

Trojans split games versus Butler

Colby wins game two

The Trojans' baseball team split two games against Butler County Community College on Sunday.

Butler beat Colby 9-3 in game one, but the Trojans rebounded and won game two 19-9.

Freshman Brendan Miller drove home freshman Matt Balogh with a single in the bottom of the third to give Colby a 1-0 lead over the Grizzlies from El Dorado. The Trojans increased their lead to 2-0 after freshman Matt Edwards homered in the bottom of the fourth.

But Colby's lead was erased in the top of the fifth when the Grizzlies' Josh Dotson hit a grand slam home-run off of sophomore Terry Steiner to make it 4-1.

Dotson homered again in the top of the seventh to extend Butler's lead to 5-2. Then Butler's J.C. Ochoa slammed a two-run homer to make it 7-2. The Grizzlies tacked on two more runs before the inning ended.

A sacrifice fly ball to centerfield by sophomore Aritz Garcia allowed Balogh to score from third cut the Grizzlies' lead to 9-3 in the bottom of the seventh. Balogh tripled earlier in the inning. But Colby couldn't manufacture any more runs and Butler picked up the 9-3 win.

Steiner gave up eight runs on 10 hits, while striking out six. Freshman Cory Ridenour allowed one run on two hits in one inning.

Balogh went three for three and Miller went two for three. Coach



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Colby College freshman Lucas Sanchez got ready to fire a pitch in the bottom half of a doubleheader between the Trojans and Butler County Community College from El Dorado on Sunday at the baseball diamond.

Ryan Carter said he was pleased with Balogh's performance.

"Matt Balogh gave us a spark today," he said.

The Trojans rebounded from the loss and hammered Butler 19-9 in game two.

Freshman Robert Glover drove

in two runs with a single to give Colby a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first. The Grizzlies Kyle Kinman thumped a home run in the top of the second to cut the Trojans' lead to 2-1. A double by Balogh scored freshman Nathan Wilson and Edwards and extended the

Trojans' lead to 4-1.

Colby scored four more runs in the bottom of the third to make it 8-1. Butler scored two runs in the top of the fifth to cut the Trojans' lead to 8-3.

The Trojans scored three more runs in the top of the fifth, includ-

ing a two-run homer by Garcia, that gave the Trojans an 11-4 lead.

Butler came storming back in top of the sixth. Ochoa drove two runs in with a single to cut the Trojans' lead to 11-6. The Grizzlies tacked on three more runs in the inning to narrow Colby's lead to 11-9.

But the Trojans went on a scoring spree of their own in the bottom of the seventh. Miller jump-started Colby by driving in Jon Cotter with a line drive single to centerfield. Later in the inning, Glover singled, allowing Miller to score from third to make it 13-9. The Grizzlies' pitcher Trevor Kill got a little wild during the inning. Colby increased their lead to 16-9 after Kill walked three straight batters with the bases loaded. Then Cotter hammered a shot over the left fielder's head with the bases loaded, allowing all three runners to score and giving Colby a 19-9 win.

The game ended because if a team leads by more than 10 after five innings and the opposing team has already batted, then they are declared the winner.

Sophomore starting pitcher Ryan Westover picked up the win. He gave up two runs on four hits in three innings. Ridenour allowed two runs in two innings. Freshman Lucas Sanchez allowed three runs in less than an inning of work and sophomore Griffin Campbell gave up two runs on four hits in a little over an inning of action.

Cotter went three for four and Garcia and Glover both went three for five. Sophomore Boston Langley and Lewis both went two for three.

"We had some timely hitting," said coach Carter.

With the win, the Trojans improved to 11-9.

They play again at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Hesston College.

Bulldogs' season reviewed

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The Golden Plains High School junior varsity finished their basketball season Feb. 19 in Cheylin with a 3-10 record.

The team included players of all grade levels, freshman to senior. Some played in both junior varsity and varsity games, while others played both junior varsity and C-team games.

The junior Bulldogs scored a total of 474 points in 13 games. Leading scorers were sophomore Cole Christensen with 99 and junior Devinn Ritter with 95. Senior Jarrett Marker had 69, junior Aaron Emigh 58, junior Rilee Spresser 30, junior Edgar Monge 27, sophomore Kaly Weber 25, senior Drake Moss 22, junior Casey Gould 17, freshman Andrew Luna 12, sophomore Ethan Walter 10, sophomore Dalton Becker five, freshman Trey Schwarz four and junior Brady Ginther one.

The boys pulled down a total of 361 rebounds. Christensen had a team-high 63 and Ritter followed closely with 62. Marker grabbed 45 boards, Monge 37, Emigh 36, Moss 30, Rilee Spresser 18, Ethan Walter 17, Weber 13, Gould 10, Luna eight, Camron Spresser seven, Becker five, Ginter four, Jose Bermudez and Trey Schwarz two each, Miguel Navarro, Jesus Garcia and A.J. Stoll one each.

The boys had a total of 104 steals and 56 blocks. Moss had a team-high 21 steals and Ritter had 12. Marker had 14, Emigh eight, Christensen, Weber, Monge and Luna seven, Rilee Spresser and Walter six, Becker five, Gould and Ginter three each and Camron Spresser first.

Christensen led the team with an impressive 35 blocks and Ritter added eight. Emigh had six, Marker three, Rilee Spresser two and Weber and Gould one each.

"My experience on the junior varsity helped me improve my skills for varsity," said Christensen.

Kansas Jayhawks' season comes to unexpected end

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Standing outside the locker room, Cole Aldrich hugged anyone he could find, trying to console his dejected teammates.

Maybe he was doing it for himself, too.

The return-for-another-title pact he had made with Sherron Collins fell short.

The two unlikely buddies who bypassed the NBA for another shot at glory saw their season come to an inglorious end.

The epitaph: Northern Iowa 69,

Kansas 67.

This wasn't the way Collins and Aldrich expected it to end.

"Next to my son dying, it's probably the worst thing to happen to me in my life," said Collins, his voice quivering as he sniffled back tears.

This was one of the most anticipated seasons ever in Lawrence.

Kansas had preseason All-Americans Collins and Aldrich back, a group of sophomores from one of coach Bill Self's best recruiting classes ever and another,

better group of freshmen this year.

The Jayhawks were bigger, better, faster and deeper than everyone else, essentially an NBA development team.

The first sign of trouble came in the summer.

That's when members of the team got into several fights with the football team, leaving the university embarrassed and point guard Tyshawn Taylor with an injured hand.

Questions of immaturity were

quickly quashed when Kansas lived up to its preseason No. 1 ranking and won its first 14 games. The Jayhawks suffered a surprising setback to short-handed Tennessee, but lost just once the rest of the season on the way to a sixth-straight Big 12 regular-season title and their seventh conference tournament championship.

The winning wasn't always easy, though.

Kansas had an on-the-edge habit of playing down to the level of its opponents.

The Jayhawks lacked the killer instinct of the 2008 national championship team, too often playing in spurts instead of stomping the will out of opponents. Kansas got away with it most of the time, relying on a big run of hot shooting or claustrophobic defense to turn tight games into routs.

It worked in the NCAA's first round. Kansas fell behind Lehigh early to give the mid-major hope, went on a run and won by a look-good-in-the-boxscore 16 points.



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