

Eagles developing instincts

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Experience is usually the best teacher.

Colby High School baseball coach Kevin Cox has seen evidence of that during practice already.

"I see we have more instinct than ever," Cox said about this year's team. "Usually we have to teach a lot. But now, we are just making adjustments."

Cox credits this year's team personality to having six returning varsity players and the entire team's "love to play the game." Last year, Colby finished 12-9.

That love and experience returns to action Tuesday. Colby plays Scott City and Russell starting at 3 p.m. at Scott City.

Cox said 25 players are out for baseball and there is a competitive feel to practices among players. With some varsity positions still undetermined, Cox said he can see the drive in the players to earn those positions.

Of the six returning, Cox likes the connection between senior catcher Mitchell Gatz and the pitchers.

"Practices have been all right," he said. "We don't have everything in but we have some good young players. We have some good, young arms."



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Colby Eagle Mitchell Gatz safely dived back to first base during Colby's game against Russell last year. Colby begins the 2007 season Tuesday at Scott City.

Cox said the team's goal is to qualify for the state tournament and hopes the team will develop to that level during the season. Cox said the challenges during the season will be playing the likes of Russell,

Thomas More Prep and rival Goodland.

"We have a chance to make it to state. But we first need to develop everybody and everything," Cox said.

Trojans pound out 11 runs in win

The Colby Community College baseball team split a doubleheader Sunday, at Hutchinson Community College.

The Trojans captured game one 11-3 as starter Kris Jiggitts pitched a complete game.

Jiggitts allowed three runs over seven innings, walked four and struck out six. Trojan second baseman Jason Chatwood was 4-4 with a walk and three runs scored.

Chris Gordon had two hits, including a home run and had three RBI's. Overall, the Trojans had 16 hits.

The Trojans were blanked in game two of the doubleheader, 2-0.

The Trojans collected just one hit in the game, a double by catcher Marshall MacDonald.

Colby did have some baserunners as Jason Chatwood and Billy Perry each had a walk, and both MacDonald and Chris Gordon were hit by pitches. However, the Trojans were unable to push any runs across home plate.

Dan April was the hard-luck pitcher for the Trojans as he picked up the loss despite allowing just two runs on four hits in 5 2/3 innings.

Saturday, the Trojans swept Hesston College in a doubleheader in Hesston. Garrett Huck, starting pitcher for the Trojans, picked up the win for the Trojans, allowing two runs in six innings while striking out seven.

Huck rebounded after giving up two runs in the first inning to blank Hesston the next five innings. Rob

Hogue pitched the bottom of the seventh inning for the save.

Chris Eddy was 2-3 for the Trojans with a solo home run. MacDonald also had two hits and Chatwood was 1-4 with two RBI's.

The Trojans broke open a close second game with five runs in the fourth inning and cruised to a 12-1 victory.

Tyler Gutierrez pitched five innings and allowed just one run. MacDonald was 2-3 with a home run, a double and two RBI's. Chatwood, Royle Beach and Patrick Farrell each collected two hits for the Trojans.

The Trojans (18-10, 7-5) host Dodge City Community College 1 p.m. Wednesday, in a match-up of Jayhawk West teams.

TV LISTINGS

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WEEKDAYS						MARCH 27 - APRIL 2							
	6 AM		6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC 4 6	Good Morning Kansas		Good Morning America					Martha		The View		Millionaire	News
KSNK/NBC 8 8	News Cont'd		Today							Live With Regis and Kelly		Paid Program	Paid Program
KBSL/CBS 12 11	News Cont'd		News			The Early Show		The 700 Club		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless	
K15CG 2	Business	Body Electric	Curious George	Clifford-Red	Dragon Tales	Big Big World	Beren. Bears	Lions	Sesame Street		Teletubies	Barney-Friends	
ESPN 28	Sports-Center	Varied	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Sports-Center	Varied	SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight	Varied	
USA 37	JAG		JAG			Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie	Varied
TBS 38	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Dawson's Creek			Movie				News-Radio	Cosby Show
WGN 39	Changing	Believer Voice	Hillbilies	Hillbilies	Matlock			Magnum, P.I.		Homicide: Life on the Street		Da Vinci's Inquest	
TNT 40	Angel		Charmed			Charmed		ER		ER		Judging Amy	
DSC 42	Paid Program	Paid Program	Joyce Meyer	Paid Program	How It's Made	How It's Made	Futureweapons		MythBusters		How It's Made	How It's Made	
A&E 47	The District		24			City Confidential		American Justice		Cold Case Files		Crossing Jordan	
HIST 48	Varied Programs												
NICK 55	Danny Phantom	OddParents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Dora the Explorer	Go Diego	Blue's Room	Backyardigans	Wonder Pets	Dora the Explorer	Go Diego	Blue's Clues	
DISN 56	The Wiggles	Higglytown	Einstein	Mickey Mouse	Handy Manny	Doodlebops	Charlie & Lola	The Koala	The Wiggles	Higglytown	Lilo & Stitch	Little Mermaid	
FAM 58	Family Matters	Family Matters	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Home Videos	Living the Life	The 700 Club		Gilmore Girls		Full House	Full House	
HALL 60	New Morning		The Waltons			The Waltons		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		Touched by an Angel	

