

Sports department holds softball tourney

Colby High School boys tennis coach Matt Ludwick will be holding a softball tournament and a home run derby at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5 at the Colby Recreation Fields to help raise money for the high school's athletic department. There will be team meeting held before the start of the event a 8:15 a.m.

The cost to participate in the tournament is \$100 per team. Ludwick said he welcomes people in surrounding areas like Goodland, Hoxie or Norton to join the tourney.

The Colby Little League football teams will have a concession stand at the recreation complex to raise money for their squads.

Coach Gary Slavens said he will recruit some sixth grade students to work at the event. They will be serving pop, hamburgers and candy, he said.

Anyone interesting in forming a team for the tournament needs to register with Ludwick by next Thursday. He can be reached at (785) 462-2271.

Talented freshmen run with Brewster cross country

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Brewster Cross Country Coach Danny Traub will have two talented freshman running for his boys quad this season.

He said freshman Michael Schmidt had broken the

Brewster junior high school records in the mile and two mile runs. He added that freshman Will Allen is also a very talented runner. Junior Wyatt Werth will be returning to the squad this season.

On the girls side, seniors Ashton Domfch and Stefanie Eicher will be returning to the team.

The team's first meet will be at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10 at Quinter.

Catcher will not be suspended

DENVER (AP) — Colorado catcher Yorvit Torrealba and umpire Bill Miller have avoided suspensions over their on-field dispute during the Rockies' 14-inning win over the San Francisco Giants on Monday night.

Baseball disciplinarian Bob Watson told The Associated Press on Wednesday that while nobody will be suspended over the brouhaha, fines are still likely to be handed down once his investigation is complete.

"I expect to make a decision in due time. I'm not going to jump to any conclusions. I've spoken with a lot of people about this. I spoke with (Rockies manager) Jim Tracy, I've spoken with the umpires,

I've spoken with a lot of people," Watson said.

"There probably will be fines, yes."

Torrealba said Miller called him a derogatory name while the catcher was a baserunner late in the game and accused him of showing up home plate umpire Angel Campos with his body language on calls he disagreed with while behind the plate.

Torrealba said he didn't want to be ejected, so he saved his response until after the game, when a handful of teammates also exchanged words with the umpiring crew, which included Derryl Cousins and Jim Joyce, as the umpires tried to make their way through

the Rockies' celebratory scrum to a fence behind home plate that leads to their locker room.

On Wednesday, Torrealba said he was relieved but never felt his part in the hubbub rose to the level of such severe punishment as a suspension.

"I don't see any reason for a suspension anyway," Torrealba told the AP. "I think it was all a part of the game. Obviously, there was a little emotion. I don't see what I did was wrong, I don't see what he did was wrong. We've got to just move on, it's in the past, I don't take anything personal. We just need to learn from that experience."

Kansas City Royals lose to Indians; team has leagues worst home record

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Snoozing on the way to the ballpark, David Huff was jolted by a crash. A car had lost control in the rain and slid into the side of the team bus, a startling wake-up call for the Cleveland rookie.

Once Huff got to the field: crickets, just as he likes it.

The left-hander threw six solid innings Wednesday, bouncing back from a bad outing and helping the Indians to a 4-2 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

All that buzz from Zack Greinke's 15-strikeout performance the night before? Gone thanks to whisper-quiet stadium and a pitcher who prefers groundouts to punchouts.

"I'm not going to go out and strike out a bunch of guys," said Huff, 6-3 on the road. "I'm going to be the guy who tries to get ground-ball outs, a bunch of double plays. For me, strikeouts are boring. I like a quick ballgame. I like guys to ground out in one pitch, two pitches."

Grady Sizemore reached base four times after a day off, scoring in the first, third and fifth innings to put Cleveland up 3-2. Jamey Carroll, Cleveland's No. 2 hitter, had two of his three hits on hit-and-runs to move Sizemore around the bases and Matt LaPorta hit his second homer of the season off Luke Hochevar (6-7) to give Huff all the support he needed.

Kerry Wood worked a perfect ninth for his 16th save in 21 chances, giving Cleveland its eighth win in 12 series since the All-Star break.

The Royals couldn't follow up the excitement from Greinke's performance the night before.

Kansas City scored two runs in the first three innings off Huff (8-7), but didn't get a runner past second base after that. Billy Butler had three hits for the Royals, who have baseball's worst home record (26-41) after losing five of six at Kauffman Stadium.

"It's a frustrating year," Royals manager Trey Hillman said. "Losses are tough to let go of."

Most of the game was nondescript, as might be expected of two teams with little left to play and a crowd that hardly seemed there.

The Royals got a run in the first inning on Mark Teahen's sacrifice

fly, another in the third on a bloop double by Miguel Olivo.

Asdrubal Cabrera had a run-scoring fielder's choice in the first for Cleveland. Shin-Soo Choo added some excitement with a run-scoring double to left-center in the third, a play that ended with Carroll getting thrown out by three steps at the plate. Sizemore scampered home on a wild pitch

in the fifth and LaPorta homered in the sixth, drawing cheers from a handful of fans and not much else.

In between? Lots of lazy pop-ups, routine grounders, a few strikeouts, the occasional grounder through the infield. Boring? Maybe a little, especially after what Greinke did the night before, but it worked.

Reaching for the catch



Aaron Platte of the third and fourth grade Colby Little League football team attempted to catch a pass at the high school football fields on Wednesday afternoon.



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