

## Throw him out



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Colby Community College freshman shortstop Aritz Garcia got ready to fire a throw to first base in a game against Cloud County on March 22 at the college baseball diamond here. The Trojans will start a four-game series with Garden City at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the campus field.

## Colby High wrestlers compete in tournament

Colby High School senior wrestlers Tanner Kriss and Breck Amberger competed in 20th annual Senior National wrestling tournament in Virginia Beach, Va., from April 5 to 7.

Both posted 2-2 records, Amberger in the 171-pound weight class and Kriss at 215 pounds.

"Both young men should be very proud of their accomplishments," said wrestling Coach Matt Simms, "as they competed against the finest wrestlers in the nation."

High school seniors from 47 states attended the tournament. Wrestlers had to be a state finalist at some point in their careers to qualify for the tournament, Simms said. He said 50 to 80 wrestlers competed against each other in

each weight bracket to earn All-American status.

Eight wrestlers from each bracket got the coveted award, he added.

Amberger went undefeated this year in high school competition, posting a 39-0 record and a state championship. He had 127 takedowns, Simms said, the most in Colby High history. He is third in school history in career takedowns with 286. Kriss' culminated with a 38-0 senior season and a state championship. He led the team in pins this year with 26 falls in 38 matches.

Kriss' career at Colby includes 126 varsity wins. He holds the record for the most pins in a career with 75 falls overall.

## Colby High basketball players participate in all-star classic

Colby High School seniors Levi Schlick, Stephen Dinkel and Taylor Young got to play in the 16th Annual Northwest Kansas All-Star Classic basketball games on April 5 at the Colby Community Building.

In addition to the two games between boys' and girls' teams made up of high school senior all stars, the event included boys and girls three-point shooting contests. The all-star classic was sponsored by the colleges women's basketball program.

Colby High girls Coach Parker McKee was invited to coach in the girl's game. Seniors T.J. Preston of Brewster and Tate Bruggeman of Golden Plains also competed in the boy's game and senior Britt Kammer of Brewster played in the girl's game.

The boys "light" team included Schlick, Dinkel, Bruggeman, Drew Basgall and Elijah Kasten,

Rawlins County; Resse LaToush and Luke Johnson, Healy; Lucas Juenemann, Oberlin; and Zach Danner, Hays. Players wore their own high school jerseys.

The boy's "dark" team included Preston, Matt Weis, Hoxie; Chase Waldman, Wheatland; Taylor Kuhlman and Matt Teselle, Thunder Ridge; Chip Schneider, Greeley County; Tyler O'Connor, Sharon Springs; and Greg Farris, Goodland.

The Dark team squeaked by the light squad 74-72. Farris was named the dark team's most valuable player and Basgall the light team's most valuable.

Greg Kuhlmann of Thunder Ridge and John Crist of Quinter were the coaches for the boys game. Danner won the boys three-point contest.

The girls' light team included Young, Kammer, Kendra Spesser, Hoxie; Cassondra Welsh and

Danica Cox, Weskan; Stephanie Plowman, Osborne; Lacey Wallingford, Norton; Shelby Kite, Scott Community; Darra Stithem, Hoxie; and Sarah Smith, Wichita County.

The girl's dark team included Kelsey Hubin, Dighton; Haley Wolf and Whitney Taylor, Ellis; Lindsay Dusin, Phillipsburg; Raney Okeson, Weskan; Brittany Schamberger and Bailey Ochs, Hoxie; Lauren Billinger, Trego County; Lauren Elder, Sharon Springs; and Crystal Kinderknecht, Hill City.

The light team pulled out a 69-65 win. Spesser was named the light team's most valuable player of and Hubin the dark team's.

London Steele of Sharon Springs was the other coach in the girls game.

Wolf won the girls three-point contest.

## Baseball team remains undefeated

By Andy Heintz

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The Colby High baseball team remained unbeaten after sweeping Russell in a road doubleheader on Tuesday.

The Eagles won the first game 9-1 and the second 13-5.

"The whole team hit pretty well," said Coach Kevin Cox.

Senior Levi Schlick pitched a complete game on his way to picking up his third win of the season, Cox said.

Senior Corey Sager slammed a home run his first time at bat.

Senior Stephen Dinkel pitched the entire second game, improv-

ing his record to 3-0 also.

"His change-up pitch was working pretty well in the game," said Cox.

The team will take on Goodland in a make-up game at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Young Memorial Field at the Colby Recreation Complex.

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