

Trojans miss chance for home playoff

From Colby Community College

With a chance for a home playoff series for the first time since the Trojans entered the Jayhawk Conference, Colby turned the ball over Sunday to its ace Adam Skelton against the number seven team in the country Hutchinson Blue Dragons.

Even after striking out the first four hitters in the game, Skelton could not get settled in. He gave up five runs in the third including a three run homer from Todd Schonhoffas Colby lost game one 10-5.

Colby answered right back with four runs in the bottom half of the third. Patrick Farrell capped off the inning with a three run bomb of his own.

In the seventh with Hutchinson up 7-5, Andy Dirks walked to lead off the inning for the Blue Dragons. He then stole second. With no outs Thad Weber attempted to bunt Dirks to third. The bunt appeared to bounce off the plate and hit Weber's bat again which would constitute a foul ball but the umpires said otherwise.

Colby coach Ryan Carter questioned the call and the ensuing argument resulted in Carter being ejected from the game. An ejection means the coach is suspended from the next game as well.

The questionable play led to three runs for the Blue Dragons. Colby chased one run across in the bottom half of the seventh.

The Trojans chance of playing in the playoffs was mathematical now. After the first game loss, the Trojans only hope for a home playoff

series would be with a win in the second game combined with a loss by Butler, Garden or Seward. Colby did it's part winning 5-4, but did not get the help it needed.

The Trojans looked to freshman Dan April (2-2 5.56 ERA) to get the job done.

April pitched six strong innings and left trailing 4-3. In the seventh, lefthander Sean Walter was summoned to get the left-handed batter Logan Hoch out. With one out the Trojans gave the ball to Damian Schienle who had not pitched since injuring his shoulder before spring break. Schienle recorded the final two outs of the inning.

In the bottom half of the seventh with the Trojans down by one, Evan Friedland singled. Patrick Farrell followed with a single of his own. Adam Hills then bunted for a single to load the bases. Marshall MacDonald struck out and with one out Byron Whitford snuck a ground ball through the right side to score the tying run. Pinch hitter Billy Perry grounded into a double play to end the inning.

The game was scoreless until the ninth when one out and a runner at second Hutchinson singled to center. The runner was waved home and Colby center fielder Chris Gordon threw out the go ahead run out at home.

The Trojans went to T.R. Keating for the final out. With two strikes and a runner at second, leadoff hitter Logan Hochs sent a shallow fly ball into center field shortstop Brian Sulzman flagged down with an amazing over the shoulder catch in full stride.

In the bottom of the ninth Adam



PATTY DECKER/Colby Free Press

Pitcher Adam Skelton for the Colby Community College Trojans threw a strike ball during the Western Nebraska game Sunday at home. Catching for the Trojans was Paul Roh.

Hills led off the inning with a single. Marshall MacDonald sacrifice bunted him to second and Byron Whitford, who previously singled to tie the game in the bottom of the seventh to force extra innings, hit a fastball into the right center gap. That was the game winning hit. The win was assistant coach Matt

Dickson's first collegiate victory as a coach.

Unfortunately the Trojans did not receive help from the three other teams they were tied with. Butler, Garden and Seward swept their games Sunday. The Trojans will travel to Kansas City Junior College for the first round of the playoffs.

Tennis team improving

Despite not having high team results, Colby's boys tennis team is having some individual success, said coach Kory Koch.

"We are having our moments," Koch said.

Colby placed fourth at a meet Thursday in Goodland. Ulysses won with 37 points and Garden City second with 22. Goodland scored 19. Colby was fourth with 13 followed by Scott City with nine.

Colby had two top finishes. Number two single Nick Harlow placed second and number two doubles Cale Phillips and Alex Kleinsorge placed third.

The Eagles placed lower at its first two meets. Colby placed sixth among six teams at Larned and Cimarron.

At Larned, number two doubles Tim Howard and Matt Hildebrand placed second. At Cimarron, number two doubles Jordan Hockersmith placed fourth.

"We only have one senior," Koch said, "and a bunch of underclassmen, some who have never picked up a racket. We are showing some progress and we are in the right direction."

