

Colby team loses ninth straight

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Nearly five hours of baseball felt more like watching a re-run of the same horror movie for Colby K-18 head baseball coach Russell Rodenbeck.

The ending didn't change either.

Colby's losing streak reached nine games Thursday after they were swept by Quinter 16-3 and 11-7 Thursday at the City Fields.

"It was kind of a microcosm of the whole season," said Rodenbeck. "It just seems like we get hurt with bad breaks or two-out base hits that are tough to come back from. We're making improvements every game. We're just coming up short."

After getting run-ruled in the first game, Colby showed those improvements right off the bat in game two by scoring four runs in the first inning to pull ahead 4-3. The four-run outburst was highlighted by a two RBI double from Marcus Colson.

But those would be last runs for Colby until the fifth despite the wildness of Quinter starter Scott Crist, who walked 11 batters.

Quinter regained a 5-4 lead in the second, and Colby's offense couldn't capitalize on several chances they had to tie or take the lead over the next few innings. In the second, Jake Thompson was thrown out at the plate after trying to score on a wild pitch. Colby also had baserunners thrown out in the third and fourth innings.

Meanwhile, Colby's defense didn't do itself any favors either. In the fourth, a crucial miscommunication on the infield opened the door for three more Quinter runs.

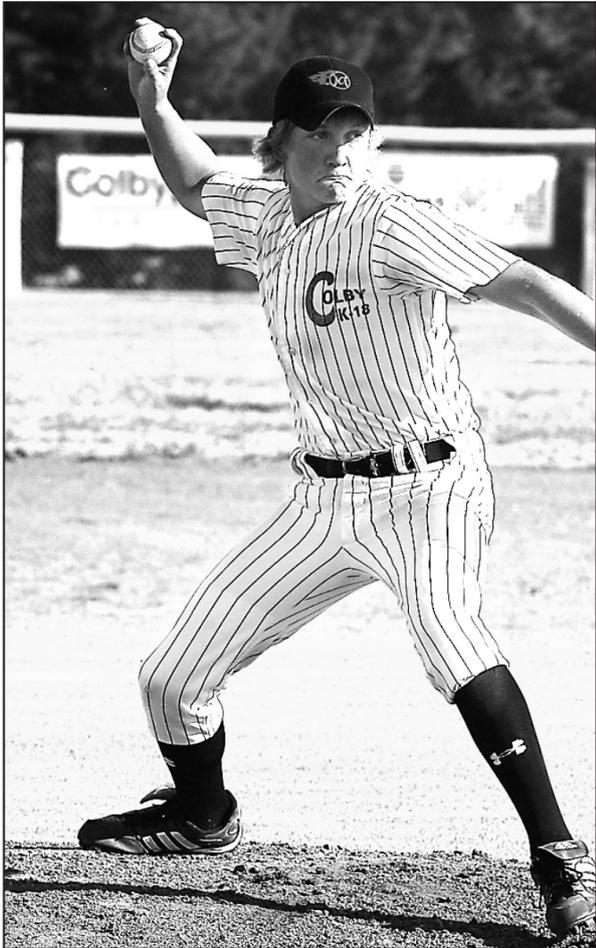
With Joe Simon at third and two outs, Quinter's Zach Nemecheck hit a high fly ball on the infield that landed smack-dab between three Colby defenders. Simon scored and Nemecheck eventually did the same after a single by Brian Ochs. Ochs scored the third run of the inning on a wild pitch—one of the 11 Colby pitchers threw in the game.

"I'm not going to say that was the make or break point of the game, because there were several of them," said Rodenbeck. "That was one of those things where everyone is still learning the game. A play like that shows our youth."

Quinter added three more runs in the fifth, which turned out to be big as Colby rallied for three in their half of the inning to close the deficit to four runs. Jaeger Thompson picked up an RBI after walking with the bases loaded and Jordan Rasmussen drove in two with a single up the middle. Crist was removed for Nemecheck with two outs and he retired Zane Winger on a grounder to first to end the game.

