

Legion team splits slug-fest

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The Colby American Legion team split two high scoring, offensively-charged games against Scott City on Sunday at Young Memorial Field.

The Eagles rallied back from a 9-0 deficit to defeat the Beavers 21-13 in game one, but Scott City bested Colby 17-9 in the second. Both games lasted six innings due to the 8-run rule.

Colby used three pitchers in the first inning. Braden Sager started the game on the mound. Scott City had Sager's pitches well-timed in the first two innings, spraying line drives all over the field. Scott City led 9-0 going in the bottom of the second. Colby came roaring back during their next at bat.

A pair of hits by Macen Shull and Caleb Mazanec helped the boys narrow the gap to 9-3. Later, Preston Krzycki pounded a pitch into a gap in left center with the bases loaded and two outs. The three runners scored and Scott City's catcher tried to throw out Krzycki, who was going for a triple. The throw was off-target and it got past the third baseman, allowing him to score.

Scott City threatened to score in the top of the third, but Sager managed to get Scott City's batter to ground out to third with two outs and the bases loaded. Jordan Rasmussen slapped a double to right center with the bases loaded, scoring two runs and tying the game at 9. Later, Sager blasted a three-run double to left center. Colby scored three more runs to make it 15-9 before the inning came to an end.

The boys had three pitchers throw for them in the bottom of the third. Sager started the inning before being relieved by Rasmussen. Rasmussen was eventually relieved by Brock Stephens. Stephens finished the inning. Scott City scored three runs, cutting

Colby's lead to 15-12.

Rasmussen scored on a passed ball and Krzycki drove in a run with a single at the start of the bottom of the fourth. A bloop single by Sam Kendrick and a single to right center by Nathan Quagliano both drove in runs, stretching the boy's lead to 19-12. Colby went on to win 21-13.

Rasmussen said his team hit well against Scott City's pitching because the team's pitchers were slow and didn't keep the ball down.

Krzycki started the second game. Scott City jumped ahead of Colby early in the second game. They scored four runs in the top of the first. The boys responded by scoring three runs in the bottom of the first to cut the lead to 4-3.

Scott City responded by ticking off four more runs to go up 8-3. Scott City walked three straight batters to start the bottom of the second. Then Sager drove all three runners home with triple over the center fielder's head. Kendrick slapped a double down the third base line, scoring Sager to make it 8-7. Later, Shull drove in Kendrick with a sacrifice grounder down the right side of the infield. Colby scored one more run to put them out in front 9-8.

Sager mishandled a ground ball to third, leaving runners on first and second with one out in the top of the third. Catcher Jake Thompson tried to throw out a Scott City runner trying to steal second. The throw was low and got past Shull, allowing a run to score. Later, Scott City's batter singled off of Stephens, scoring two runs to make it 11-9. Then one of Scott City's runners got caught in a rundown between third and home, but Sager's throw home to Thompson was low and Colby's catcher was unable to dig the throw out of the dirt; one run scored. Scott City picked up one run each in the top of the fourth and fifth and won the game 15-9.

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