

Legion team closes home schedule with sweep of McCook

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Colby's last home doubleheader also marked the first time this summer they've played two seven-inning games in one night at the city fields.

On the slowest day of the sports year, Colby fans probably didn't mind the sitting out a bit longer than usual. And even if there was a full state of games on TV, you'd be hardpressed to find a hotter ballclub than Colby right now.

Colby won their 12th straight game and finished the home slate 15-3 after sweeping a doubleheader from McCook, Neb., 7-3 and 7-2 Wednesday at the city fields.

"You hate streaks, but they've got to start at some point so why not at the end of the season," said Colby head coach Jeff Krzycki.

After getting swept by North Platte June 1, Colby's only other home loss came in the second game to Hays June 18. Since then, they've won 12 in a row at home to close the season.

"It's always nice to play at home," said Krzycki. "You go back to early in the season and going out and playing the tough competition. We come back home and you kinda see the results of going out and playing those bigger teams."

Colby has found a multitude of ways to win at home this year. In game one Wednesday, it was simply a matter of taking what was given to them. Colby scored six runs in the second inning on just one hit thanks to four McCook errors and four walks by starter Mike Grabowski.

"A walk is as good as a hit," said Krzycki. "The other thing is we were able to make contact and push runner's across. A lot of small ball and doing what we had to do to put the runs across."



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Brandon Rasmussen threw a complete-game, five-hitter in game two Wednesday at the city fields as Colby finished off a sweep of McCook, Neb., with a 7-3 victory. Colby won the first game 7-2. They finished the summer 15-3 at home and have now won 12 games in a row.

Chaz Winger, who went 3-3, had Colby's only hit in the inning to drive in their first run.

Grabowski then walked three of the next four batters, all with the bases loaded, to make it 4-0. A two-run error on a ground ball by Levi Schlick gave Colby their final two runs of the inning.

Colby let McCook back in the game in the fourth thanks to some shaky defense of their own. Errors by Stephen Dinkel and Cade Carter led to McCook's first run. After a walk to Cletus Marke, Jeff Lorentz drove home two with a sharp single to make it 6-3. McCook looked poised to draw even closer in the fifth after opening the inning with two singles, but

Schlick saved the day by snagging a sharp line drive off the bat of Grabowski and doubling off Jackson Johnson at second base.

"With all the errors we had that first game, you just knew something good was going to happen, and at any time we can make the plays," said Krzycki. "It's just a matter of us stepping up and making the plays. Levi was ready and made a nice play."

Schlick gave Colby an insurance run with an RBI double in the sixth. Dinkel, who came on in relief of starter Preston Krzycki in the sixth, overcame four walks to finish off McCook with two scoreless innings.

Krzycki picked up the win after

allowing no earned runs and seven hits in five innings. Grabowski was the loser for McCook. He gave up six runs and walked six in five innings. Colby had just five hits with three coming from Winger. Krzycki and Schlick had their other two hits.

"I think tonight in the first game you saw we were a little mentally and physically tired," said Krzycki. "That's okay because you've gotta work through that. I'd rather be going through that now than when we get to the Zone Tournament be fighting those issues."

Colby's tired legs came back to life in game two. A balanced offensive attack produced at least one run in each of the first six in-

nings. Meanwhile, starter Brandon Rasmussen was in control the whole way.

Rasmussen threw a complete-game, five-hitter, allowing one earned run with six strikeouts and just one walk. Two of McCook's five hits came in the final inning with Colby already ahead 7-1.

"I've said all year strikes are the name of the game," said Krzycki. "When you're throwing strikes, you're keeping the rest of the team in the game because they've got to pay attention to what's going on. The other thing is the batter's can't be sitting back there waiting for one pitch. Brandon came in and threw his curveball right away for a strike. When he can do that, he's going to be effective."

Rasmussen was staked to an early 2-0 lead after RBI groundouts by Cory Sager and Garrett Zwegardt in the first two innings. McCook scored their only run in the third on an error by Preston Krzycki.

An RBI double by Schlick and an RBI single from Dinkel extended Colby's lead to 4-1 in the third. Sager and Carter added RBI singles and Zwegardt scored Colby's final run on an error.

