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Colby's third basemen Cierra Rous tagged out the Garden City baserunner Monday during Colby's doubleheader loss.

Lady Eagles miss the hits

Garden City right-hander Katie Ford came within two batters of a perfect game Monday at Colby. After taking the first game 7-0, Ford and the Lady Buffaloes shut down the Lady Eagles 3-0 in the nightcap on a three-hitter. The only Colby hit in game one was a triple by Lauren Cox. "We also committed five errors," said Colby coach Jack Elliott. "And only two of their runs were earned." After 12 hits in the opener, Gar-

den City (7-1) had five hits in game two. Colby had three hits. Two of them were singles from Sarah Redmond. Leah Cox had the other hit. "We failed to put the ball in play and made too many mental and physical mistakes," Elliott said. The Busters scored in the first inning when Chandra Knowles reached on an error, stole second and scored on a groundout.

Kensi Mader led the third with a double and scored on a groundout by Liz Arellano to make it 2-0. Arellano led off the top of the fifth inning with a walk and came around to score on Desiree DeLaRosa's double to center field to cap the scoring. "Our pitching was decent, but it can get better," Elliott said. Colby (2-2) plays 6:30 p.m. Thursday vs. Goodland in Colby.

Late scores help and hurt Colby

Late inning run production proved to be the difference in the doubleheader between Russell and Colby Tuesday in Colby. Russell won game two by scoring three runs in the seventh inning to increase its lead 8-5. Colby battled back in its half of the inning by scoring two but not enough as Russell won 8-7. Powell led Colby at the plate. He was 3-5 and had an RBI. Kevin Lang and Tyson Plumisto each had two hits as well. Trent Powell and

Joseph Heier each had an RBI. Lang got the loss. He threw six innings and struck out four. A seven-run fifth inning helped Colby win game two 12-9. Russell established an 8-3 lead with six runs in the third inning. Leadoff hitter Brett Wilson led Colby with 3-3, a double and two RBIs. Heier had two hits and an RBI. Mitchell Gatz also had an RBI. Plumisto got the win for Colby on the mound. He relieved Jeremy

Dietz after two innings. Plumisto struck out five gave up two hits. "We had some great performances at the plate and in the field but we need to work on our baserunning mistakes and alertness when we are on base," said Colby coach Kevin Cox. "As far as pitching we just need to hit our spots and stop walking lead-off hitters." Colby plays 3:30 p.m. April 20 at Holcomb.

Eagle golf places sixth

Colby High's boys' golf team placed sixth Tuesday at a meet in Goodland. Chris Staley led Colby placing third with a 78. Other Eagle golfer results include R.J. Ladenburger shot a 95, Cole Finley and Josh Johnson each shot a 99 and Cody Wark shot a 100. As a team, Colby scored 372. Colby coach Tom Bowen said the wind was a factor in the game. "It was nasty," he said. Ulysses won the meet with a 328. Goodland placed second with a 344 and Thomas More Prep placed third with a 353. Colby's next varsity meet is 9 a.m. Tuesday at McCook, Neb.

Trojans sweep Mackie with big scores

By Matt Dickson
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Colby scored a combined 27 runs Tuesday in a doubleheader win against Brown Mackie in Colby. What complemented the runs in Colby's 11-0 win in game one, was strong pitching. Garrett Huck allowed only two hits in the complete game. Trojan hitting was just as effective. The Trojans scored seven in the first inning and never looked back. Marshall MacDonald was 2-2 with a home run and four RBIs. Patrick Farrell also had a home run and four RBIs.

Colby 16
Brown Mackie 15
A Royle Beach single and RBI in the seventh inning gave the Trojans the win in game two. In the bottom half of the seventh with the game tied Marshall MacDonald led off with a single to center followed by a walk to Adam Hills. They both advanced on a wild pitch. Beach singled to win the game. The Trojans got a shaky start from Mike O'Dwyer who struggled with control but the offense made up for it. Cory Raczynski went 4-5 with three doubles to lead the charge.

Colby had the game in hand until the top of the seventh when they allowed eight runs to the Lions on five walks, two hit batters, one error and one hit. First game starter Garrett Huck had to make a relief appearance to stop all the scoring. "It wasn't the prettiest of sweeps but we now have a six game win streak," said Colby coach Ryan Carter. "We are 13-7 in conference and in second place by one game. We have a chance to make the rest of the season tough on Garden City Wednesday as they are 11-13 on the year." Colby plays Garden City today in Colby.

Lady Trojans oust Seward County

Strong hitting helped the Lady Trojans softball team win Tuesday at Seward County. Colby won game one of the doubleheader 7-6. Amanda Bell led Colby on the mound allowing seven hits and striking out nine in seven innings. Two of Seward's runs were earned. Molly Langerak led Colby at the plate going 3-4 and two RBIs. Lindsey Marsh was 3-5 with a triple

and two RBIs. Colby had 13 hits total. Colby won game two 10-3. Jere Ebert pitched the entire game for Colby. She gave up 14 hits and two earned runs. Marsh was a perfect 4-4 at the plate. She had two RBIs. Jere Ebert was 2-4 with a home run and three RBIs. Colby had 14 hits. "We hit the ball very well today. Our defense was shaky at times,"

said Colby coach Carl Adams. But the wins were valuable. "These were two huge wins for us in the region and conference. They kept us atop the region standings and in a tie with Butler for first in the conference. Adams said. Colby plays Thursday at Garden City for a region doubleheader. Colby is 32-14 overall, 7-1 in the region and 8-0 in the conference.

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