

Sweet Thunder rolls to tourney title at Russell

This past weekend found Colby's Sweet Thunder 14 and Under on the road to the 2005 Russell Recreation Commission Ladies All Out 14-U Fastpitch Tournament.

The day started out with a tentative team behind pitcher Logan Wark, as Thunder struggled out of their starting blocks against Salina's Chaos. Behind 2-4 at the bottom of the fourth, the ladies finally came alive and pulled ahead 5-4 by the fifth. Their defense shone through at last as they held Chaos the last two innings and Lindsay Frahm pushed one more run past them for a final 6-4 lead. As time ran out, game was called with Kendrick on 3rd base ready to score one more with Caitlyn Wark at bat.

The 1:30 game against McCook's Untouchables should have been a walk in the park. Hoping to run rule the young team by third inning, Thunder again fought with the sticks and played an additional two innings to finish 15-0 by the fifth. Pitcher Danielle Pettibone took the win, which placed the team at late bracket play with Phillipsburg Brooke Blaze.

Brooke Blaze was doused to barely a sizzle when 6-0 was the score after the first inning and included Logan Wark's homer on passed balls. Blaze got all three of their runs in the top of the fourth, but time ran out before a fifth inning could begin. Wark saw the first three innings pitched with Pettibone relieving her in the fourth. Final score was 10-3, Thunder.

The Larned Renegades drew Thunder's first game Sunday morning. Pettibone took the first two innings and Wark finished third and fourth. Sweet Thunder scored a sleepy two runs to Larned's five before deciding they had dug a deep enough hole. Luckily, the ladies had enough time and errors by the other team to come back and make eleven runs to Larned's one in the final inning. Final score was 14-6, Thunder.

The win against Larned led to championship play with Great Bend's Quicksilver. Thunder had beat them two weeks ago to take the gold in Colby's tourney, so the ladies were fired up and ready for them. Quicksilver came on strong and gave Thunder and their crowd a very exciting, on the edge of the seat game. They allowed no runs for Thunder, but Colby fired back and only allowed two runs in three innings for Great Bend.

When the dust had cleared, Colby was still on top, 3-2. Another scoreless fourth inning for Great Bend showed Thunder's determination for the gold. Pitcher Wark continued to fire strikes and the team fought hard, but was tied by the top of the fifth, 4-4. Wark then started the batting off by getting on with a triple, Kendrick bunted and got her in, and Gonzales moved her around. Caitlyn Wark then RBI'd them both in for a 7-4 lead. Neither team scored or got on bases in the sixth, and Colby was able to shut Great Bend down in the seventh with only one run in. Memorable pop fly catches in that inning were to left

fielder Caitlyn Wark, and the final out, which left two runners on bases, was to right fielder Brena Jones. Final score was 7-5, Sweet Thunder, and definitely gave them a well deserved win. The players were then awarded their trophy and medals.

RBI's & Hits were: #1 against Chaos; Wark, 3 strikeouts, 1 triple,

1 hit, 2 runs; Krzycki, 1 RBI sac, 1 hit, 1 run; Pettibone, 1 RBI sac, 1 hit; Gonzales, 1 RBI sac; Frahm, 2 runs on walks; Kendrick, 2 hits, 1 RBI; C. Wark, 1 hit, 1 stolen run. #2 against McCook; Pettibone, 6 strikeouts, 2 hits, 2 runs; Jones, 2 hits, 2 runs; Gonzales, 1 hit & RBI, 1 run, 2 runs on walks; Wark, 1 HBP score, 1 triple, 1 single, 3 RBI's, 2

stolen runs; Frahm, 1 stolen run; Kendrick, 2 runs on walks; Powell, 1 single, 2 doubles, 1 RBI, 1 run; Keesa Wright, 1 double, 1 RBI, 1 run. #3 against Brooke Blaze; Wark, 5 strikeouts, 1 homer, 1 RBI; Pettibone, 3 strikeouts, 2 runs on walks; Krzycki, 1 triple, 1 single, 1 RBI, 1 run; Kendrick, 1 single; Gonzales, 1 hit, 1 run; Jones, 1

double, 2 runs; Frahm, 1 hit & RBI, 2 runs; C. Wark, 1 hit & RBI, 1 run; Powell, 1 triple. #4 against Larned; Pettibone, 3 strikeouts, 2 hits, 1 double, 4 RBI's, 3 runs; Krzycki, 3 singles, 1 triple, 4 RBI's, 2 runs; Wark, 1 strikeout, 1 hit & RBI, 1 run; Kendrick, 1 RBI sac for 2 runners, 1 hit; Gonzales, 1 hit, 1 run; Jones, 2 hits, 1 run; Frahm, 1 hit, 3

runs; Keesa Wright, 1 hit, 1 run; Powell, 1 RBI sac; 1 hit, 2 RBI's, 2 runs. #5 game against Great Bend; Wark, 5 strikeouts, 1 triple, 1 run; Pettibone, 1 RBI sac, 2 hits, 1 run; Krzycki, 2 hits, 2 RBI's; Kendrick, 1 bunt RBI, 1 run; Gonzales, 1 hit, 1 run; C. Wark, 2 hits, 2 RBI's, 1 run; Jones, 1 hit, 1 run, Powell, 1 hit, 1 run.

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Youth and women 20 ga. shot-guns and shells and 12 ga. shells and all the targets will be provided.

For more information contact Benny Young at 785-462-7602, KDWP Office at 462-3367 or any Trap Club board member

Weight room open

The Colby High weight room continues to be open to any Colby School District student-athlete every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, through Thursday, Aug. 11. Sessions will run from 6-7:15 a.m., 7:15-8:30 a.m., 8:30-9:45 a.m., and 8-9:15 p.m. It is important that athletes arrive a few minutes before the session they plan to attend. If athletes are late for a session, they will go with the next session, he said.

If you have any questions concerning the summer workout program, please call the high school office at 460-5300.

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