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Senior Levi Schlick got ready to fire a pitch against Scott City at Young Memorial Field at the Colby Recreation Complex. Schlick threw a shut out to lead the Eagles to an 8-0 win at Lakin in the first half of a double header on Thursday.

## Colby High baseball team splits games against Lakin

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The Colby High varsity baseball team split two games at Lakin in a doubleheader Thursday. The Eagles won their first game 8-0 and lost the second 9-1 in their first loss of the season.

Senior Levi Schlick pitched all

seven innings for Colby in the first game. He not only threw a shut-out, but hit his fifth home run of the year. That tied the school record for home runs in a single season, said Coach Kevin Cox.

Senior Stephen Dinkel started the second game for the Eagles, but Colby struggled at the plate.

"Lakin's pitcher had an excellent change-up," Cox said, adding

that Lakin was able to get timely hits.

Junior Preston Krzycki hit one out to give the Eagles their only run.

The Eagles' record now stands at 11-1. They will play Goodland at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Young Memorial Field at the Colby Recreation Complex.

## Tennis team dominates tourney in Great Bend with an 18-1 record

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The Colby High tennis team rebounded from a mediocre performance at Ulysses by winning the Hoisington Round Robin Tournament in Great Bend on Thursday by 20 points.

The Eagles finished with 47 points, while Hoisington came in second with 27. The players took first at No.2 singles, No. 1 doubles and No. 2 doubles, and second at No. 1 singles.

Coach Matt Ludwick said he was pleased with his team's performance.

"I'm very proud of these guys," he said. "They were focused and were determined to win. I was pleased to see them bounce back from Ulysses and take home the first place team from Great Bend."

Senior Jeremy Harter went 4-1 in No.1 singles. He defeated Daniel Gutierrez of Southwestern Heights 8-4, Spencer Hess of Hays 8-3, Matt Kliewer of Cimarron 8-4 and shut out Haven's Logan Sauer 8-0. His only loss came against Hoisington's Ryan Hoffman, who defeated Harter 8-3.

Senior Jared Bixenman won all four of his matches in No. 2 singles. He defeated Patrick Cowan of Hoisington 8-2, Vinny Longoria of Southwestern Heights 8-1, Andrew Groll of Hays 8-4 and Haven's Thomas Ryan 8-4.

The No. 1 doubles team of senior Sam Matzek and junior Grey Henry took first by going 4-0. They hammered Ethan Smith and

Cody Batt of Hoisington 8-1, they slipped by Southwestern Heights' Eddy Barza and Ishmael Gomez 8-6, they pounded Kipp Childs and Sheldon Krepp of Haven 8-1 and they defeated Cimmarrons Saige Martinez and Matt Wehkamp 8-4.

The No. 2 doubles team of senior Jordon Hockersmith and freshman Justin Slavens won all five of their matches. They defeated Jordan Mooney and Jordan Klima of Hoisington 8-5, South-

western Heights' Drew Amerin and Marissa Angell 8-2, Aaron Moritz and Ingo Jungnickel of Hays 8-5, Charles Blattner and Charles Shan of Cimarron 8-1 and Haven's Robert Chrystic and Chace Ausherman 8-2.

The team will be at home at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Colby Invitational at Fike Park and the tennis courts at Colby Community College.

# Lady Eagles team picks up two victories

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A combination of good fielding, strong hitting and solid pitching helped the Colby High varsity softball team pick up two victories on Thursday.

They pounded Lakin 14-3 in game one and whipped Scott City 9-3 in game two, bringing their record to 10-4.

In the first game, starting pitcher sophomore Brittany Bange ran into some trouble in the top of the third inning. Lakin was able to score two runs to turn what was a 1-1 tie into a 3-1 lead for the Lady Broncos. Coach Jack Elliot brought in sophomore Skyler Mengel to relieve Bange at pitcher. She got the Lady Eagles out of the inning without giving up another run.

Senior Jordan Krzycki hit a soft line-drive single between left and center field to start the bottom of the third. Sophomore Bailey Koerperich followed with a ground-ball double off the third base bag that advanced Krzycki to third. Krzycki would eventually score to make cut Lakin's lead to 3-2. Koerperich scored on a grounder by Bange to tie the game at 3. Later in the inning, Mengel knocked a single to center to give Colby a 4-3 lead.

Sophomore Shelby Terrell and

Krzycki both made it on base due to errors to start the bottom of the fourth. Koerperich made the Lady Broncos pay for their mistakes by tomahawking a line-drive double down the left field-line that scored Terrell and Krzycki to extend the Lady Eagles' lead to 6-3.

Koerperich stole third and eventually scored on a sacrifice grounder by junior Keesa Wright to increase the lead to 7-3. Later in the inning, with Colby now leading 8-3 Terrell hit a ground ball to the shortstop, who fielded it but made a bad throw that got past the first baseman, allowing two runs to score to make it 10-3 Colby.

The Lady Eagles tacked on four more runs in the inning. The last three runs of the inning were due to an almost-incomprehensible play that turned a possible out into an error-filled inside-the-park home run. Colby was leading 11-3 when Koerperich hit a grounder to the shortstop. She let the ball get past her and into the outfield, where it got past the left fielder, allowing Koerperich to score along with two other Lady Eagles to give Colby a 14-3 lead.