Batting in their familiar 1-2 holes, Carter and Sager combined to go 5-7 with three RBIs and three stolen bases. Carter was 3-4 with a triple. Sager finished 2-3 and reached base four times.

"That's kind of a normality for him," said Krzycki.

"It seems like when there's guys on base he'll make something happen. He gets the job done by moving the runners somehow, some way."

Dinkel also had two hits and drove in a run. Jackson took the loss for McCook after allowing nine runs, seven hits and five walks in six innings.

Colby (28-9) has two games remaining Saturday at the Good-

land Triangular before beginning Zone Tournament play next week. A sweep Saturday would not only give Colby a 30-win season, but would send them into post-season play on a 14-game winning streak.

"It would be awesome, but we're not concentrating on streaks," said Krzycki. "Are we playing the best ball we've played all season? I don't think so. We're just taking it one game at a time. One step at a time and that's what we have to do. We've got a long road ahead of us with some tougher competition, so that's how we have to approach it."

Game 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
McCook	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	8	5
Colby	0	6	0	0	0	1	x	7	5	4

WP: Preston Krzycki 5IP 3R 0ER
7H 3K 3BB
LP: Mike Grabowski 5IP 4H 4K 6BB
S: Stephen Dinkel 2IP 0R 1H 4BB 2K
2B: Schlick

Carter 0-3 walk RBI, Sager 0-1 RBI 2 walks HBP SB, Schlick 1-4 RBI double, Arnberger 0-4, Dinkel 0-3 walk, Rasmussen 0-3 walk, Winger 3-3 RBI SB, Krzycki 1-2 RBI walk, Rogers 0-2

Game 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
McCook	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	5	3
Colby	1	1	2	1	2	0	x	7	9	1

WP: Brandon Rasmussen 7IP 2R 5H 6K 1BB
LP: Jackson Johnson 6IP 7R 9H 3K 5BB
2B: Zwegardt, Schlick
3B: Carter

Carter 3-4 RBI triple 2 SB, Sager 2-3 2RBI SB, Schlick 1-4 RBI double, Arnberger 0-3 walk, Dinkel 2-3 RBI walk SB, Rasmussen 0-3 2 HBP, Winger 0-2 2 walks SB, Krzycki 0-1 walk, Zwegardt 1-3 RBI double SB

Colby Swim Club triumphs in final meet

Colby Swim Club concluded their summer schedule on a winning note after taking first place at the League Meet Saturday in Burlington, Colo.

The Sharks finished well ahead of the pack with 368 points. Following Colby were Oberlin, 286; Goodland, 254; Wray, Colo., 156; Burlington, Colo., 151; Holyoke, Colo., 86; Flagler, Colo., 77; St. Francis, 65; and Oakley, 27.

Colby won four of their six league meets and finished in the top two at all six.

Listed below are the High Point awards for our team. Swimmers had to place in the top six of each event of the meets in order to receive points. The points are totaled from each meet and added together. The top six high point totals of all the meets for each age group received a trophy. Each age group is also given a first place trophy for the top total of the high point of the league, meet total for the two day meet.

Colby results for the first place high point of League Meet and 1st-6th places of the total meet points of all the meets per age group. These swimmers received trophies.

- 8 & UN Girls**
None
- 8 & UN Boys**
Total High Point
3 Lander Niblock 63
- 9-10 Girls**
None
- 9-10 Boys**
League High Point
1 Brennon Overton 35
Total High Point
1 Brennon Overton 138
2 Travis Finley 114
3 Aaron Faber 77
5 Mark Faber 71
- 11-12 Girls**
Total High Point
3 Madison Rogers 95
6 Lauren Bell 60
- 11-12 Boys**
Total High Point
5 John Faber 75
6 Kyle Finley 74
- 13-14 Girls**
None
- 13-14 Boys**
Total High Point
4 Karlton Leiker 68
5 Zell Bieberle 67
- 15-18 Girls**
League High Point
1 Jessica Leiker 33
Total High Point
3 Jessica Leiker 91
6 Emiela Finley 70
- 15-18 Boys**
League High Point
1 Kalen Rasmussen 35
Total High Point
2 Kalen Rasmussen 98
Partial Burlington meet results are listed below. The rest will be included



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Madison Rogers competed for Colby Swim Club Saturday at the League Meet in Burlington, Colo. Colby won the meet with 368 points.

in Friday's paper.

