

Starting young



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Lucas Coulter, with ball, tried to run away from several defenders including Connor Edmondson, front left, during the first day of the Colby Eagle grade school football camp Monday at the high school practice fields. The camp concludes Thursday. A middle school football camp is also taking place this week. Monday, the high school football camp begins and runs through July 17.

Royals lose to Chicago in 13

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Orlando Cabrera scored Alexei Ramirez on a perfectly executed hit-and-run double in the 13th inning, and the Chicago White Sox held on for an 8-7 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Tuesday night.

Nick Masset (1-0) coaxed a game-ending double play from Mark Grudzielanek with the bases loaded in the bottom of the 13th.

With one out in the 13th, Ramirez reached on an infield single, his career-high fourth hit, and scored easily as Cabrera sliced a double

into right-center off Robinson Tejada (0-1), the sixth Royals pitcher.

Masset went two innings and was the sixth pitcher the White Sox used in the 4-hour, 20-minute game.

The Royals tied it 7-all in the bottom of the 11th after the White Sox had taken a 7-5 lead in the top of the frame on A.J. Pierzynski's rare two-run sacrifice fly to deep center.

Mike Aviles had an RBI single and Alex Gordon brought him in with a double off Scott Linebrink,

who started the 11th.

With one out and the bases loaded in a 5-all tie, Pierzynski hit Horacio Ramirez's 0-2 pitch deep into right-center. Joey Gathright fell down after making the catch near the wall and Joe Crede scored from third and Alexei Ramirez rushed home from second, sliding in well ahead of the throw.

Both runs were unearned off Ramirez. Crede drove in two runs and Jim Thome was 4-for-5 with two doubles and three runs scored. It was the 11th time he's had four hits, equaling a career high.

Lady Eagle picked for all-star game

By Joey Falkoff

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Before she narrows her athletic focus to throwing the discus at Brown University, former Colby High three-sport standout Lissa Mazanec will get to showcase her skills on the hardwood one final time.

Mazanec, a two-time first team all-state selection, was selected to play in the annual Kansas Basketball Coaches Association girls all-star game 6 p.m. Aug. 6 at Washburn's Lee Arena in Topeka. She will be one of 12 players on the North squad, which also includes former Oakley all-state guard Kimber Weiser.

"It will be a great way to top off my basketball career," said Mazanec. "I was pretty excited to hear the news. Having Kimber on the team will make it be pretty fun, too."

Mazanec, Weiser, Osborne's Demi French and Cimarron's Brooke Fairbank are the only four players on either team from schools west of Hutchinson.

The challenge of competing against the best eastern Kansas has to offer is something Mazanec says she is also looking forward to.

"It's a good opportunity to show what kind of athletes we have," she said.

The 6-0 Mazanec led the Lady Eagles in scoring (13.7 ppg), was second in rebounding (5.7 rpg) and averaged two assists and two steals per game this past season. Colby finished the year 24-2 and fourth in class 4A.

As a junior, Mazanec averaged 15 points per game and helped lead the Lady Eagles to their first state championship in school history.

Two of Mazanec's other all-star teammates, Holton's Melissa Nelson and Abilene's Emma Ostermann, will be familiar faces after she played against them at this year's 4A state tournament in



Mazanec

Salina. Although neither is likely to be in her good graces.

Nelson sank a three-pointer with under two seconds left to lift Holton to a 47-44 victory over the Lady Eagles in the state semifinals. It was Colby's first loss of the year after a 24-0 start. The very next day Ostermann torched the Lady Eagles for 24 points as Abilene beat Colby for third place, 66-54.

Those performances made for two of the toughest memories of Mazanec's standout Colby basketball career.

Hopefully, with all three on the same team, it can be a happy ending for everybody.

For more information on the all-star games, visit kansaskbca.com. Rosters for both girls all-star teams are listed below.

North: Danielle Bird (Lawrence), Emma Ostermann (Abilene), Katie Henry (Riley County), Lauren Henry (Blue Valley), Melissa Nelson (Holton), Kimber Weiser (Oakley), Callan Taylor (Blue Valley North), Cassie Lombardino (Bashear-Linwood), Brianna Eldridge (Blue Valley), Katie Pratt (Salina Sacred Heart), Lissa Mazanec (Colby), Jadhken Kerr (Olathe South), Head Coach: Kristin Mallory (Lawrence)

South: Demi French (Osborne), Jennifer Lane (Wichita Heights), Stevi Schultz (Neodesha), Megan Patrick (Central Christian), Rhys Pihl (Smoky Valley), Neather Robben (Maize), Jordi James (McPherson), Sadie Webb (Emporia), Camille Kahrs (Dexter), Bailey Gee (Andover Central), Kendra Frazier (Labette County), Brooke Fairbank (Cimarron), Head Coach: Stana Jefferson (Andover Central).

Lady Trojans sign Colorado product

By Debbie Schwanke

Colby Community College
Public Information

Colby Community College head softball coach Ryan Sturdy has announced Kali Brester, Lakewood, Colo., has signed to play for the Lady Trojans.

A recent graduate of Lakewood High School, Brester plays middle infield and outfield.

"Kali has good speed and is smart on the bases," said Sturdy. "She utilizes her speed in the short game and can hit with power. She comes from a winning program in Lakewood. I look forward to having Kali as a member of our squad



Brester

this coming year. I think she can step in and fill one of the spots vacated by the graduating sophomores."

The Lady Trojans have signed 16 new players for the 2008-09 season.

Sturdy is in his third season as the Head Coach of the Lady Trojan softball program.

He is assisted by Travis Bra-num.



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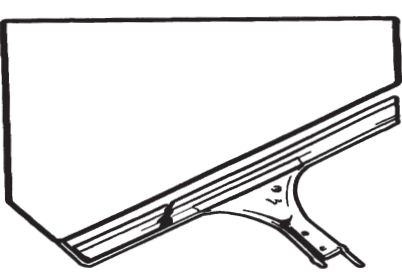
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