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
KLBY/ABC 4 6	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		Millionaire	Judge Judy	News	Judge Judy	News	ABC Wld News	
KSNK/NBC 8 8	News	Extra	Days of our Lives		Passions		The Ellen DeGeneres Show		Jeopardy!	Jeopardy!	News	NBC News	
KBSL/CBS 12 11	News	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Dr. Phil		Oprah Winfrey		News	Evening News	
K15CG 2	Reading Rainbow	Caillou	Varied Programs			Curious George	Cyber-chase	Arthur	Maya & Miguel	Post-cards	Cliff Pup	Business	
ESPN 28	MLB Preseason Baseball			Varied Programs			NFL Live	Rome-Burning	Around the Horn	Interruption	SportsCenter		
USA 37	Movie Cont'd		Varied Programs									Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
TBS 38	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	King of Queens	King of Queens	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	
WGN 39	WGN News	Varied	The Greg Behrendt Show		America's Funniest Home Videos		Moesha	Cosby Show	Even Stevens	Lizzie McGuire	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	
TNT 40	Judging Amy		Law & Order		Law & Order		Charmed		Charmed		Varied Programs		
DSC 42	Varied Programs				Futureweapons		MythBusters		How It's Made	How It's Made	It Takes a Thief		
A&E 47	CSI: Miami		24		City Confidential		American Justice		Cold Case Files		Crossing Jordan		
HIST 48	Modern Marvels		Varied Programs										
NICK 55	Backyardigans	Wow! Wubbzy!	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Jimmy Neutron	Danny Phantom	OddParents	Avatar-Last Air	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Ned's School	OddParents	
DISN 56	Timon & Pumbaa	Buzz Light	Whiskers	Proud Family	American Drgn	Kim Possible	Varied Programs					That's-Raven	
FAM 58	Family Matters	Family Matters	Step by Step	Step by Step	Full House	Full House	Sabrina-Witch	Sabrina-Witch	Gilmore Girls		7th Heaven		
HALL 60	Matlock		Matlock		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	

STRIKE ZONE

~ League Bowling Results ~

March 20th - Early Bird Ladies League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
www.strike	26	10	1
Bowlerettes	23	13	2
4 4 Fun	23	13	3
Van's Merry Four	17	19	4
NW Vacuum	15	21	5

First high Individual game: Rosie Stover, 211
First high Individual series: Lois Van Horn, 501

March 20th - Pinbusters League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Killer Bees	79	47	1
Colby Automotive	76	50	2
United Commercial Travelers	72	54	3
Mufflers Plus	62	64	4
MC Auto	62	64	5
Colby Bowl	60	66	6
Donelan's Jewelry	51	75	7
Taylor Motors	42	84	8

First high Individual game: Gerald Griggs, 258
First high Individual Series: Cory Crocker, 625

March 19 - First Nighters League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Sparky's Fireworks	62	22	1
Parking Lot Maintenance	52	32	2
Fire XStrikers	50	34	3
7-Up	49	35	4
Frontier Equity	40	44	5
Discount Repair of Oakley	37	47	6
Schlick Construction	37	47	7
Woofter Well & Pump	32	52	8
Seismic Land Mgmt.	31	53	9
Grinnell Furniture	30	54	10

First high Men Individual game: Gary Shipley, 256
First high Men Individual series: Gary Shipley, 661

March 21st - Ladies Nite Out

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Golden Harvest Seeds	8	0	1
Camouflage Lawn Care	6	2	2
Strike-Outs	5	3	3
Straightline	4	4	4
Twisters	3	5	5
Stock Realty & Auction	2	6	6
Dbl U Trkn	2	6	7
Don's Electric	1	7	8

First high Individual game: Layla Woodall, 210
First high Individual series: Carol Mick, 558

March 23rd - Ten Pin League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Us & Barton Concrete	4	0	1
Cal Williams	4	0	2
ChiX w/ Balz	3	1	3
Comfort Inn	1	3	4
CMC	0	4	5
Colby Bowl	0	4	6

