

## Catching baseball fever



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Senior Kiri Kendrick fielded the ball in the outfield as junior Keesa Wright tried to run the ball down at the Colby High Softball practice on Wednesday at the Colby Recreation Fields.

## Colby High softball team loses double-header in Hays

By Andy Heintz

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The Colby High softball team lost both games in a double-header at Hays on Tuesday. The girls lost their first game 4-3 in eight innings to Dodge City and fell to Hays High 10-0 in the second.

In the first game, senior Jordan Krzycki doubled in the top of the fourth inning to drive in two runs and give Colby a 3-2 lead. The Lady Demons tied the game in the seventh and scored a run in the

eighth to take the lead and secure the win.

Sophomore Skyler Mengel was the losing pitcher, giving up 4 runs on 7 hits, walking two and striking out three.

Senior Kiri Kendrick had two singles and Sophomore Caitlin Wark and Mengel both had singles.

The Lady Eagles had trouble hitting in the second game, recording only one hit. Mengel took her second loss of the night, giving up 9 hits and 9 runs. She was relieved by Wark in the fifth. Wark

gave up a run in the sixth and the game was called inning under the 10-limit. A team leading by 10 or more after five innings is declared the winner. Wark had the team's only hit.

"The team played extremely well in the first game, only to lose in extra innings, and then went flat in game 2," said Coach Jack Elliot.

With the two losses, the team dropped to 2-2 on the season.

The Lady Eagles will play again at 4 p.m. on Thursday in a double-header at Goodland.

## Young Colby wrestlers honor fallen teammate

By Marj Brown

Colby had 22 boys qualify for the USA-Kansas Kids Wrestling State Championship March 28-29 at the Kansas Expocentre in Topeka.

The boys won their right to take part in the State Championships by placing in one of the top four spots at the District Championship matches in Garden City on March 21.

All of the boys who qualified but Nathan Quagliano went to Topeka. Since Quagliano was unable to attend, he had to forfeit.

The Colby kids wrestling team lost one of its members last month when 7-year-old Tate Siruta was killed in an auto accident on his way home from the district matches in Garden City. Tate was honored at the Topeka matches when the Colby boys wore white T-shirts with a picture of Tate on the front and the words, "Warriors Never Die, Take State for Tate." Also, in honor of Tate, the Colby team was allowed to lead their side of the Parade of Champions at the opening of the matches in Topeka.

That Tuesday, the Colby team attended Tate's funeral at the United Methodist Church wearing their wrestling uniforms. Afterwards, they planted a tree at the church in honor of Tate and christened it "The Tatter Tree," using Tate's nickname.

Eight thousand wrestlers, coaches and audience members attended the matches in Topeka, including 116 kids' wrestling teams from all over Kansas. The giant-sized floor of the Expocentre was covered with kid wrestlers when the parade of champions was finished.

Colby's team wasn't fortunate enough to be one of the big win-

ners, but many of the boys have vowed to return next year and do a better job, said Holly Lynn, a team mother who supplied most of the information for this report. Kevin Taylor, a team father, and Tera Edmundson, club vice president, also contributed.

The Greater Gold team from Garden City won first place, the Brawlers from Wichita took second, the East Kansas Club from Kansas City third, the Andover team fourth and the Team of Hard Knocks Club from Wichita fifth. Kevin Taylor says everyone from division four is proud of the Garden City team for winning for the division.

Colby Kids Wrestling Club officers are Blake Arnberger, president; Edmundson, vice president; Missie Siruta, secretary and Grady Garrett, Shawn Yost and Chris Shritter, coaches.

Shritter coaches the younger wrestlers, who weren't at Topeka, so he wasn't there. The team has several other coaches who help without being paid, and some dads and some of the older boys served as coaches in Topeka due to several matches going on at the same time.

### COLBY RESULTS

**Class, weight, name, district, state**  
8 and Under, 49 pounds, Braidon Lynn, first, did not place.  
8 and Under, 67, Sean Rall, fourth, did not place.  
8 and Under, 76, Tucker Bra-

num, first, did not place.  
8 and Under, 80, Ethan Rummel, second, did not place.

8 and Under, 80, Zach Hart, third, did not place.

10 and Under, 67, Tate Carney, second, did not place.

10 and Under, 82, Travis Finley, first, did not place.

10 and Under, 85, Brennan Ziegelmeier, third, did not place.

10 and Under, 100, Bryce Arnberger, fourth, did not place.

10 and Under, 150, Austin Hart, third, fifth.

12 and Under, 92, Brady Holzmeister, fourth, did not place.

12 and Under, 140, Andrew Taylor, second, second.

14 and Under, 95, Dustin Reed, third, fifth.

14 and Under, 110, Konnor Kriss, first, fourth.

14 and Under, 115, Chase Harlow, third, did not place.

14 and Under, 135, Dalton Snyder, first, third.

16 and Under, 155, Ethan Stickel, second, did not place.

16 and Under, 160, Torey Taylor, third, did not place.

16 and Under, 175, Andrew Flanagan, third, fifth.

16 and Under, 215, Nathan Quagliano, fourth, forfeit.

16 and Under, 250, Drew White, fourth, did not place.

16 and Under, 285, Cameron Crocker, first, did not place.

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