colby Middle School cafeteria. Parents and students are encouraged to attend and bring a food dish and table service. Drinks will be provided. The program is open to the public.

Boys
The Colby High School basketball boys' awards potluck will be held on March 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school commons. Again, all parents and students are encouraged to attend and bring a food dish and table service. Drinks will be provided. The program is open to the public.

Monday through Friday next week — No school, parents-teacher conferences on Monday and Tuesday and Easter break Wednesday through Friday.

Flag football scheduled

The Colby Recreation Department will be offering flag football on Saturdays beginning Saturday, March 19 and continuing through April 16, said Ryan Sturdy, recreation director. The cost to participate is \$30 with times as follows: youth in third and fourth grades: 1-2:20 p.m.; fourth and fifth grades: 2:30-4 p.m. "If there are first and second graders interested in flag football, call the Colby Recreation Department," Sturdy said. For questions or information, call 460-4440.

Soccer experts coming to area

One of the most respected and experienced soccer training organizations in the United States, *Challenger British Soccer Camps*, has been invited to offer one of their highly praised training camps to the growing soccer communities of northwest Kansas. This week long camp will be offering the following programs: 2-three hour sessions, one being in Oakley and one in Colby. The dates for the camp are June 13-17. The camp will run Monday through Friday and each child will be coached by a member of the British staff flown to this country exclusively to perform a series of summer coaching camp's for Kansas City-based *Challenger British Soccer Camps*.

Items to td@nwkans.com, colbysports@nwkans.com or fax 462-7749.

Western Kansas Liberty League

2005 All-League Boys Basketball

Brewster — Heath Baird, senior; Paul Flanders, senior; Kyle O'Connor, junior.

Golden Plains — Jesse Miller, senior.

Greeley County — Brett Crittenden, sophomore; Chase Schneider, junior; Henry Sloan, junior.

Grinnell — Marty Lager, sophomore.

Healy — Mark Johnson, senior; Matt Norby, junior.

Triplains — Jordan Barrett, senior.

Wallace County — Kyle Elder, junior; Kevin Heyl, senior.

Weskan — Beau Cox, senior; Nolan Cox, senior.

Honorable Mention — Jonathan Collett, Brewster junior; Andrew Marshall, Cheylin senior; Josh Lahnanen, Golden Plains junior; Derek Herl, Wheatland senior.

2005 All-League Girls Basketball

Brewster — Andrea Horney, senior; Jalyn Reid, junior; Caitlin Rush, junior; Avery Schultz, sophomore.

Golden Plains — Val Broeckelman, junior; Jessica Shaw, junior; Katelyn Spesser, sophomore.

Greeley County — Kaylaen

Dittmer, senior; Mona Shafer, senior.

Grinnell — Kimber Weiser, freshman.

Healy — Shannon Haug, sophomore.

Wallace County — Brandi Bertrand, junior; Sarah Hill, senior; Nikki Welsh, sophomore.

Wheatland — Amber Tuttle, junior.

Honorable Mention — Aubrey Kehlbeck, Cheylin sophomore; Shancee Howell, Greeley County junior; Jessica Rehmer, Grinnell junior; Ashley Davis, Healy freshman; Susanna Smith, Triplains senior; Jade Sexson, Weskan sophomore.

Softball earns split with Pratt

The Colby Community College softball Trojans beat Pratt in extra innings in game one Tuesday, 9-8, to earn a split for the day.

Jere Ebert threw nine innings and went 3 for 3 with a double and a home run to lead the Lady Trojans to a 9-8 victory in game one. She struck out four Lady Beavers.

Game two was also close, but in Pratt's favor, 4-3. Corri Ball allowed just two earned runs in seven innings of work on the mound for the Trojans.

The Trojans face Garden City at home today and Cloud County at home on Friday. Both doubleheaders begin at 3 p.m..

These will be the Lady Trojans' first doubleheaders within their Division I Region, which includes

— in addition to these two teams — Seward County and Barton County.

Long road trip

The Lady Trojans won three games on their trip to eastern Kansas and Tulsa, Okla. last weekend.

The Trojans had a rough doubleheader against Butler County Thursday, losing 8-0 and 10-1, smacking just seven hits on the day. They turned right around Friday and split with Independence. The Lady Trojans lost game one, 3-2, but won game two, 5-2, on the strength of Corri Ball's seven complete innings of work on the mound. Mary Egger had two hits in game one and Danielle Schmidt had two in game two.

Saturday the Trojans opened the Mid-West Classic in Broken Arrow, Okla. with a loss to Paris, Texas, 4-3. Heather Ebert had two hits in the losing effort. They then lost to Northern Oklahoma, 8-1. Not discouraged, the team won game three of the day against Coffeyville, 7-2. Jere Ebert picked up the victory and Erin Throckmorton went 2 for 3 in the winning effort.

Sunday the Trojans opened with a loss to Barton County, 8-0, but defeated Southwestern Iowa, 13-3. Jere Ebert earned her second victory of the trip with a five strikeout performance. Samantha Wolf went 2 for 3 and the team picked up 13 total hits. The Trojans dropped their last game of the weekend to North-eastern Oklahoma, 3-1.

Head coach Carl Adams was frustrated by the trip. "We need to become consistent at the plate. When we hit the ball, we are fired up, and play well. We continue to struggle, playing well one game, then not for the next few."

College ladies fall in playoffs

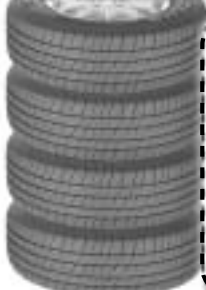
The Colby Community College Lady Trojans' season ended Monday at the hands of Labette, 72-58, in the second round of the Region VI playoffs at Salina.

The Trojans shot just 30 percent from the field and were only 5 of 29 from 3-point range. On the positive side, sophomore Jayci Stone finished her career with a double-double. She grabbed 10 rebounds to go along with her 16 points. Rita Kollo led the team with 23 points.

The Trojans finish the season at 25-7. They were undefeated at

home this season (10-0) and for the second straight season had the Jayhawk West MVP on their team (Rita Kollo).

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