Colby plays 3 p.m. today at Ulysses. The Eagles face Hoisington 9 a.m. Thursday in Great Bend. The Colby Invitational starts 9 a.m. Saturday.



Photo courtesy of Goodland Star-News
Colby's Cale Phillips served during Colby's match Thursday at Goodland.

Redmond shuts out Goodland

One run proved to be the difference in Colby's games Friday at Goodland.

Colby shutout Goodland in game one 1-0 but lost game two 5-4.

In game one, Colby pitcher Sarah Redmond scattered six hits and six strikeouts for the win.

The Eagles managed to total 10 hits in game one, but only had the one run. Three Eagles had two hits, Leah Cox, Logan Wark and Katie Friesen. Wark also had a triple. Ashley Barnes hit the team's lone RBI.

Colby could not take advantage of another 10-hit game performance in game two.

"Our offense got on base, but failed to score runs due to a lack of clutch hitting and poor base running," said Colby coach Jack Elliott.

Cox led Colby with 3-4 at the plate. She also scored a run. Brena Jones and Friesen each had two hits. Jones hit a double, RBI and scored two runs. Wark led the team with three RBIs.

Redmond took the loss for Colby. She allowed six hits and two earned runs.

"Sarah did a super job in both games. She only had two earned runs all day no walks," Elliott said.

Thursday, Lakin and Scott City play in Colby. Games start at 3 p.m.

Junior varsity

Colby's junior varsity team lost both games to Goodland. Jordan Krzycki, Kiri Kendrick, Lindsay Frahm and Tisha Bieker each had hits. Brena Jones and Whitney Ritter each hit triples. Bieker took the loss as pitcher.

Goodland won game two 14-8. Chanelle Staats gave up four hits and struck out five.

Ritter, Frahm, Sara Sanford, Staats and Laura Dougherty each had hits.

Colby, Holcomb save best for last innings

Late inning runs were the difference in Colby's doubleheader Thursday at Holcomb.

In game one, Colby scored two runs in the sixth inning to break a 2-2 tie. Colby went on to win 8-4.

Every batter in the Colby lineup had at least one hit. Four players had two hits, Trent Powell, Jeremy Dietz, Cory Sager and Joseph Heier. As a team, Colby has 12 hits.

Mitchell Gatz had two RBIs to lead the team. Powell and Sager each scored two runs.

Dietz pitched the entire game. He gave up five hits and struck out eight and allowed two earned runs.

Holcomb scored a run in the bottom of the seventh to win game two 3-2.

Colby's offense was not as productive as in game one as Colby only had five hits. Kevin Lang led Colby 2-3 at the plate. Gatz hit an RBI. Dietz and Brett Wilson also had hits.

Lang took the loss for Colby. He gave up four hits, struck out seven and allowed one earned run.

"We wanted two wins in Holcomb to show more of progression, but, saw some necessary ingredients that was encouraging for us as a team," said Colby coach Kevin Cox.

Colby plays Lakin 4 p.m. Thursday in Colby.

Girls track wins

Colby High's girls track team won Friday at Holcomb. Head coach Grodon Rasmussen said complete team results were not yet finished this morning.

"We competed very well," Rasmussen said. "And it was a tough meet with 12 teams."

The sophomore-junior meet at Atwood today was postponed.

KSU plays spring game

MANHATTAN (AP) — Throughout spring practices, new Kansas State coach Ron Prince's buzzword was competition.

He will have plenty of it, especially at quarterback, entering the fall.

Veterans Dylan Meier and Allen Webb combined to complete 12-of-16 passes for 132 yards and two touchdowns on Saturday, as the white team beat the purple team 21-14 in Kansas State's annual spring game.

But nobody drew ovations like Josh Freeman, the much-heralded recruit from Grandview, Mo., who spurned a verbal commitment to Nebraska to play for Kansas State.

The 6-foot-6, 230-pound freshman showed plenty of jitters before a crowd of 31,875, many of whom lined up at the gates to Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

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