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Dalton Snyder got ready for the next pitch during a regional Saturday at Goodland. Hays picked up three runs in the top of the seventh inning to secure a 8-5 win over Colby.

## K-18 baseball squad loses to Hays 8-5

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The Colby K-18 baseball team's season came to an end on Saturday when they were defeated by Hays 8-5 in the regional tournament at Goodland.

The team didn't go down without putting up a fight. After falling behind 5-0 the boys were able to erase the deficit and tie the game in the bottom of the sixth inning. But Hays managed to score three in the top of the seventh to secure a victory.

Coach Russell Rodenbeck said he had no

complaints about his team's performance.

"They never gave up," said Rodenbeck.

Braden Sager started the game at pitcher for Colby. He was relieved by Dalton Snyder in the top of the fourth.

Colby was unable to put any points on the board in the first four innings.

Coach Bruce Amberger said the team was hitting the ball hard, but they were hitting it right at people.

Hays scored two runs in the top of the second to take a 2-0 lead. They added a run in the third and tacked on two more in the fourth to give them a 5-0 lead.

Colby scored their first run in the bottom

of the fifth and scored four runs in the sixth to tie the game at 5. Troy Quenzer drove in the last two runs of the inning with a single up the middle.

Snyder had managed to get two outs in the top of the seventh when Hays' batter hit a line drive to left field that tailed off to the foul line. Quenzer almost made a miraculous diving catch, but the ball glanced off the end of his glove allowing two runs to score to give Hays a 7-5 lead. Hays scored one more run before the inning was over to give them an 8-5 lead.

With the loss the team finished with a record of 26-8.

## New coach hired by college

Colby Community College board approved hiring James Ortiz to be the new men's cross country and track coach at their meeting on July 20.

Ortiz was the head track and cross country coach at the University of Southwest in Hobbs, N.M. before deciding to come to Colby. During his one year stint at the college Ortiz's male and female athletes combined to earn eleven Red River Athletic Conference Champion awards and twenty-three All-Red River Athletic Conference awards. He has also pro-

duced five National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics track and field national qualifiers.

He also served as the student assistant coach for Texas State's cross country and track programs from 2006 to 2007.

He competed for Texas State from 2002-2005 and holds the school record time in the 1,500 meters with a time of 3:48.35. He was a two-time All Southland Conference Athlete and he was a member of two indoor and two outdoor Southland Conference Champion teams.

## Royals beat Orioles in 11 inning game

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Kansas City Royals finally have a winning streak, thanks to a couple of home runs and a 45-foot single.

Mark Teahen led off the 11th inning by reaching on a dribbler down the line, stole second and scored on a single by John Buck, giving Kansas City a 4-3 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday night.

By taking two straight from Baltimore to open a four-game series, the Royals have their first winning

streak since a three-game run on July 4-6. Billy Butler hit a two-run homer and Willie Bloomquist added a solo shot for Kansas City.

"That's called two in a row. We like it," manager Trey Hillman said.

Teahen opened the 11th by topping a ball down the first-base line. Rookie catcher Matt Wieters and pitcher Danys Baez (4-4) watched and hoped the ball would roll foul, but it stopped on the chalk half-way down the line.

## Rockies lose fourth straight to New York

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Mets manager Jerry Manuel had an exhaustive explanation for his club's sudden resurgence, emphasizing some strong pitching and the stellar job his ramshackle lineup of contact hitters has done in generating offense.

Mike Pelfrey offered a much more succinct explanation for New York's four-game winning streak.

"We're just playing better baseball," he said.

Pelfrey pitched into the seventh inning, and the Mets' meager offense kept pecking away in a 4-0 victory over the Colorado Rockies on Tuesday night.

Luis Castillo, Jeff Francoeur, Brian Schneider and David Murphy each drove in a run for New York, which matched its longest winning streak since May 25-29. Murphy scored twice and contributed several good defensive plays, including a nimble 3-6-1 double play in the fourth inning.

"It feels good to win, and that starts with our pitching," said David Wright, who had two hits. "Yesterday our bullpen was fantastic and today Mike Pelfrey threw about as well as Mike Pelfrey can throw."

The hard-tossing right-hander rebounded from consecutive losses to again fluster the Rockies, running his scoreless innings streak against them to 20. Pelfrey (8-6) got into bases-loaded jams in the fourth and sixth innings, but escaped both times.

Pedro Feliciano got five straight outs in relief, and Sean Green completed the shutout.

"Everybody knows what we need to do," Pelfrey said. "Confidence-wise, we feel if we show up here you can put money on us."

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