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Senior Kiri Kendrick hit a ground ball during the Lady Eagles doubleheader against Thomas More Prep-Marian on Monday at Colby Recreation Complex.

Lady Eagles' bats silenced by opposing pitching staff

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The Colby High School varsity softball team just couldn't figure out how to string together any hits against Thomas More Prep-Marian's tough pitching staff on Monday at Colby Recreation Complex. The Lady Eagles were swept by the Lady Monarchs losing both games 10-0.

The games ended after five innings due to the 10 run rule. If a team is leading by 10 or more runs after five innings and the opposing team had already batted earlier in the inning, then the leading team is declared the winner.

Sophomore Skyler Mingel started the first game for the Lady Eagles. The first two innings were

quiet ones with the Lady Monarchs scoring one run in the first. But a 9-run offensive explosion by Thomas More Prep-Marian in the third left Colby trailing 10-0. Mengel recovered and pitched two straight scoreless innings, but the damage had already been done as the Lady Monarchs picked up an easy victory.

Colby was able to get a couple good swings against the Lady Monarch's pitcher late in the first game, including a hard line drive by sophomore Bailey Koerperich. Unfortunately the ball was hit directly to the Lady Monarch's center fielder who barely had to move to catch the ball. Colby was unable to get a hit in the game.

The second game started out much like the first. Thomas More Prep-Marian led 2-0 after two in-

nings. Mengel was the starting pitcher for the Lady Eagles for the second consecutive game.

Sophomore Brittany Bange got the first hit of the day for Colby in the bottom of the second inning when she slammed a hard line drive past the first basemen. Unfortunately for the team she was picked off later in the inning.

The Lady Monarchs once again broke the game open in the third ticking off 6 runs and taking a 8-0 lead. They would pick up two more runs in the fifth.

It was a tough way to end the season for the Lady Eagles and it was not the send-off the team's seniors would have liked on senior recognition night.

The losses dropped Colby's record to 12-8.

Four Lady Trojan's runners qualify for nationals at meet

Tonya and Scarla Nero, Jessica Schmidt and Lisa Faimon all met national qualifying standards at the Region VI Championships last Thursday through Saturday in Arkansas City.

Tonya Nero met qualifying standards in the 10,000 meters and the 1500 meters.

She finished first in the 10,000 meters with a time of 36 minutes, 45 seconds and 85 hundredths of a second and placed 4th in the 1500 meters with 4:53.17.

Scarla Nero met standards in the 5,000 meter race and the 10,000 meter race. She finished second in the 5,000 meters with a time of 18:33.17 and she also placed 2nd in the 10,000 meters with 38:12.24.

Tonya Nero also finished sixth in the 5000 meters with a time of 19:32.50.

The Lady Trojans finished 7th overall at the event and the men's team placed 12th.

Lisa Faimon finished 7th in

the high jump (4' 11"), 5th in the triple jump (33'06.75"), and 3rd in the Heptathlon (3965 points). Schmidt placed 7th in the Heptathlon with 2766 points.

Tatiana Bartruff finished 8th in the 3000 meter steeplechase with a time of 13:33.85

The men's team had two people who earned points for the team. Darren Sporing finished 8th in the 3000 meter steeplechase with a time of 10:21.16. Colby Elliot placed 6th in the decathlon with 5254 points.

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Colby High baseball team wins Hays tournament

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Not much needs to be said about senior Corey Sager's performance in the Hays High School tournament that ran from Thursday through Saturday at Hays High School. The numbers speak for themselves.

Sager hammered two home runs — one of them a grand slam — and drove in 14 runs while going 13 for 17 in four games.

Sager's hot bat was enough to get him named the tournament's Most Valuable Player and it helped the Colby High School baseball team win the tournament.

"I felt good whenever I swung the bat," said Sager.

The Eagles overcame an early deficit to defeat Hays High School 8-6 on Thursday, they shut out Ellis 7-0 and crushed Salina Central 17-1 on Friday and they hammered Goodland 13-1 on Saturday.

Colby fell behind Hays 5-0 in the first inning. The Eagles fought back by picking up 2 runs in the second and scoring 6 more in the third. After giving up 5 in the first junior starting pitcher Preston Krzycki settled down and pitched four scoreless innings before senior Stephen Dinkel replaced him in the sixth. Dinkel gave up one run in the sixth and senior Levi

Schlick pitched the seventh inning.

Krzycki had a single and a triple and Sager and Dinkel both had two singles in the game.

Schlick threw seven shut out innings to help Colby defeat Ellis.

Schlick helped his own cause by hitting two singles and a double. Sager had three singles.

Starting pitcher Dinkel got a lot of run support against Salina Central. Colby put on a hitting clinic with five of their players getting two or more hits.

Sager had three hits in the game including a grand slam home run in the second inning. Schlick slammed his seventh home run of the season in the fourth inning taking sole possession the school's home run record.

Dinkel pounded a homer in the sixth, senior Cade Carter had two doubles and junior Brandon Rasmussen had a double and a single. Senior Eric Blanton had two singles. The game ended in the sixth inning due to the 10 run limit. If a team is leading by more than 10 runs after five innings and other squad has already batted earlier in the inning then the leading team is declared the winner.

Rasmussen started the game against Goodland on Saturday.

He also got plenty of help from Colby's offense. Sager had five hits which included a home run

and two doubles. Carter had a triple, a double and single and Schlick and Dinkel both had a single and a double. The game ended in the sixth inning due to the run limit.

"Everyone was hitting the ball well in the tournament," said Coach Kevin Cox.

Sager, Dinkel, Carter and Schlick were named to the all tournament team.

The Eagles also won a hitting contest that took place between all the team's in the tournament. The contest featured three players and coach from each team. Everyone on the teams was allowed to have 10 swings to hit the ball to designated cones and other locations in the outfield, said Cox. He said the cone closest to the plate in the outfield were worth 1 point, the second cone located behind the first cone was worth 2, hitting the fence on a bounce was worth three, a home run to right or left field was worth 4 and a home run to center field was worth 5. The Eagles' athletes and the coach who competed in the contest were Sager, Blanton, Schlick and Cox. The group finished with 51 points overall. The team will play their final games of the season in a doubleheader at 4 and 6 p.m. on Thursday at Thomas More Prep-Marian.

Trojans baseball season ends

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The Colby Community College baseball team's season ended Tuesday with a 4-3 loss to Cowley County at Lawrence Dumont Stadium in Wichita.

The Trojans led the entire game until a two-run home run in the bottom of the eighth by Cowley's Ryan Hege put them behind. They were unable to mount a rally in the top of the ninth inning. One day earlier, the Trojans lost another close game, losing 10-9 to Seward County. Overall, the Trojans finished third in the tournament behind Seward County.

The Trojans finished their season 39-22, the most wins in a season under Coach Ryan Carter. It was also the third most wins in a season in school history. Mark Phillips tied a team record with 12 wins this season and finished

with a 12-1 record. Phillips was the Most Valuable Player in the West Division and first-team All-Conference as a pitcher. Freshman Brendan Miller earned first-team All-Conference as the designated hitter. Earning second-team All-

Conference were catcher Eric Sim, second baseman Jerry Hildreth, outfielder Scott Hornstra, and Drew Ziegler as a utility player. Jaret Chatwood earned All-Conference honorable mention as a third baseman.

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