

# Hits are few for Lady Trojans

Colby still manages to lead the region after splitting a doubleheader Wednesday with Barton County.

Colby won a marathon first game 1-0 in 10 innings. Lindsey Marsh's second hit of the game created the RBI that brought in the run. Colby had seven hits total.

Amanda Bell pitched the victory throwing the entire game. She gave up four hits and struck out 11.

Colby lost game two 4-3.

Jere Ebert took the loss, giving up seven hits and an earned run in six innings. Leading hitter was Hannah Liming. She went 1-3 with a double and a RBI. Colby had five hits.

"We didn't play with the heart and desire that we have been playing with. Our defense kept us in game one," said Colby coach Karl Adams.

Adams is concerned about the offense.

"We didn't have any offense in either game as far as stringing hits together," he said.

Colby is still in first place in the region and tied with Butler for first in the conference. Colby has four games left in the region and six in the conference.

All remaining games are at home starting 5 p.m. Friday with Cloud County.

"I hope this will get the team refocused on the task at hand and we will play like we did the last two weeks," Adams said.

Colby is 35-15 overall, 10-2 in the region and 9-1 in the conference.

## K18 signup is Saturday

Sign-up and practice for K18 baseball will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Colby Recreation Ball Fields. For information, call Jeff Krzycki at 460-2657.



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Colby High School coaches Derek Bissitt, left, and Bob Mannebach, center, and Sondra Stephens, right, watched Jessica Stephens sign a letter of intent Monday to run cross-country and track at Wichita State University. Jessica is the daughter of Sondra and Pete Stephens.

## Royals lose 10th straight game

CHICAGO (AP) — Javier Vazquez watched the ball roll down the third-base line, his bid for a no-hitter riding on where it ended up. Third baseman Joe Crede had no play, either. He was too far back.

As they both looked on helplessly Wednesday, Doug Mientkiewicz's slow roller off a checked swing didn't stray into foul territory. Instead, the ball seemed to have a mind of its own and stayed fair. And after 6 1-3 innings, Vazquez's chance to pitch a no-hitter was over.

"I mean, what can you do?" Vazquez said. "It kind of stinks that that was the first hit. ... That's part of the game."

Vazquez, Crede and the White Sox did get a victory. Vazquez pitched into the ninth, allowing just two hits, and Chicago beat Kansas City 4-0, the reeling Royals' 10th straight defeat.

"I was positioned way off the line and back with Mientkiewicz up there," Crede said. "I tried to dig a ditch to get the ball to go foul, but

it didn't work. It's just something where any time you see a ball like that or a bunt down the line, you know it's going to stay fair because there's kind of a lip on the line right there."

The Royals, who had a 19-game losing streak late last season, managed one run and 11 hits in the three-game series against Chicago. Kansas City's 2-12 start is its second-slowest behind 1992, when the Royals lost 16 of their first 17, and Royals starting pitchers are 0-9 this season.

Mientkiewicz said the pitch was running in on him.

"A hit is a hit," he said. "It was a slider, and I'm definitely not going to apologize for a base hit."

After the hit, Vazquez got an ovation from the crowd of 26,327.

He got an even louder one in the ninth after he gave up a leadoff single to Esteban German and was replaced by Neal Cotts, who immediately gave up another single, to pinch-hitter John Buck.

Bobby Jenks got two outs for his

sixth save, sealing Chicago's ninth win in 10 games.

Vazquez (1-1), Chicago's No. 5 starter, struck out seven and walked one in eight-plus innings.

He'd been hit hard in his previous outing against Toronto, giving up seven runs and nine hits in six innings. In one inning alone, he surrendered seven hits, and White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said before Wednesday's game that Vazquez had been tipping his pitches.

"I just felt better overall. My body, my arm felt better," Vazquez said. "It was special hearing the home crowd and throwing my first good game here. The last time, I stunk a little bit."

# Late inning scores help Trojans win

By Matt Dickson  
Colby Community College

A four-run sixth inning helped Colby avoid being swept by Cloud County Wednesday in Colby.

In game two and down 8-6 going into the bottom of the sixth, the Trojans mounted a four-run outburst that led them to a 10-8 win. Colby almost tied the game the inning before as Jason Chatwood flew out to center field with a runner on. Cloud's Brad Wiss made a spectacular running catch as he crashed into the wall.

The Trojans looked to freshman lefty Dan April (2-2) to get them back on track in the second half of the twin bill. April pitched well at times, but a five-run second inning included a grand slam by Brad Wiss.

Colby coach Carter threw Mike Schmitt back out on the hill for the final three innings and he collected the victory. Schmitt did not allow a run and struck out four.

Trojan Patrick Farrell's average climbed to .367 as he had three hits. Raczkyowski (.407) and Chatwood (.380) each had two hits.

