

Eagles take third at Hays

The Colby High baseball team finished third in a tournament this weekend in Hays. They went 2-2.

The Eagles lost to Hays High 5-2 and got shut out by Central from Salina 12-0 on Thursday. They beat Ellis 18-8 on Friday and got the better of rival Goodland 8-4 on Saturday.

Sophomore Braden Sager took the loss in the Eagles' 5-2 loss to Hays on Thursday, even though he only gave up three hits in the entire game. All of the Indians' runs came in the first inning. Senior Preston Krzycki drove in both of the Eagles' runs.

Hays scored their five runs off of three hits, two errors and a walk. Sager only allowed one batter on base — a walk — for the rest of the game.

"He was changing speeds really well; he had them baffled," coach Rick Williams said.

Krzycki took the loss in Colby's 12-0 shutout loss to Central in the team's second game on Thursday. He gave up eight runs before he was relieved by senior Brandon Rasmussen in the fifth.

The game remained knotted at 0 for the first three innings, but the Mustangs had a breakout fourth, scoring five runs to go up 5-0. They scored five more runs in the fifth. Rasmussen replaced Krzycki in the middle of the inning with Colby down 8-0. He gave up two runs before the inning came to an end.

Rasmussen gave up two in the sixth and Central picked up the victory because of the 10-run rule. If a team is winning by 10 after five innings and the opposing team has already batted, the game is called.

Colby's offense couldn't get anything going against the Mustangs. Williams said his team was overwhelmed by the Centrals' pitcher. Assistant coach Jeff Krzycki estimated the Mustangs' pitchers speed was somewhere between 80 and 85 miles per hour.

Colby's 18-8 victory over the Ellis Railroaders on Friday ended in six innings because of the 10-run rule.

Rasmussen got the win against Ellis. Williams said only one of the eight runs scored off of Rasmussen was earned.

The Eagles led 3-1 after the first inning, but the Railroaders scored five in the second to go up 6-3. The boys responded by ripping off six runs in the third to make it 9-6. Freshman Todd Kane added to



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Colby High sophomore Braden Sager, pictured here playing catch during practice on Tuesday, threw a three-hitter and went five for 13 in a tournament in Hays this weekend. Sager and freshman Todd Kane were selected for the all-tournament team.

their run total in the fourth when he blasted a grand slam home-run, the first of his career with the Eagles.

Colby led 15-6 going into the sixth inning. Ellis got two runs in the sixth, but the Eagles scored three, giving them an 18-8 victory.

Senior Garrett Rogers got the win against Goodland on Saturday. He gave up four runs, two of them earned in six innings. He was relieved by Krzycki in the bottom of the seventh with the bases loaded and nobody out and Colby leading 8-2. Krzycki allowed one hit, but he struck out three and the boys prevailed 8-4.

Colby scored three runs in the first to go up 3-0. Colby got two more runners across home plate in the top of the second to make it 5-0. Goodland got their first run in the bottom of the second, cutting the Eagles' lead to 5-1.

The Eagles led 8-2 going into the bottom of the seventh. The

Cowboys managed to load the bases with no outs. Krzycki relieved Rogers at pitcher. He gave up one two-run bloop single that narrowed the gap to 8-4, but he struck out three of the Cowboys' batters and Colby picked up a four-run victory.

Sager swung one of the hottest bats in the tourney, going five of 13 with four runs batted in. Kane went four for 10 with six runs batted in and Rasmussen went five for 13 with three runs batted in.

Kane and Sager made the all-tournament team.

The Eagles' record is 10-8. They finish their regular season with a doubleheader against Thomas More Prep-Marian from Hays starting at 4 p.m. Thursday at Young Memorial Field. The Eagles will have to be on top of their games to defeat the Monarchs. Williams said More Prep-Marian swept Scott City and Russell High this season. The boys split with both teams.

College squad loses to Seward

The Trojans' baseball team finished their season on Tuesday with a 19-7 loss to Seward County Community College in the sub-regional finals in Liberal.

The game went back and forth until the Saints unleashed a 14-run offensive explosion in the top of the sixth. The Trojans led 6-5 going into the sixth inning.

Sophomore Keith Carey took the loss. He gave up 11 hits, nine runs, eight of them earned, while striking out 5 1/3 innings.

Seward County jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first. Sophomore Ariz Garcia homered to right field in the bottom half of the first, cutting Saint's lead to 3-1. The Saints scored two runs in the top of the second, expanding their lead to 5-1.

The Trojans narrowed the gap in the bottom of the third. Sophomore Brendan Miller singled to center field, scoring sophomore Weston Lewis from third to make it 5-2. Then Miller advanced to second on a passed ball. He was driven home by a double to right center by sophomore Jess Cooper, cutting the Saints' lead to 5-3.

A home run by freshman Matt Edwards cut Seward's lead to 5-4 in the bottom of the fourth. The Trojans took their first and only lead of the day in the bottom of the fifth. Miller drove in sophomore Boston Langley from sec-

ond with a double to right field, tying the game at 5. Miller went on to score on a single by freshman Robert Glover, giving the Colby a 6-5 lead.

But in the top of the sixth Seward County took the control of the game with an offensive onslaught that left them with a 13 point lead going into the bottom of the sixth. The Saints' Daniel Bruce drove in Jordan Dallalio with a triple, tying the game at 6. Kelby Tomlinson of Seward County singled scoring Bruce and recapturing a 7-6 lead for his team. Carey was relieved by sophomore Mitchell Bean two batters later.

Seward's Josh Dawson singled off of Bean, scoring Tomlinson and extending the Saints' lead to 8-6. Then Todd Glime of Seward County blasted a grand slam home run that upped his team's lead to 12-8. Freshman Will Thomas replaced Bean at pitcher. The Trojans used two more pitchers and Seward scored seven more runs before the inning came to an end.

Colby scored a run in the bottom of the sixth, but they lost the game 19-7 because of the 10-run rule.

With the win Seward advanced to the Region VI championships on Saturday in Wichita.

The Trojans' end of the season record was 29-27.

Mom of accused player speaks kindly of victim

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) The mother of a former University of Virginia lacrosse player charged with killing a member of the women's team described the victim Tuesday as a "sweet wonderful young woman with a limitless future."

Marta Murphy's son, George Huguely, is charged with first degree murder in the killing of women's lacrosse player Yeardey

Love. Love's battered body was found in her off-campus apartment May 3.

In her first public statement, Murphy said it had been "difficult to remain silent during this dark tumultuous time."

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