First high Individual game: Bobbi Barton, 190
First high Individual series: Monica Miller, 535

March 21st - Powderpuff League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Weiser	30	10	1
Service Oil	20	20	2
Farm Credit	17	23	3
The B-Hive	11	29	4

First high Individual game: Monica Miller, 193
First high Individual series: Dee Hovda, 497

March 11th - King & Queen

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Lee-Nelson	35	17	1
Norman - Keiser	30	22	2
Schissler-Koehn	29	23	3
Swartz - Barnett	27	25	4
Phillips - Carmen	26	26	5
Barton - Kreutzer	25	27	6
Krebs - Barnett	18	34	7
Bally - Llamas	8	12	8

Men's First high Individual game: Aaron Keiser, 243
Men's First high Individual series: Kipp Nelson, 571
Women's First high Individual game: Jessica Shaw, 173
Women's First high Individual series: Deb Norman, 494

March 22nd - King Pin League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Colby Bowl & Fun Center	106	62	1
Orschlens	93	75	2
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Morgan Construction	85	83	4
5 Pony Men	83	85	5
Colby Automotive	80	88	6
Thunderballs	69	69	7
T - J's Tire	60	108	8

First high Individual game: Mark Schwarz, 237
First high Individual series: Cory Crocker, 606

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TUESDAY									MARCH 27			
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC 4 6	News (CC)	Enter- tainment	Dancing With the Stars (N) (CC)		Dancing With the Stars Results Show		Great American Dream		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)	
KSNK/NBC 8 8	News	Wheel of Fortune	Dateline NBC (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (N)		Law & Order: SVU		News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night	
KBSL/CBS 12 11	News (CC)	Inside Edition	NCIS Sandblast (CC)		The Unit Natural Selection (CC)		Shark Deja Vu All Over Again (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late	
K15CG 2	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Doctors on Call	Second- Health	Nova The Perfect Pearl (CC) (DVS)		Frontline/World (N) (CC) (DVS)		BBC World	Summer Wine	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
ESPN 28	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Final -- Teams TBA.				Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Final -- Teams TBA.				SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		College Gmday	Fast- break
USA 37	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU			Movie: The Fast and the Furious ★★½ (2001, Action) Vin Diesel. (CC)			Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
TBS 38	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Movie: Disclosure ★★★ (1994) (CC)	
WGN 39	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Funnies Pets	Funnies Pets	Funnies Pets	Funnies Pets	WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City	Scrubs (CC)	Scrubs (CC)	Becker (CC)
TNT 40	Law & Order Mammon		Movie: The Truman Show ★★½ (1998) Cameras broadcast an unwitting man's life.				Movie: The Truman Show ★★½ (1998) Cameras broadcast an unwitting man's life.		Show ★★½ (1998) Cameras broadcast an unwitting man's life.		Movie: American Beauty (1999) (CC)	
DSC 42	Lobstermen: Jeopardy at Sea		Lobstermen: Jeopardy at Sea		Deadliest Catch: Best of Season 2 Highlights. (N)			MythBusters Submerged car.		Lobstermen: Jeopardy at Sea		
A&E 47	CSI: Miami Shattered (CC)		CSI: Miami Silencer (CC)		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Driving Force	Driving Force	King of Cars (N)	King of Cars	CSI: Miami Silencer (CC)	
HIST 48	Modern Marvels Engines (CC)		Lost Worlds Atlantis. (CC)		Ancient Discoveries (CC)		Modern Marvels The Lumberyard		Modern Marvels Drilling (CC)		Lost Worlds Atlantis. (CC)	
NICK 55	OddPar- ents	Jimmy Neutron	Spon- geBob	Full House	Full House	Growing Pains	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Cosby Show
DISN 56	Phil of Future	Zack & Cody	Movie: Smart House ★★ (1999) Ryan Merriman. (CC)		That's- Raven		Life With Derek	Phil of Future	Zack & Cody	That's- Raven	Phil of Future	Kim Possible
FAM 58	Smallville Redux (CC)		Movie: Mrs. Doubtfire ★★★ (1993, Comedy) An estranged dad poses as a nanny to be with his children. Robin Williams. (CC)					The 700 Club (CC)		Lincoln Heights House Arrest (CC)		
HALL 60	Walker, Texas Ranger (Part 1 of 2)		Walker, Texas Ranger (Part 2 of 2)		Movie: A Place Called Home (2004, Drama) Ann-Margret, Matthew Settle. (CC)				Movie: Audrey's Rain (2003, Drama) Jean Smart, Carol Kane. (CC)			