Mengel struck out a Lady Broncos batter for the third out in the top of the fifth to give Colby the victory.

"My arms getting in shape," Mengel said after the game.

That was a good thing, because

she had to start the the next game against the Scott City Lady Beavers.

She had a somewhat rocky first, giving up two runs, but the Lady Eagles responded with two of their own in the bottom half of the first.

Mengel helped herself out in the bottom of the third by smacking a triple early in the inning. She scored when a hard ground ball by Krzycki glanced off the Lady Beavers' shortstops' glove to put Colby up 3-2. Mengel recovered from the tough first by throwing four straight scoreless innings.

Mengel drove in Terrell with a line-drive triple in the bottom of the fourth to extend the Lady Eagles' lead to 4-2. Later in the inning, after Colby had scored two more runs, sophomore Caitlyn Wark drove another two with a ground-ball single up the middle to make it 8-2 Colby. Both teams would pick up another run before the game came to an end.

Krzycki said her team was communicating well with each other. "We're big on talking," she said.

The Lady Eagles will play again at 4 p.m. on Monday at home against Thomas More Prep-Marian High of Hays.

## NOTICE

### American Legion Baseball

American Legion Baseball sign-up will be held on May 3, 2009, 5:00 p.m. at the American Legion building, Colby. Please use the west door. First year players will need to bring an original birth certificate. To be eligible a player's birth date must be on or after January 1, 1990. For more information contact John Gatz, 785-460-3383, or 785-460-2490.

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## ~ League Bowling Results ~

**April 7, 2009 - Pinbusters League**

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Al's Painting	195	141	1
Colby Bowl	184	152	2
Subway	180	156	3
Colby Automotive	158	178	4
Cunnins Central Pow	154	182	5
Bargos	153	183	6
Carona Kids	148	188	7
Roommasters	146	160	8

First high Individual game: Brett Sutter, 263  
First high Individual series: Vernon Schwanke, 724

**April 24, 2009 - Ten Pin League**

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Minds In The Gutter	42	22	1
Cal Williams	40	24	2
Colby Bowl	37	27	3
Once Upon a Sign	28	28	4
Farm Credit	28	28	5

First high Individual game: Kelly Horinek, 244  
First high Individual series: Kelly Horinek, 653

**April 13, 2009 - First Nighters League**

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Discount Repair Of	202	134	1
Parking Lot Maintenance	200	136	2
Sparky's Firework	195	141	3
Woofter Well & Pump	183	153	4
Grinnell Furniture	181	155	5
Kansas Quicklube	172	164	6
Frontier Ag Inc.	172	164	7
Wild Ride	163	173	8
NW Refrigeration	158	178	9
Pepsi	149	187	10
McKee	145	191	11

First high Men Individual game: Gary Shipley, 300  
First high Men Individual series: Doug Beckman, 743

**April 14, 2009 - Early Bird Ladies League**

Team	Won	Lost	Place
www.strike	36	28	1
NW Vacuum	35	29	2
Van's Merry Four	28.5	35.5	3
Bowlerettes	28.5	35.5	4

First high Individual game: Kathy Wieland, 200  
First high Individual series: Dee Hovda, 516

**April 23, 2009 - King Pin League**

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Orschelms	175	119	1
Morgan Construction	172	122	2
Colby Bowl & Fun Cent	172	122	3
Colby Automotive	161	133	4
5 Pony Men	157	137	5
www.visitcolby.com	155	139	6
Balls Deep	151	143	7
T.J. Tire	148	146	8
FireXrikers	105	189	9

First high Individual game: Marc Pearce, 289  
First high Individual series: Brent Menges, 731

**April 12, 2009 - King and Queen non-smoking**

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Kreutzer-Garrett-Stasser	35	25	1
Schissler-Koehn	35	26	2
Renner-Schwanke	33	27	3
Barton-Reeh	33	27	4
Norman-Mackley	33	27	5
Swartz-Barnett	31	29	6
Cook-Dennis	23	37	7
Pancake-Heartman-Lee	18	42	8

First high Men Individual game: Charles Schwanke, 276  
First high Men individual series: Jay Barnett, 658  
First high Women individual game: Deb Norman, 220  
First high Women individual series: Deb Norman, 543

**April 15, 2009 - Ladies Nite Out League**

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Golden Harvest Seeds	22	2	1
Strike-Outs	16	8	2
Service Oil	15	9	3
Bop Shop Betties	10	14	4
Straightline	10	14	5
Twisters	10	14	6
Don's Electric	10	14	7
Citizens Medical Center	9	14	8
Super 8 Motel	9	15	9
Twisters II	9	15	10

First high Individual game: Jody Tubbs, 253  
First high Individual series: Kelly Horinek, 638

**March 22, 2009 - King and Queen smoking**

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Huff-Waddington	35.5	24.5	1
Phillips-Carmen	35	25	2
Schmidberger-Benson	31	29	3
Barnett-Schroeder	29	31	4
Skolout-Wagoner	27.5	32.5	5
Pancake-Heartman	22	38	6

First high Men Individual game: BJ Wagoner, 268  
First high Men individual series: Larry Waddington, 652  
First high Women individual game: Tohnna Benson, 206  
First high Women individual series: Jennifer Phillips, 563

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