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Colby College sophomore Boston Langley took a lead off of first base during the front half of a doubleheader between the Trojans and Hutchinson on Sunday at the college baseball diamond.

Trojans avoid a sweep

After dropping three straight games to Hutchinson Community College, the Trojans' baseball team won the final game of the series 2-1, thanks to a tremendous pitching outing by sophomore Ryan Westover in game two Sunday at the college diamond.

Westover gave up one unearned run while striking out eight in nine innings.

The Colby Community College men gained a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second when freshman Matt Edwards singled, driving home sophomore Boston Langley. Sophomore Mark Clausen doubled in the bottom of eighth, scoring sophomore Weston Lewis to make it 2-0. The Blue Dragons picked up a run in the top of the ninth, but the Trojans won 2-1.

The Trojans lost the first game to the Blue Drag-

ons 12-6. Freshman Will Thomas took the loss, giving up seven hits and five runs, three of them earned, in two innings.

Langley went three for four and freshman Matt Edwards went two for three. Freshman Jon Cotter and sophomore Jess Cooper both went two for four.

The Trojans were swept by the Blue Dragons 6-0 and 13-3 on Saturday.

The team's record now stands at 22-19 and 13-11 in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference West Division.

They will play two doubleheaders against Seward County Community College starting at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the college diamond.

Tennis squad looks to improve

The young Colby High tennis team is concentrating on improving as the season progresses.

Only one Eagles' player picked up a victory in the team's first meet on a windy Friday at Russell. Senior Jake Rose beat Stefan Reinhardt of Russell 6-1 in his first match of the day at No. 2 singles. He lost his second match to Kevin Vonfeldt of Larned 6-1 and fell to Jordan Mooney of Hoisington 6-1.

"He made some decisions that were beneficial and other decisions that were not beneficial," coach Matt Ludwick said.

The other Colby players at the meet were senior Dagan Wright at No. 1 singles, juniors George

Smollock and Jaeger Thompson in No. 1 doubles, and juniors Peter Merjil and Broc Roemer in No. 2 doubles. All went 0-2.

Wright lost his matches 6-2 and 6-4. Ludwick said Wright did a really good job at lobbing the ball over his opponents' heads. He said Wright just needs to learn to charge the net more.

Smollock and Thompson lost their matches 6-0 and 6-1, and Merjil and Roemer were beaten 6-3 and 6-1.

"We just need some more practice," the coach said. "We just need to keep trying and do the best we can."

Ludwick said he saw some things he liked and some he didn't

from his players.

The Eagles will play again at 3 p.m. Friday at Scott City.

Colby High seniors lead way in classic

Colby High seniors Ryley Haas and Chaz Winger, two future Colby Community College basketball players, and the rest of the dark team triumphed over teammate Braden McKee and the light team 77-70 at the 18th annual Northwest Kansas Basketball All-Star Classic on Sunday at the Community Building.

In the girls game, future Lady Trojans' player Nichelle Erskine of Brewster High School, three of her teammates for next season and the rest of the dark team crushed the light squad 72-42.

The games featured seven players from Thomas County and six future Colby College players. The men who will be playing for the college were Marty Windell of Ingalls and coach Dustin Pfeifer's younger brother Dexter of Hays.

Dustin Pfeifer said Windell had been recruited by several teams in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference, including Dodge City and Garden City.

"Marty has a chance to be a very good player," said Coach Pfeifer.

"He's long, very athletic and he can hit shots from the perimeter."

The coach said Dexter tied for first in voting for Player of Year in the Western Athletic Conference. He's a smart basketball player, a hard worker and an outstanding passer who likes to get in the gym and work hard outside of practice.

The three girls who will join Erskine on the women's team next season are Kelly Crittenden of Greeley County, Kinley Kee of St. John's Catholic in Beloit and Christina Anderson of Northern Valley in Alemen. Women's coach Brady Jasper said Erskine was a capable shooter with pretty good size who could play on both the inside and outside. He said Crittenden is a fast, athletic left-handed guard, Anderson is a perimeter player and Kee was a strong forward who can block out and rebound.

