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Sophomore Mark Phillips got ready to fire a pitch to home plate during the Colby Community College baseball game against Independence Community College on Saturday afternoon. Phillips gave up only one run in 8 innings against the Pirates.

Colby Trojans pitcher shuts down the Pirates

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The Colby Community College Trojans baseball team defeated Independence Community College 8-1 on a cold Saturday afternoon in the first game of a best-of-three series in the region tournament, but rain delayed the rest of the series.

The Trojans are the No. 3-seed out of the Kansas Jayhawk Community Conference West, while Independence is No. 6 seed from the east.

Sophomore starting pitcher Mark Phillips threw a solid game, giving up only 1 run in 8 innings. Sophomore Max Greve relieved Phillips in the top of the ninth.

The Trojans picked up two runs in the bottom of the first inning to take a 2-0 lead. The pirates scored a run in the top of the second to cut the lead to 2-1.

Sophomore Jerry Hildreth tattooed a line drive to left center field to drive in a run in the bottom of the second and boost Colby's lead to 3-1.

Hildreth drove in another run in the bottom of the fourth, scoring freshman Aritz Garcia a split second before the Pirates' catcher could tag him out to make it 4-1. A single by sophomore Jaret Chatwood between first and second allowed Hildreth to score and extended the Trojans' lead to 5-1.

Colby struck again in the sixth. Sophomore Jordan Smith started out the inning with a double down the right field line. Smith would eventually score on a sacrifice fly by Hildreth to give the Trojans a 6-1 lead. Later in the inning, with the Trojans now up 7-1, sophomore Scott Hornstra drove in another runner with a ground-ball single up the middle to make it 8-1 Colby.

The Pirates threatened in the top of the eighth with runners on first and third. Phillips was able to bear

down and get a big strikeout to end the inning. Grieve came in in the ninth and picked up a save to give the Trojans the victory.

The game on Sunday was postponed due to the weather. It was to be played at 1 p.m. today. If the Pirates win the first game, it will be immediately followed by a third.

If the Trojans win the series today, they will take on Johnson County on Saturday in the Region VI tournament in Wichita. The time has yet to be established.

Colby High Eagles team pounds Goodland, 12-2

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The Colby High School baseball team defeated the error-plagued Goodland Cowboys 12-2 on Saturday afternoon in a home game at Young Memorial Field.

Junior Preston Krzycki started the game for the Eagles, and Coach Kevin Cox said he was pleased with his pitching.

"He did a good job at keeping the ball down," said Cox. "He really competes on the mound."

Goodland's starting pitcher had control problems throughout the game, allowing the Eagles to pick up some easy runs. In the bottom of the second inning, Colby got four runs after he plunked two Colby players and hitting two Eagles' batters. Cowboys errors contributed to the runs.

Later in the inning, with the Eagles up 4-0, senior Corey Sager hit a fly ball to the Cowboys' left fielder, who let the ball bounce out

of his glove. That allowed another Eagle to score and increased Colby's lead to 5-0. The Eagles scored one more run to make it 6-0 going into the third.

Goodland and Colby were both able to pick up a run in the third to make it 7-1.

Senior Stephen Dinkel came up to bat with the bases loaded in the bottom of the fourth. He blasted a double over the left fielder's head, scoring all three runners to extend the Eagles' lead to 10-1.

"He went with the pitch," said Coach Kevin Cox. "We've been working on hitting to the opposite field in practice."

It seemed like some imaginary magnetic force was directing the ball to senior shortstop Cade Carter during the game, as the Cowboys' hitters were constantly hitting it in his direction. Fortunately for the Eagles, Carter was able field them all cleanly and fire accurate throws to senior first baseman Brent Arnberger.

"Cade had a great game," Cox

said. "He loves to play defense." Colby would pick up another run in the inning to give them an 11-1 lead going into the fifth.

The Cowboys scored a run in the top of the fifth to keep the game going and cut the Eagles' lead to 11-2. Senior third baseman Levi Schlick gloved a ground ball that was hit like a rocket. Schlick's throw to first was a little off, but Arnberger came off the bag, gpt the throw and tagged the runner as he came charging down the line.

Arnberger ended the game in the bottom of the fifth by hammering a home run over the left-field fence to give the Eagles a 12-2 lead. When a team is leading by more than 10 runs after five innings, they game ends and they are declared the winner.

With the win, the Eagles improved to 12-1. They were to play a doubleheader at 4 p.m. today in Liberal. The team will play Goodland again at 7 p.m. Thursday in the first round of the Hays High tournament.

Lady Trojans go 1-1 in tournament

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The Colby Community College Lady Trojans softball team opened the Region VI division 1

softball tournament Saturday with a 2-1 victory over Barton County in Wichita.

The women were defeated 3-1 in the second round by Seward County, also on Saturday. Games on Sunday were postponed, and

the remaining games were to be played today in Pratt.

The Lady Trojans were to face Barton County at noon. If they win, they would face Garden City in the semifinals, with the winner facing Seward County.

Rockies lose close game to Giants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The San Francisco Giants' Rich Aurilia drove in Steve Holm with a 10th-inning single to end a pitching-dominated afternoon with the Giants' ninth victory in 12 games, 1-0 over the Colorado Rockies on

Sunday.

The lone extra inning, which included rallies by both clubs, was a fitting cap to a series in which the Giants won two of three despite scoring just five runs. After Holm drew a leadoff walk from Manuel

Corpas (0-3), Randy Winn sacrificed him to second. Aurilia's sharp single to left-center easily scored Holm, who finished his first game action of the season with a celebration.

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