

Ready for Action



By KEVIN BOTTRELL/Colby Free Press
A young softball player wears a look of intensity on her face during a girls softball game on June 11 at the Colby Recreation Complex.

Royals defeated by Diamondbacks

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — With staff ace Brandon Webb returning Thursday to Phoenix to have his sore shoulder examined again, Chris Young pulled up lame with a sore groin on an eighth-inning triple, his career high fourth hit, in the Diamondbacks' 12-5 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

"We'll know more tomorrow," Diamondbacks manager A.J. Hinch said. "Immediately when it grabbed on his groin he pulled up,

which is the right thing to do. His strength was good. His flexibility was good, so hopefully we avoided something (major) and it's just a little scare."

Gerardo Parra homered, tripled and drove in three runs and Justin Upton contributed three hits, including two doubles, as the Diamondbacks collected 16 hits, one shy of their season high. Eric Byrnes also homered. Every Diamondbacks starter except Mark Reynolds had at least one hit.

Baseball team sweeps McCook

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The Colby American Legion baseball team got back on the right track Wednesday, sweeping the McCook, Neb., team in a doubleheader at the Colby Recreation Complex. They crushed McCook 10-0 in the first game and 11-1 in the second game.

Both games ended in the bottom of the fourth because of the 10-run limit. The league rule is that if a team is winning by more than 10 after four innings and the opposing team has batted, the game is over.

Senior Stephen Dinkel pitched the four scoreless innings to get the win in game one and Kevin Lang gave up one run in four innings in game two.

Senior Cade Carter led off the first game with a bloop double to right field in the top of the first. Senior Corey Sager drove him in with a single to give Colby an early 1-0 lead. Eric Lang hit a groundball to McCook's shortstop, who fired a

low throw that hit the dirt and got by the first baseman. That allowed Sager to score from second to increase the lead to 2-0.

Senior Eric Blanton homered to left center field to give Colby a 3-0 lead.

"I saw the ball really well," said Blanton. "He threw the ball pretty straight, which makes it easy to hit."

Senior Stephen Dinkel followed Blanton by smacking a double down the first base line. Later in the inning Sager punched a ground ball that took a big hop and got past to McCook's third baseman, scoring Dinkel and junior Brandon Rasmussen and extending Colby's lead to 5-0.

Dinkel pitched his third straight scoreless inning in the top of the third and drove in Blanton with a double in the bottom half to give Colby a 6-0 lead. Later in the inning, junior Chaz Winger pounded a two-run homer over the left-center-field fence to make it 8-0 Colby.

"It was right down the middle," said Winger. "It felt good right off

the bat."

Dinkel ended the game and secured a victory for Colby in the bottom of the fourth when his single drove in Arnberger and Blanton to give to increase the team's lead to 10.

McCook was the first team to get on the scoreboard in the second game, scoring its one and only run in the top of the first when a grounder got past Carter at shortstop, allowing a runner to score from third.

Arnberger singled to left to get things started for Colby in the bottom of the second. Later in the inning, Dinkel hit a groundball that was turned into a double play, but it did score Arnberger from third to tie the game at 1. Rasmussen hit a soft grounder to the third baseman, who had a little trouble fielding it cleanly. That allowed Rasmussen to beat his throw to first by a split second and scored junior Preston Krzycki from third to give Colby a 2-1 lead.

Carter ripped a line drive single to start the bottom of the third. Further into the inning, Lang hit

a long fly ball to center field, scoring Carter from third to increase Colby's lead to 3-1.

A combination of defensive errors and wild pitching in the bottom of the fourth by McCook helped Colby compile seven runs and come away with the early win.

Krzycki ripped a line drive single to left to start the inning. He would eventually score from third on a wild pitch to increase Colby's lead to 4-1. Moments later Winger scored on a passed ball to increase the lead to 5-1.

Later in the inning, with Colby leading 7-1, Winger pounded a double to left, driving in two runs and extending the lead to 9-1. The game came to an end when Dinkel sent a line drive to right field that was dropped by McCook's outfielder, allowing Winger and Krzycki to score to give Colby a 11-1 victory.

The team's record now stands at 7-5. They will play a doubleheader against North Platte, Neb. at 1 and 3 p.m. on Sunday at Young Memorial Field at the Colby Recreation Complex.

Sportsmen invited to compete in shoot using old-west style guns on Saturday

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Mike Shubert loves the guns that were used back in the good old days.

"I've always been attracted to Old-West style guns," said Shubert. "I like guns that can be manually cocked and fired. There's more flavor in it."

Shubert, co-owner of C&M Gun and Pawn, will be sharing his love and knowledge of guns at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Cactus Creek

Cowboy Shoot located five miles northeast of Rexford.

Veteran shooters and novices alike are invited to show up, he said.

"Shooting skills and experience are not important," Shubert added. "This is about family fun, not being able to shoot a match stick at 20 paces."

Shubert said safety is his biggest concern. New shooters will get one-on-one instruction. A safety meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. before the shoot.

"The targets will be fairly

large and not very difficult," said Shubert. "Most targets fall down or swing."

Shubert said there will be seven shooting stages arranged at the site. All guns being used were made before the 1900s. Shooters will get five shots with a revolver, 10 shots with a lever-action rifle and two to four shots with old shotguns at each target, he said. Loaner guns will be available.

Centerfire weapons must be .32 caliber or larger. Cap-and-ball revolvers are fine, Shubert said. The only bullets that can be used are

cast and lead bullets. A .44 magnum is OK if loaded with ammunition no faster than 1,100 feet per second and rifles must shoot pistol calibers, said Shubert. .30-30's are too powerful for this.

A lone person will have to pay \$15 to shoot and a person who is part of a family will only have to pay \$10 to compete, but everyone else can watch free of charge. David Gould will be assisting Shubert at the shoot. For more information, call Cindy Shubert at (785) 462-5598 or Mike at (785) 462-5598.



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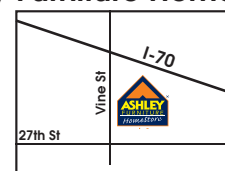
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