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Senior Stephen Dinkel drove to the hoop during the Colby High Eagles' game against Hesston in the substate finals on March 7. Dinkel has been selected to play in the 16th annual All Star National Classic. The women's game will start at 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Colby Community Building and the men's game at 7 p.m.

Colby High Eagles athletes to participate in all-star game

Two Colby High players are on the rosters for the 16th annual All-Star Basketball Classic, sponsored by Colby Community College and featuring area senior basketball players Sunday at the Colby Community Building.

The girls' game is set to tip off at 5 p.m., with the boys' game to follow at 7 p.m. Representing Colby will be Eagles' seniors Levi Schlick and Stephen Dinkel. No Colby girls made the team, but Colby High Girls Basketball Coach Parker McKee is one of the girls' coaches.

Players who are participating in the event:

Girls — Kendra Spreser, Darra Stithem, Bailey Ochs, and Brittany Schamburger, Hoxie; Raney Okeson, Cassandra Welsh and Danica Cox, Weskan; Britt Kammer, Brewster; Crystal

Kinderknecht, Hill City; Stephanie Plowman, Osborne; Lacey Wallingford, Norton; Shelby Kite, Scott City; Sarah Smith, Wichita County; Kelsey Hubin, Dighton; Haley Wolf and Whitney Taylor, Ellis; Lindsay Dusin, Phillipsburg; Lauren Billinger, Trego County; and Lauren Elder, Sharon Springs.

The other coach for the girls' game is Landon Steele of Sharon Springs.

Boys — Drew Basgall and Elijah Kastens, Rawlins County; Reese Latoush, and Luke Johnson, Healy; Ed Machen, Quinter; Lucas Juenemann, Decatur Com-

munity; Greg Farris, Goodland; Tate Bruggeman, Golden Plains; Dylan Frantz, Phillipsburg; Spencer Hemmert, WaKeeney; Matt Weis, Hoxie; Chase Waldman, Wheatland; Taylor Kuhlman, and Matt Teselle, Thunder Ridge; Chip Schneider, Greeley County; Tyler O'Connor, Sharon Springs; TJ Preston, Brewster; and Jack Danner, Hays.

John Crist from Quinter and Greg Kuhlman from Thunder Ridge will coach the men's teams.

For information, call Athletic Director Ryan Sturdy, at (785) 460-5548.

Oakland defeats Colorado 7-6

PHOENIX (AP) — It was another rough day for an Oakland Athletics starting pitcher.

Sean Gallagher gave up six runs and nine hits in five innings Sunday, and then was summoned into a meeting with general manager Billy Beane. Gallagher emerged a few minutes later and said that Beane had just wanted to "light a little fire under my butt."

Oakland did get some good news on the field as Chris Denorfia hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning to give the A's a 7-6 victory over the Colorado Rockies, snapping a 10-game losing streak.

Beane's message to Gallagher was perhaps a sign that the A's are growing nervous that opening day is drawing near and the team's starters have been so shaky.

Despite Gallagher's struggles, he remains likely to be in a rotation that has been muddled all spring. After the game, the A's re-assigned Edgar Gonzalez to their minor-league camp. That leaves

Brett Anderson, Trevor Cahill and Josh Outman as the candidates for the final two spots in the rotation, with Anderson and Cahill almost certain to win the jobs.

Dallas Braden, Dana Eveland and Gallagher are likely the top three.

The Rockies, meanwhile saw their rotation competition get a little clearer, with Franklin Morales taking a big step ahead of Greg Smith.

Smith started and made it through only 1 2-3 innings, giving up five runs and leaving the game complaining of shoulder trouble.

Smith, acquired in the trade that sent Matt Holliday to the A's, had already missed some time this spring with the flu.

"Greg has been fighting an uphill battle all year," Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said. "I don't think we've been able to see the guy that our scouts saw pitch last

year in the American League."

Morales pitched five strong innings in relief. He had not allowed a run until the ninth, when Kurt Suzuki led off with a single and Denorfia yanked a game-winning homer to left.

"Franklin threw the ball very well," Hurdle said. "He really pitched today. He mixed speeds, had good command of the fast-ball."

The Rockies have enough off days early in the season that could use four starters until April 21.

Rockies outfielder Brad Hawpe had two hits, including a double, in his first game since March 20. Hawpe had been out because of a strained left hamstring. Before that he missed two weeks with a lacerated pinkie finger. This was only Hawpe's seventh exhibition game with the Rockies this spring.

Ballgames rescheduled

Due to the weather, the Colby Community College baseball games originally scheduled for last Saturday and Sunday have moved to today at 1 p.m. and Tuesday. The Trojans will be in El Dorado, to face Butler County today. The Trojans are currently 19-10 overall and 7-5 in the conference.

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