

## Looking to home

Colby Community College Lady Trojan Erin Throckmorton, playing third base, watched for the ball during a recent game. The Colby softball team will play in the annual Allen Wolf Memorial Softball Tournament. The Lady Trojans begin play at 11 a.m. Saturday at the college softball diamond. Teams from Nebraska and Kansas are also scheduled to play in the tourney.



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## Softball tourney starts Saturday

The Colby Community College Lady Trojans will play in the Allen Wolf Memorial Softball Tourney this weekend. The schedule for Saturday is as follows:

College Field, 11 a.m. Colby against Garden City; 1 p.m. Colby against Western Nebraska; 3 p.m. North Platte against Garden City; 5 p.m. Western Nebraska against

Garden City; 7 p.m. Colby versus Lamar.

City Field #2, 11 a.m. Cloud vs. Lamar; 1 p.m. Cloud vs. Barton; 3 p.m. Lamar vs. Barton; 5 p.m. Cloud vs. North Platte; 7 p.m. Barton vs. Western Nebraska.

Sunday schedule: College Field, 10 a.m. Barton vs. Western Nebraska; Noon Barton vs. North

Platte; 2 p.m. Colby vs. Western Nebraska; 4 p.m. Colby vs. North Platte.

City Field #2, 10 a.m. Garden City vs. Lamar; Noon Cloud vs. Lamar; 2 p.m. Garden City vs. North Platte; 4 p.m. Cloud vs. Western Nebraska.

## Royals start with 0-10 skid

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — After an embarrassing 106 losses in 2005, this year’s Kansas City Royals seem to be worse yet.

They’ve played only 14 games. But already they have a 10-game losing streak. They’ve played only five series. They’ve been swept in four of them.

Their pitchers’ ERA is the highest and their hitters’ batting average is the lowest in the major leagues. Fans are running out of patience, especially those who agreed on April 4 to a new sales tax that’ll help pay for hundreds of millions of dollars in stadium improvements.

“I think we should petition the commissioner to let us have an expansion team,” deadpanned one caller to a local sports talk radio show. “It’s high time Kansas City became a major league town.”

Thursday was a day off, and the

Royals badly needed it after getting shut out by the White Sox at the end of an 0-9 road trip.

If things don’t turn around, general manager Allard Baird may soon be out of work. In 2003 when the Royals won 83 games and were contenders until September, he was considered one of the brightest young general managers in baseball. But now, after losing 104 games in 2004 and 106 in 2005, fans are calling for his scalp.

Baird understands that perfectly. “The bottom line is I’m the general manager of the club. I’m held accountable,” Baird said. “The expectation of fans is a good thing. If the club continues to struggle, that rests on my shoulders.”

“It’s a better team than last year. But when you start out like this, everything is going to be magnified. That’s the way it is.”

## 3 on 3 results announced

Results of the Saturday, April 8 Colby Booster Club 3 on 3 basketball tournament have been announced. The seventh and eighth grade girls-FGNB from Colby went undefeated to win pool play. Team members were April Gee, Alli Barton and Rhett Martin. Second place went to the Orange Crush of Colby with team members Katrina Kaus, Katherine Kaus and Kelsey Shields.

Seventh and eighth grade boys championship went to double overtime with the Oakley Knights winning 11-10. They were Kraig Siruta, Brandon Maurath and Lex Parsons. Second place went to the Colby Eagles made up of Chaz Winger, Brandon Rasmussen and Brandon Gordon.

Fifth and sixth grade girls — No Mercy from Colby went undefeated. It was made up of Lauren Bell, Kenzie Curry and Alexa Haas. Second place went to the Wild Eagles of Colby — Morgan Bell, Haley Stickel and Emilea Finley.

Fifth and sixth grade boys — The Mustangs of Goodland prevailed in this division. Team members were Dallas Delarosa, Blaine Luther and Reed Bellamy. Second place went

to the Kings of Colby. Team members were Todd Kane, Troy Quenzer and Zane Winger. Third and fourth grade girls — The Tuff Stuff of Oakley won all their games. They were Laura Dennis, Lacey Ostmeyer and Marlee Rath. Second place went to the Colby Sparks with a team of Madison Rogers, Haileigh Shull and Madison Tubbs.

Third and fourth grade boys — The Colby Firehawks defeated the Hoxie Jayhawks in the championship bracket 6-4. Firehawks were Luke Cox, Dylan Slavens and Michael Schiferl. Jayhawks were Kade Spresser, Chase Kennedy and Connor Katt.

### Legion baseball meeting Tuesday

An organizational meeting for American Legion baseball players and parents will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Sunflower Bank hospitality room, 500 N. Franklin Ave. Young men 19 and under are eligible to play unless they will turn 20 in 2006. First-year players should bring their birth certificate. For more information, contact John Gatz at 460-2490.



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