

Colby girls win at home

The Colby High junior varsity softball team swept Ulysses on Tuesday at the Colby Recreation fields. The Lady Eagles demolished the Lady Tigers 16-1 in the first game and picked up a 11-7 victory in game two.

The first game ended in the bottom of the fourth inning because of the 15-run rule. If a team is leading by 15 or more after three innings and the other team has already batted, the game is over.

Freshman Bailey Terrell got the win in game one. She gave up no runs in four innings. Terrell said she felt her pitching has improved as the season has progressed.

"I've learned a lot from my coaches and Skyler Mengel," she said.

Terrell got two batters to ground out and one to fly out in the top of the first. The Lady Eagles scored two runs in the bottom of the first to go up 2-0. The Lady Tigers' picked up a run in the top of the second, cutting Colby's lead to 2-1.

The Lady Eagles tacked on six more runs in the bottom of the second, stretching their lead to 8-1. Joelle Endreola scored from third on a wild pitch with the bases loaded in the bottom of the third, increasing Colby's lead to 9-1.

Later in the inning, Terrell scored on a wild pitch, extending the Lady Eagles' cushion to nine. Then freshman Karly Kriss pounded a ground-ball single that scored sophomore Lacy O'Neal and extended lead to 11-1. Kriss and freshman shortstop Jenessa Williams eventually both scored on the same wild pitch, expanding Colby's point margin to 12.

The girls increased their lead to 14-1 when sophomore third baseman Stacy Zerr scored on a sacrifice grounder by senior Karen Unruh.

Terrell caught the Lady Tigers' Vanessa Monsoon looking with a pretty change up for the first out of the top of the fourth.

"I've been working on my change up lately," she said later.

Terrell got Ulysses' next two batters to pop out to Williams. Endreola scored on a wild pitch in the bottom of the fourth to make it 15-1. Later in the inning, Kriss walked with the bases loaded, forcing in a run and giving Colby a 16-1 victory.

Kriss picked up her first win of the season at pitcher in the girls' 11-7 game two victory. Coach Kathy Elliot said the win should give Kriss more confidence.

The Lady Eagles scored six in



Colby High freshman Bailey Terrell prepared to fire a pitch and senior second baseman Karen Unruh got into fielding position during the first half of a junior varsity doubleheader between Ulysses and the Lady Eagles on Tuesday at the Colby Recreation fields.

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the first inning and managed to hold off the Lady Tigers for the rest of the game.

The highlight of the game was a triple play with Ulysses' runners on second and third. A Ulysses batter hit a fly ball to sophomore second baseman Sammie Reed, who caught it and tossed it to Williams at second. She stepped on the bag before the runner was able to get back for the second out, then fired to home to freshman catcher Mishaela Benson. She tagged out the runner attempting to score from third.

"It was just awesome to see them make all three of those plays," Elliot said. "It stepped our enthusiasm up a notch to finish

game." The junior varsity will play again starting at 3 p.m. Thursday in a doubleheader at Scott City.

Girls win events; weather ends meet

Colby High junior Emilia Finley took first in the 1,600-meter run and freshman Alexa Haas snared first in the 100-meter dash before the meet at Holcomb was stopped due to rain Friday.

Finley finished her race in 5 minutes, 47 seconds and Haas ran hers in 13.7 seconds.

The girls' track and field team took second out of 10 teams with 49 overall points and the boys' squad snared fourth out of 11 teams with 32 points.

Many Eagles athletes didn't get a chance to compete because the weather moved in before their events.

On the boys side, junior Troy Koon took second in the long jump with a leap of 19 feet, 2.5 inches. Junior Andrew Flanagan took third in the 100-meter hurdles with 16.29, junior Logan Middleton came in third in the javelin with 140' 3" and freshman Beau Brown finished third

in the 100 meters with 11.8 seconds.

Senior Adam Weber took fifth in the shotput with 42 feet, 2.5 inches. The men's 4-by-800 relay team with seniors Torey Taylor and Kalen Rasmussen, junior Christian Wilson and sophomore Jared Nally finished fifth in 8:57.2.

On the girls side, junior Kayla Hockersmith came in second in the long jump with 15' 10" and sophomore Morgan Bell took second in the high jump with 4' 10".

Junior Katrina Kaus finished fourth in the 1,600 with 5:47 and freshman Lauren Bell took fourth in the high jump with 4' 10". Freshman Shelby Gardner took fifth in the shot put with 28' 11.5".

The boys and girls will compete next at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Trego Community High School in WaKeeney.

Funeral celebrates spirit of Kansas State player

PITTSBURG (AP) — Former Kansas State quarterback Dylan Meier was a tough competitor who spent his time off the field living life to the fullest and befriending those around him, according to speakers at Meier's funeral.

Meier was laid to rest Monday after services attended by more than 1,000 people in Pittsburg. The 26-year-old was hiking in Arkansas last week when he fell to his death at Whitaker Point, also known as Hawksbill Crag.

Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said Meier tackled football and life with exuberance and curiosity, the Pittsburg Morning-Sun reported.

Meier life was peppered with adventures and experiences such as running with the bulls in Spain, visiting Russia and learning about

organic food production in New Zealand. He was planning to move to South Korea to teach English when he died.

"He was mature beyond his years," Snyder said. "He lived more than most of us will throughout extended lives. He was adventuresome, in such a positive, positive way."

Pittsburg High School football coach Merle Clark remembered Meier's toughness, recalling how he led Pittsburg against Salina South with an injury that later required surgery. Another time, he got stitches on the sideline and returned to play after missing just one series.

"He had such a passion for life," Clark recalled. "Man ... what a zest for life he had."

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