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Brena Jones, a member of the Sweet Thunder 16 and under team, ran the bases during their tournament Saturday in Colby.

Texas Rangers select Trojan pitcher in draft

Colby Community College sophomore baseball pitcher Kris Jiggitts was drafted in the annual Major League Baseball draft June 7-8 by the Texas Rangers in the 44th round.



Jiggitts

According to Colby head baseball coach Ryan Carter, this was the first player to be drafted during his tenure. Jiggitts, from Aurora, Colo., finished the year with a 6-2 record, three saves

and a 3.71 earned run average. Jiggitts pitched 54 innings and struck out 54 batters.

Another former Trojan, Travis Mortimore, was selected in the 21st round by the Seattle Mariners.

Mortimore, a left-handed pitcher, finished his college career at Wayne State University in Nebraska after transferring from Colby.

In other Colby baseball news, Jason Chatwood was named third team All-American, capping off his tremendous accomplishments in his two years at Colby. Chatwood, from Alberta, Canada, signed with Gonzaga last fall to play baseball.

Colby Sweet Thunder wins invitational tournament

The Colby Sweet Thunder Organization hosted the Colby Invitational Fast Pitch Softball Tourney Saturday, with 10s, 12s, 14s, 16s, and one 18 and under team participating.

Thunder's 16 and under team bagged first place with wins against Oakley (14-0), the Wray, Colo., Eagles (11-3), Norton Storm (18-U) (10-1), and Burlington, Colo., Scream (4-1).

The first two games against Oakley and Wray were run-ruled, with pitcher Danielle Pettibone taking the wins. She allowed no hits, one walk, and eight strikeouts in game #1 (Oakley), and three hits, four strikeouts, and two walks in game #2 (Wray).

Wins for games #3 against Norton Storm 18-U and #4 against Burlington Scream were taken by Logan Wark. She allowed three hits, five strikeouts, and one run. Game

Sweet Thunder
schedule
June 30-July 1:
at Burlington, Colo.
July 14-15:
at Russell

3 was also run ruled in the fifth, which helped the ladies inside to cool off and be ready for the final game.

Burlington Scream came to play, but were only allowed one walk, two hits plus a bunt, and six strikeouts.

The wins place Thunder's record at 14-5, as they travel to Burlington this weekend to face seven Colorado teams.

Runs and hits in Game #1 were made by: Kendrick, 1 hit, RBI, 1 double, 2 runs; L. Wark, 3 hits, 1 RBI, 3 runs; Jones, 1 hit, RBI, 2 runs; Gonzales, 2 hits, 4 RBI, 2

runs; Pettibone, 1 hit, RBI; Frahm, 1 hit, RBI, 1 run; Krzycki, 1 hit, 2 runs; C. Wark, 1 hit, RBI, 1 RBI sacrifice, 1 run; Powell, 1 hit, RBI, 1 run.

Game #2: Kendrick, 1 hit, 2 RBI, 1 walk, 2 runs; L. Wark, 1 double, 1 walk, 2 runs; Jones, 1 walk, 1 run; Gonzales, 1 hit, 1 RBI sac, 2 runs; Pettibone, 1 walk, 1 hit, RBI, 2 runs; Wright, 2 hits, 1 bunt, 1 run; C. Wark, 1 RBI sac, 1 bunt; Powell, 2 walks, 1 run; Dietz, 1 bunt.

Game #3: Kendrick, 1 walk, 1 hit & RBI, 1 run; L. Wark, 1 double, 1 triple, 2 RBI; Jones, 1 hit; Gonzales, 1 hit; Krzycki, 1 walk, 1 hit, 3 runs; Wright, 1 bunt, 1 run; C. Wark, 2 hits, 2 RBI, 1 run; Frahm, 1 hit, RBI, 2 runs; Powell, 1 hit, 1 run.

Game #4: Kendrick, 1 bunt, RBI; L. Wark, 1 run; Gonzales, 2 hits, 1 run; Krzycki, 1 hit, 1 RBI sac, 1 walk, 1 run; Wright, 1 hit; C. Wark, 1 bunt hit, 1 run; Powell, 1 hit.

Royals have winning month

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Jorge De La Rosa won for the first time since May 13, Mark Teahen singled home a run in the third inning and the Kansas City Royals beat the Los Angeles Angels 1-0 Wednesday to complete a three-game sweep.

Kansas City has won four straight for the first time since July 4-7 last year and at 14-11 is assured of a winning month for the first time since July 2003 (15-11). The Royals had not blanked an opponent since last Sept. 5 against the New York Yankees.

Los Angeles, shut out for the fourth time this season, had 10 hits but didn't advance a runner past second, stranding six and hitting two double plays. Royals catcher Jason LaRue twice threw out runners attempting to steal.

Kansas City outscored the Angels 18-7 in the series.

Sports Briefs

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Serena Williams rallied from 4-1 down in the first set and beat Australia's Alicia Molik 7-6 (4), 6-3 to reach the third round of Wimbledon on another day of rain delays at the All England Club.

Also getting past the second round was third-seeded Andy Roddick, who defeated 114th-ranked Danai Udomchoke of Thailand 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (3).

Play was interrupted by rain for 45 minutes early in the day and suspended completely at 7:45 p.m. local time after a three-hour delay.

The decision prevented four-time defending champion Roger Federer from completing his 50th straight win on grass. He was leading 6-2, 7-5, 2-0 against 18-year-old Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina — one of eight suspended singles matches.

In addition, 10 scheduled singles matches never got under way. To help make up the backlog, play on outside courts is due to start an hour earlier Thursday.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ryan Howard hit his 100th career homer in his 325th game, becoming the fastest player to reach that total, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Howard's three-run shot off Cincinnati's Aaron Harang gave the Phillies a 3-0 lead in the fifth inning. The 505-foot drive was the longest in the four-year history of Citizens Bank Park. It cleared the tall, brick batter's eye, going nine feet farther than Howard's shot over the same wall against Florida's Sergio Mitre last April.

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