

Throw that batter out



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Freshman Tiffany Allen prepared to fire a throw to first base during the Colby College Lady Trojans game against Barton on Monday. Colby lost both games of their doubleheader against Seward on Wednesday at Carl Adams Field at the college. The Lady Trojans lost their first game 6-3 and their second game 14-3.

Colby High softball team opens year with two victories

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The Colby High varsity softball team started its season on a positive note, winning both games of a doubleheader against Scott City at the Colby Recreation Field on Tuesday.

The Lady Eagles won their first game 3-1. Starting pitcher Skyler

Mengel (a sophomore) turned in a solid effort, allowing only 1 run on 3 hits while striking out 6 batters. The girls had 4 hits overall and they walked six times.

Mengel picked up another win in the second game as the Lady Eagles defeated the Lady Beavers 10-6. The girls were swinging the bat well with 10 hits overall in the contest.

"The girls played hard in in-

clement weather and did a good job for our first competition," said Coach Jack Elliot.

The team will play their next game at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday against Dodge at Dusty Glassman Ballfields in Hays. They will play Hays at 6 p.m., directly following their game against the Lady Red Demons.

Colby Community baseball team sits atop Jayhawk Western Division

The Colby Community College baseball team stands alone in first place in the Jayhawk Community College West Division after taking three out of four games from Butler County on Monday and Tuesday in El Dorado.

The Trojans (23-12 overall) are 10-6 in conference play, followed by Butler County and Hutchinson at 12-8. Garden City is in fourth place with a 9-7 record and Barton County is fifth at 11-9.

The Trojans will play Barton County for a four-game set this Saturday and Sunday in Colby.

The Trojans split a nonconference doubleheader with Western Nebraska Community College on Wednesday.

Colby won the first game 7-6 with Zach Hays earning the win. Hays allowed five runs on three hits over three innings, walking three and striking out one. Alex Stewart pitched two innings in relief and Griffin Campbell pitched two scoreless innings for the save.

Trojan batters collected 10 hits in game one, led by a 2-for-3 performance by third baseman Jason Huerta. Huerta had three runs batted in. Mark Clauson was 2-for-3 with a walk and two runs scored.

The Trojans allowed 11 runs in the first two innings in game 2, which resulted in a 12-6 defeat. Hayden Chies started for the Trojans, and allowed 7 runs, 4 earned,

in just one inning of work.

Brendan Miller was 2-for-3 in the contest with 3 runs scored. Miller currently leads the Trojans with a .490 batting average. Boston Langley was 2-for-2 in game two with 2 runs batted in.

The Trojans will play doubleheaders with Barton County at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at the college baseball diamond on campus.

Jayhawks women's team headed to tourney finals

LAWRENCE (AP) — Danielle McCray scored 22 of her 31 points in the second half and Kansas held off a late Illinois State surge for a 75-72 win Wednesday night in a WNIT semifinal game.

Kansas (22-13) also got 18 points and seven rebounds from Krysten Boogard in reaching its first WNIT final. The Jayhawks will play South Florida (26-10) — which beat Boston College 82-65 in the other semifinal — at 1 p.m. CDT Saturday at Allen Field-

house.

Illinois State (27-8) was down 31-25 at halftime and trailed 46-30 with 14:35 remaining. But a 42-27 Redbird run capped by Kristi Cirone's three straight free throws brought Illinois State within 73-72 with less than 5 seconds left.

McCray hit two free throws to make it 75-72, then stole the ball on the Redbirds' desperation shot as time ran out.

Cirone led Illinois State with 24 points.

Junior softball team off to strong beginning

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The Colby High junior varsity softball team started its season Tuesday by sweeping Scott City in doubleheader, winning game one 13-6 and eeking out a 9-8 victory in the second match at Colby Recreation Field.

Sophomore Tera Raymond picked up the win in the first game. She struck out four and gave up four hits.

Freshman Madison Gawith had a double and a triple, and Sophomore Amy Schroeder had two singles.

Raymond picked another victory in the second contest. She helped her own cause by hitting a double and a single. Gawith had two singles.

The team will face Dodge City at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Dusty Glassman Ballfields in Hays, then play Hays at 6 p.m.

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