8 & UN Girls
Taylor Bieberle placed 15th in the 50Y Freestyle with a time of :59.90Y; placed 14th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :26.12Y; placed 18th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :35.25Y; placed 13th in the 25Y Breaststroke with a time of :38.53Y; had a DQ in the 25Y Individual Medley.

Jersey Carney placed 24th in the 50Y Freestyle with a time of 1:11.61Y; placed 24th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :32.40Y; placed 10th in the 25Y Butterfly with a time of :42.49Y; placed 16th in the 25Y Breaststroke with a time of :40.83Y; placed 11th in the 25Y Individual Medley with a time of 3:07.05Y.

Kourtney Finley placed 29th in the 50Y Freestyle with a time of 1:50.87Y; had a DQ in the 25Y Butterfly; had a DQ in the 25Y Individual Medley; placed 30th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :50.37Y; placed 36th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :49.81Y.

Kensy Garrett placed 21st in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :29.18Y; placed 16th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :34.01Y; placed 12th in the 25Y Breaststroke with a time of :38.41Y.

Michaela Giebler placed 11th in the 50Y Freestyle with a time of :54.23Y; placed 10th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :23.49Y; placed 8th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :28.44Y; placed 6th in the 25Y Breaststroke with a time of :28.68Y;

placed 8th in the 25Y Individual Medley with a time of 2:24.56Y.

Emeline Hutton had a DQ in the 25Y Individual Medley; had a DQ in the 25Y Breaststroke; placed 22nd in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :31.02Y; placed 21st in the 50Y Freestyle with a time of 1:09.43Y; placed 17th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :34.04Y.

Brayclen Lynn placed 35th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :46.41Y; had a DQ in the 25Y Individual Medley; had a DQ in the 25Y Breaststroke; placed 32nd in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of 1:04.53Y; placed 30th in the 50Y Freestyle with a time of 2:03.83Y.

Brielle Lynn had a DQ in the 50Y Freestyle; placed 38th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of 1:24.95Y.

Jessilyn Weis had a DQ in the 25Y Backstroke; placed 15th in the 25Y Breaststroke with a time of :39.98Y; placed 37th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :50.20Y.

8 & UN Girls Relays
Colby Swim Club A placed 3rd in the 100Y Freestyle Relay with the following swimmers: Taylor Bieberle, Kensy Garrett, Jersey Carney and Michaela Giebler.

Colby Swim Club B placed 6th in the 100Y Freestyle Relay with the following swimmers: Emeline Hutton, Kourtney Finley, Jessilyn Weis and Brayclen Lynn.

Colby Swim Club A placed 3rd in the 100Y Medley Relay with the following

swimmers: Emeline Hutton, Michaela Giebler, Jersey Carney and Jessilyn Weis.

Colby Swim Club B had a DQ in the 100Y Medley Relay with the following swimmers: Brayclen Lynn, Kensy Garrett, Taylor Bieberle and Kourtney Finley.

8 & UN Boys
Heath Bolyard placed 11th in the 50Y Freestyle with a time of 1:04.68Y; placed 14th in the 25Y Freestyle with a time of :30.36Y; placed 9th in the 25Y Backstroke with a time of :35.13Y; placed 4th in the 25Y Breaststroke with a time of :34.81Y; had a DQ in the 25Y Individual Medley.

Sam Bretz had a DQ in the 25Y Individual Medley; placed 15th in the 50Y Freestyle.

Wind and rain wreak havoc at British Open

SOUTHPORT, England (AP)— Forget the leaderboard. No one dominated at Royal Birkdale like the whipping wind and soaking rain.

The British Open got off to a chilly, soggy start Thursday, with storms rolling off the Irish Sea turning the historic links course into a house of horrors.

Phil Mickelson lost a ball in the tangly rough. Sandy Lyle and Rich Beem both gave up

Vijay Singh signed for an 80. So did Ernie Els — the worst score ever on his sterling Open record.

Turns out, Tiger Woods couldn't have picked a better time to miss his first major since 1996. He was back home in the States, all warm and comfy as he recovered from knee surgery.

Certainly, Kenny Perry must have been chuckling to himself after taking all that grief.

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