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Freshman Justin Slavens got ready to slam a shot during tennis practice Wednesday at Fike Park. The Colby High School varsity tennis team finished first in the Larned Round Robin tournament on Tuesday.

Colby High tennis team places first in tournament

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The Colby High School varsity tennis team's season got off to a good start on Tuesday, finishing first in the Larned Round Robin tournament with 18 points.

Ellinwood High took second out of five teams in the event with 16 points.

Grey Henry and Sam Matzek finished first in No. 2 doubles, going 4-0. They won a match against Cole Clawson and Alex Barr of Ellinwood 8-7 and defeated Gabe Cowell and Logan Van Horn of Larned 8-2. They shut out Victor Rivera and Aaron Schwindt of Ulysses 8-0 and then defeated Patrick Cowan and Jordan Mooney of Hoisington 8-1.

The No. 1 doubles team, Jordan

Hockersmith and Justin Slavens, went 3-1, finishing second in their bracket. They pummeled Ethan Smith and Chris Batt of Hoisington 8-1, then defeated Jahman Hill and Mike Orth of Larned 8-3 and beat Sergio Perez and Trent Bidle of Ulysses 8-7. The duo lost to Brett Lyman and Kyle Corbett of Ellinwood 8-4.

Jared Bixenman finished second in No. 2 doubles with a 3-1 record. He won his match against Cale Clawson of Ellinwood 8-5 and dominated Edwin Porras

of Ulysses 8-0. He defeated Erick Crawford of Hoisington 8-3, but he fell to Kevin Van Feldt of Larned 8-7.

Jeremy Harter placed second in No. 1 singles with a 2-2 record. He defeated Jeret Johnson of Larned 8-6 and won his match against Bryce Lubbers of Ulysses 8-2. He lost to Aaron Koetter of Ellinwood 8-6 and Ryan Hoffman of Hoisington 8-7.

The Eagles will play Russell at 3 p.m. on Friday on the road.

Lady Trojans pick up big win against Barton on Wednesday

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The Colby Community College softball team has gone 1-3 in its last four conference games.

The Lady Trojans split two games with Barton County on Wednesday. They defeated Barton 8-6 in eight innings in the first game, but lost to the Cougars 8-6 in game two in a contest that also went eight innings.

Sophomore Marissa Elsberry gave up 7 hits while striking out five in a winning effort in game one. Freshman Ashley Primm went 2 for 4 while with two runs

batted in and Erin Myers went 2 for 4.

Freshman Jaylon Reed gave up 9 hits and 8 runs in the second game.

Freshmen Tiffany Allen, Logan Wark, and Jamie Main all went 2 for 4. Allen and Main each had two runs batted in.

The Lady Trojans got swept in a double-header at Garden City, 6-0 and 8-5, on Tuesday.

Elsberry gave up six hits and six walks while striking out 9 in a losing effort.

Primm and freshman Brittany Berndt both went 1 for 2 in the first game.

Reed struck out five while giv-

ing up 9 hits and eight runs in game two. Primm went 2 for 4 with two runs batted in.

"We continued to struggle when we played Garden City yesterday," said Coach Ryan Sturdy. "We bounced back and played the best we have in about three weeks against Barton. Our pitchers threw well and we didn't make mistakes with routine plays on defense. This was a huge win for us."

The Lady Trojans will hold the Allen Wolf Memorial Tournament this weekend. They will play Saturdays at 10 a.m., noon and 4 p.m. and Sunday at noon and 2 p.m. All games will be played at Carl Adams Field on campus.

Rockies defeat Chicago Cubs 5-2

CHICAGO (AP) — Jason Marquis wasn't a fan favorite in his time with the Chicago Cubs, and if he didn't know it then, he does now. The Wrigley Field faithful booed him at every turn this week.

Marquis got some measure of revenge Wednesday, hitting a two-run single off Rich Harden to put Colorado ahead against his former team, then pitching the Rockies over the Chicago Cubs 5-2.

"Everybody has the right to react the way they want and feel the way they want," he said. "Obviously, that's not the way I was raised, to boo people, but everybody is different."

Marquis (2-0), who spent the previous two years with the Cubs, was jeered during introductions before Monday's home opener and again several times Wednesday. He hit a bases-loaded single in the second and allowed one run and five hits in seven innings.

Did this win mean anything extra?

"Not really," he said. "A little ammo to talk to the guys I'm friends with, but other than that, a win is a win."

Rockies manager Clint Hurdle didn't talk to Marquis about pitching against his old club. He had a different take on Marquis' status

among Cubs fans.

"He did pretty well here," Hurdle said of Marquis' 23-18 record with Chicago. "He pitched a lot of innings and won some games. I walked around the streets enough here the last couple of days and everybody told me they liked him."

Manuel Corpas followed Marquis with a hitless eighth before Huston Street got in trouble in the ninth, allowing a leadoff home run to Derrek Lee followed by a walk to pinch-hitter Mike Fontenot and a single to Reed Johnson.

Jason Grilli came in, and Fontenot was thrown out by Chris Iannetta trying to advance on a breaking ball in the dirt that got away from the catcher. Geovany Soto then hit into a game-ending double play, giving Grilli his second career save and first this year.

"At that point, I should've stayed at second," Fontenot said. "With Geo up, he could've tied the game with one swing. I thought the ball rolled farther away from him. I was trying to be too aggressive."

Street is 0-1 with a save and a 13.50 ERA in four appearances. His status as closer is unclear.

"I've got a whole night and a whole 'nother day to figure something out," Hurdle said. "If we need to figure something out."

Seth Smith homered for the Rockies.

Harden allowed four runs, five hits and four walks in three innings, his shortest outing since July 7, 2007.

, when he went 2 2-3 innings for Oakland against Seattle. He struck out eight but threw 92 pitches.

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WHITNEY COLETTE ADAMS

Small Sample

I plan to attend Colby Community College and play softball

PARENTS: Richard & Peggy Adams

It's been a real hoot, Whitney go get em girl, and Godspeed. Love, Mom & Dad

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