Team ace Adam Skelton took the hill in the first game. Skelton (6-3 1.79 ERA) allowed seven runs on seven hits in 3 2/3 innings of work but only two runs were earned. Cloud County won 10-7.

Five Trojan errors left Skelton with no help. Freshmen Tyler Gutierrez and Schmitt finished the game for the Trojans. Schmitt looked impressive as he struck out two batters in his only inning of work.

The Trojans pounded out 12 hits and sophomore Cory Raczkyowski continued on his torrid pace as he collected three hits to push his average to .407.

Freshmen Jason Chatwood and Patrick Farrell each had two hits. Farrell hit a home run.

Colby now sits in third place behind Hutchinson and Barton, but closely following the Trojans are Butler, Seward, Garden City and Cloud County who are a within two games.

Currently, the Trojans have the tie-breaker with Butler, Garden City and Cloud County. In order to get a home playoff series, teams must finish within the top four in the conference. With only six games remaining the Trojans are in a good position.

Colby plays Barton County 1 p.m. Friday in Colby. If the Trojans sweep they could move a game behind Barton with weekend games against Seward and Hutchinson remaining.

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## ~ League Bowling Results ~

### April 11 - Early Bird Ladies League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Jean's Rollers	31.5	16.5	1
www.strike	29	19	2
4 4 Fun	25.5	22.5	3
NW Vacuum	23	25	4
Bowlerettes	20	28	5
Van's Merry Four	15	33	6

First high Individual game: Dee Hovda, 190  
First high Individual series: Jan Helus, 504

### April 17 - First Nighters League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Schlick Construction	126	84	1
Frontier Equity	121	89	2
Montana Mikes	114	96	3
XStrikers	109	101	4
Grinnell Furniture	106	104	5
C.C.C. Boys	101	109	6
Warrior Hunting Supply	99	111	7
Discount Repair of Oakley	96	114	8
Colby Implement	92	118	9
Woolter Well & Pump	86	124	10

First high Men Individual game: Ken Brewer, 243  
First high Men Individual series: Ken Brewer, 656  
First high Women Individual game: Linda Liester, 191  
First high Women Individual series: Linda Liester, 501

### April 12 - Powderpuff League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Service Oil	35	21	1
Weiser	28	28	2
Farm Credit	28	28	3
Golden Harvest Seed	21	35	4

First high Individual game: Dee Metzler, 209  
First high Individual series: Dee Hovda, 550

### April 11 - Pinbusters League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Colby Automotive	214	80	1
Twisters	170	124	2
Colby Bowl	157	137	3
Donelan Jewelry	150	144	4
Mufflers Plus	147	147	5

United Commercial Travelers	142	152	6
Cox Communications	100	194	7
Pepsi Cola	78	168	8

First high Individual game: John White, 279  
First high Individual Series: John White, 708

### April 13 - King Pin League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Colby Automotive	150	102	1
Orschlens	144	108	2
Colby Bowl & Fun Center	136	116	3
Thunderballs	129	123	4
Warks Embroidery	129	123	5
5 Pony Men	118	134	6
www.visitcolby.com	111	141	7
T - J's Tire	91	161	8

First high Individual game: Ron Owings, 231  
First high Individual series: Ron Owings, 663

### April 12 - Ladies Nite Out

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Lobo Liquor	36	20	1
Strike-Outs	33	23	2
Don's Electric	31	25	3
Bottle Gallery	29	27	4
Sunflower Bank	29	27	5
Who-No's?	29	27	6
Straightline	27	29	7
Camouflage Lawn Care	27	29	8
Twisters	21	35	9

First high Individual game: Linda Joyce, 201  
First high Individual series: Robin Schwanke, 510

### April 14 - Ten Pin League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Colby Bowl	16	4	1
Classic Trojans	15	5	2
Hurt Enterprises	13	7	3
Cal Williams	9	11	4
KNEA/S.P.	9	11	5
Satan Haters	5	15	6
Comfort Inn	5	15	7

First high Individual game: Monica Miller, 196  
First high Individual series: Monica Miller, 485

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## SCHEDULE

### Monday, April 24

Time: 4-7 p.m.

Location: WaKeeney, KS – Eagle's Club (80 Barclay Avenue)

### Tuesday, April 25

Time: 4-7 p.m.

Location: St. Francis, KS – Cheyenne County Fairgrounds (Fair Building)

### Wednesday, April 26

Time: 4-7 p.m.

Location: Akron, CO – Akron Event Center (150 Ash Avenue)

### Thursday, April 27

Time: 4-7 p.m.

Location: Laramie, WY – University of Wyoming (Medicine Bow Room, 1731 Fraternity Row)



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