Other Thomas County athletes in the boys game were Heartland's Daniel Grace, Golden Plains' Dylan Moss and Brewster's Seth Ackerman. You had to be a senior

to be chosen for one of the teams.

Haas was the high point man from Colby High, finishing with 10. McKee had seven and Winger five.

Windell scored 14 points and shared the Most Valuable Player award with Tate Andrews of Wallace County. Dexter Pfeifer scored seven. Crittenden and Anderson each had six and Erskine and Kee both four. Erskine also won the women's three-point contest. Ackerman had seven, Moss scored three and Grace didn't score.

Andrews led all scorers in the men's game with 17. Tyler Rathke of Hays led the light team with 16.

Alison Cole of Northern Valley led all scorers in the women's game with 15 and was voted most valuable player. Justine Woofert of Scott City and Payton Walker of Weskan led all scorers on the light team with eight each.

"I thought it was a very competitive game," said coach Pfeifer.

Eagles' golf team takes first as senior wins Oberlin event

The Colby High senior Ryley Haas shot a 74 Saturday to win the annual Oberlin Invitational, leading his team to victory in the tournament.

Haas finished a mere stroke lower than second-place finisher Cade Brown of Oberlin, who beat Haas last week in Goodland.

"He has an outstanding putting and chipping game," said coach Barry Lucas, adding that Haas is strong anywhere within 100 yards.

The Eagles took first as a team with 345 points overall. The point

total reflects the combined scores of the four players who shot the lowest rounds. The second place finisher - Phillipsburg - had 20 more strokes.

Junior Rocque Russell took 10th with an 88. Lucas said Russell hits the long ball well and the rest of his game is coming around.

Senior Dylan Stithem shot a 91 and sophomore Paul Schiferl fin-

ished with a 95. Sophomore Tate Query shot 99 and sophomore Konnor Kriss finished with 105.

Lucas said he was happy the team won, but he thought their score could have been lower. He said last year's squad shot a 312 at Oberlin.

The Eagles' golfers will play again at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Atwood.

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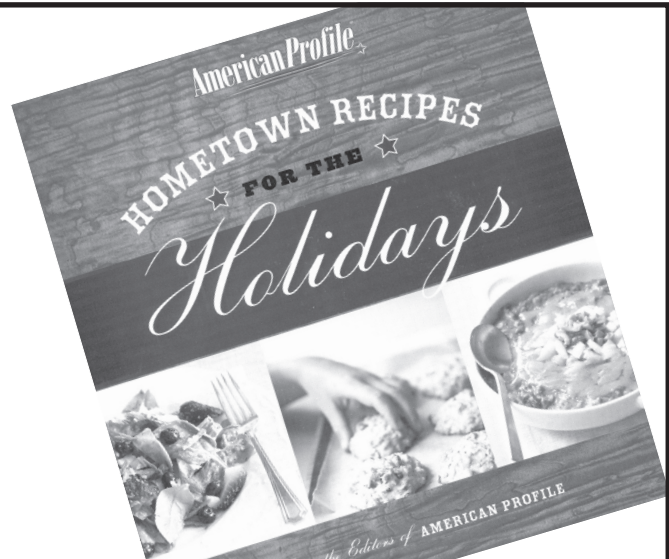
Former Wildcat dies in accident in Arkansas

MANHATTAN (AP) — Former Kansas State quarterback Dylan Meier, a member of a prominent Kansas football family, has died in a hiking accident in Arkansas.

The school said authorities in Newton County, Ark., reported that Meier died Monday after a

fall at Whitaker Point, also known as Hawksbill Craig.

A spokesman at the University of Kansas said Dylan's younger brother Kerry was one of several family members who were also on the hiking trip.



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