"I thought we played really well in the second game," said Rodenbeck. "There were three or four close calls that could have gone our way that didn't, which had something to do with the outcome. But I'm not going to say that's the only reason. We made a run and came up short."

Brock James suffered the loss



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Colby pitcher Tyler Bear started the first game against Quinter Thursday at the City Fields and took the loss after allowing eight runs in four innings. Quinter won the first game 16-3 and completed the sweep with an 11-7 victory in game two.

despite striking out a season-high 10 batters. When Quinter did put the ball in play against James, it usually found a hole. James was charged for eight runs and seven hits in 3 2/3 innings.

Crist worked his way around 11 walks to come within one out of tossing a complete-game five-hitter.

Colson was 2-3, while Rasmussen, Thompson and Winger each added a hit.

Quinter was led by Simon and Nemecheck, who each had three hits. Nemecheck drove in three and had two doubles.

Simon and Nemecheck also had a big first game, combining to go 5-8 with seven RBIs. Quinter scored three runs in each of the first two innings to take control. Colby cut the deficit to 6-2 in third, but Quinter responded with four runs in the fourth to put the game out of reach.

Colby committed five errors in the game, including two in the first two innings that increased the early damage.

"You have to just put that first game away, because it's the same type of game we've been playing," said Rodenbeck. "When we make errors and get down early, it's tough to come back."

Bear took the loss after giving up eight runs and five hits in four innings. He struck out five and walked three. Snyder also gave up eight runs in his two innings of relief, but did strike out five.

Ty Kaiser worked five innings and allowed just three runs and six

hits to get the win for Quinter.

Bear had two of Colby's six hits. Braden Sager was 1-3 with a double, and Rasmussen was 1-2 with an RBI single. Ochs and Justin Roesch each drove in two runs for Quinter.

Colby (3-12) will look to break their nine-game losing streak when they host Burlington, Colo., 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the city fields.

"We started slow, but the bats are coming around," said Rodenbeck. "Once we get the sticks rolling, everything will fall into place."

Game 1

	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H
Quinter	3	3	0	4	2	4	16	12
Colby	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	6
WP:	Kaiser- 5IP 6H 3R 4K 3 BB							
LP:	Bear 4IP 8R 5H 5K 3BB							

Colby- Rasmussen 1-2 RBI 2 SB BB, Kane 0-2 BB, Sager 1-3 double, Bear 2-2 BB SB, Quigliano 0-3, Carter 1-3 SB, Ketchum 1-2, Elling 0-3, Keck 0-2 BB, Snyder 0-0 walk

Game 2

	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
Quinter	3	2	0	3	3	11	9	0
Colby	4	0	0	0	3	7	5	4

WP: Crist 4 2/3IP 7R 5H 11BB 3K
LP: James 3 2/3 IP 8R 7H 10K 5BB

Colby- Winger 1-3 BB, Jake Thompson 1-2 BB 2SB, Snyder 0-0 walk 2 SB, Organ 0-0 SB, Quenzer 0-2, Colson 2-3 double 2RBI, Woffler 0-1 2 BB, Jaeger Thompson 0-2 BB RBI, James 0-0 BB, Rasmussen 1-1 2RBI BB SB, Elling 0-1

All-Star Performance



JUDY ROGERS/Contributed Photo

Recent Golden Plains graduate Dan Rogers, left, was one of two Thomas County players to score a touchdown for the West squad in the 23rd Annual Kansas 8-man Division II All-Star Game June 7 in Beloit. The game was won by the West 42-24. Triplains/Brewster wide receiver Taylor Barrett, who was also on the West team, caught a touchdown pass from quarterback Jeff Hennick of Sharon Springs, who was named the game's MVP. Rogers will continue his football career at Garden City Community College next year, while Barrett will attend Colby Community College.



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