

Trojans split two games on Monday

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The Colby Community College Trojans' ended a four game-series with Dodge City by splitting another doubleheader Monday at the college diamond.

Colby picked up a come-from-behind 6-5 victory in game one after scoring three runs in the bottom of the seventh, but the Conquistadors scored a 6-5 win over the Trojans in the second game.

"We had opportunities to win both games," said sophomore Mark Clausen. "Once we get everyone rolling, we'll be hard to beat."

Sophomore Keith Carey got the win in game one. He gave up no runs in three innings after relieving freshman Will Thomas in the bottom of the fifth. Carey gave up no hits, while striking out three.

Sophomore Westin Lewis went two for three and freshman Robert Glover was two for four.

Dodge City picked up a run in the top of the first inning to go up 1-0. The Conquistador's Rick Lesperance singled to right field, scoring Miguel Ortega and extending the lead to 2-0. The Conquistadors were up 3-0 after Dan Talley drove in Joe Diz Jr. with a sacrifice fly to center field.

In the bottom of the second, freshman Nathan Wilson ripped a single to right, scoring Clausen and cutting the Conquistadors' lead to 3-1. Freshman Jon Cotter brought Colby within one point of Dodge in the bottom of the third, driving in sophomore Aritz Garcia with a double to right. But Dodge City tacked on two more runs in the top of the fourth, stretching the lead to 5-2.

The Trojans picked up a run in the bottom of the fourth when Lewis scored off a single to right by Glover, cutting the Conquistadors' lead to 5-3.

Carey replaced freshman Will Thomas on the mound in the top of the fifth. He finished the game for the Trojans without allowing another run. Colby's batters provided the fans with some exemplary examples of clutch hitting in the bottom of the seventh. Freshman Matt Edwards and Lewis started the inning with singles to center and left. Garcia followed with a walk, loading the bases. Glover singled to center two batters later, scoring two runs and tying the game at 5. Then sophomore Boston Langley drove in Glover with a single to center to give the Trojans a 6-5 victory.

Sophomore Ryan Westover took the loss in the second game. He gave up six runs, five of them earned, on seven hits, while striking out three in six innings.

Cotter went three for five and Wilson was two for four.

Cotter slapped a line-drive triple that got past the Dodge City's right fielder in the top of the first. Glover punched a single to right, scoring Cotter. In the bottom of the first, Seth Means of Dodge City doubled to left, driving in two runs and putting the Conquistadors out in front 2-1. Dodge City picked up another run, stretching its lead to 3-1.

Garcia hit a soft line drive to right field that deflected off the right fielders' glove, allowing him to make it to second. Then Cotter slapped a single up the middle, scoring Garcia and cutting the lead to 3-2. Dodge City recaptured a two-point lead in the top of the fourth when Lesperance drove in Means with a line-drive single to right. The Conquistadors' Cole Skriver drove in two more runs in the top of the sixth with a double to left, stretching the lead to 6-2.

Clausen doubled in the bottom of the sixth when Dodge City's left fielder missed a diving catch. Unfortunately, Colby was unable to drive him home.

Sophomore Terry Steiner replaced Westover in the top of the seventh and pitched a scoreless inning. Garcia made a nice grab on a smoking liner to the right side of the infield.

Wilson punched a single to right early in the bottom of the seventh. Later, the Conquistadors' shortstop, Schenader, fumbled a ground ball by Lewis, allowing Wilson to advance to third and Lewis to reach first. Then Schenader fumbled a grounder by Garcia, allowing Wilson to score and cutting Dodge City's lead to 6-3. Cotter followed with a single between short and third, cutting the Conquistadors' lead to 6-4. Then Langley drove Garcia home with a single between second and first.

Freshman Cory Ridenour replaced Steiner on the mound in the top of the eighth, allowing no runs. Colby was unable to score in the final two innings, however, and Dodge City picked up the victory.

The Trojans' record is now 19-16 and 10-6 in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference. The team will play a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m. Saturday at Garden City and two more starting at 1 p.m. Sunday.



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Sophomore Emilea Finley and freshman Tomi Miller did some stretches at the start of the Eagles' track and field practice in the high school gym. Kaus and Finley both took first in individual events at Colby's opening meet Thursday at McCook, Neb.

Eagle girls start season strong, take second at McCook meet

The Colby High girls track team took second out of sixth teams in the girls' opening meet Thursday in McCook, Neb.

Juniors Katrina Kaus and Kayla Hockersmith, sophomores Emilea Finley and Morgan Bell and freshman Alexa Haas all took first in individual events.

"I thought the girls did great," said assistant coach Leslie Wagoner. "They competed well."

Kaus took first in the 3,200 meters with a time of 13 minutes, 4 seconds and Hockersmith finished first in the long jump with a leap of 16 feet, 5 inches. Finley ran the 1,600 meters in 5:53.3, Bell took first in the high jump with 4' 10" and Haas finished the 100 meters in 12.6 seconds.

On the boys side, junior Andrew Flanagan

led the team, finishing second in the 300-meter hurdles with 42.6 and in the 100-meter hurdles with 15.6. Seniors Torey Taylor and Kalen Rasmussen and juniors Christian Wilson and Kale Arnberger took second in the 4-by-800 relay in 9:04.8.

Senior Adam Weber finished fourth in the shot put with a throw of 44' 2.5". Weber, junior Troy Koon, Wilson and Rasmussen took fourth in the 4-by-100 with 47.5. Taylor, Nally, Arnberger and senior Braden McKee finished fourth in the 4-by-400 with 3:57.3.

Freshman Dustin Reed finished fifth in the 3,200 meters with 11:52. Sophomore Jared Nally took sixth in the 1,600 meters with 5:30.

On the girls side, Haas finished third in the 400 meters with 1:02.2, Hockersmith took

third in the 200 meters with 27.3, Bell snared third in the 300-meter hurdles with 54.1 and sophomore Paige Roopchan took third in the long jump with 15' 6". Bell, sophomore Alyse Dumler, Finley and Kaus finished third in the 4-by-400 with 4:38.6.

Bell, Dumler, Finley and Kaus snared fourth in the 4-by-400 with 4:38.6. Kaus took fourth in the 1,600 meters with 6:05 and Hockersmith took fourth in the high jump at 4' 10".

Roopchan finished sixth in the triple jump with 30' 11", freshman Shelby Gardner took sixth in the shot put, pushing it 29' 8", and junior Kaylee Marston threw the discus 91' 10".

The squad's next event will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday in Norton.

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