

Lady Trojans split first four

The Lady Trojans split two of their first four softball games.

The Colby College women lost their first two games in a doubleheader at Otero Junior College on Sunday, but they bounced back to sweep Dodge City in their home-opening doubleheader on Tuesday.

The Lady Trojans fell to Otero 6-5 and 4-0 in Colorado.

Starting pitcher Kristi Sheets, sophomore, gave up 6 runs – only 2 earned – 8 hits and 1 walk while striking out 1 in six innings. Sophomore Chelsea Kinnett went 1 for 3 with two runs batted in. The Lady Trojans had 7 hits in the game.

Freshman Lori Harschbarger started the second game on the mound for Colby. She gave up 7 hits, 4 runs – 3 earned – and 1 walk in four innings. She was relieved by Sheets who allowed 1 hit and 0 runs in two innings.

Sophomore Michelle Glaze got the Lady Trojans' only hit. "Our pitchers threw very well in both games and we played solid defense for our first outing," coach Ryan Sturdy said. "We didn't hit the ball like we should have." "We had opportunities to win game one, but we just couldn't get a key hit to score the go-ahead run. In game two we didn't make

the adjustments at the plate."

Colby bested Dodge City 5-4 in first half of the doubleheader, picking up their first win of the season. Sturdy said the team was down two in the seventh but they managed to score 3 runs and escape with a win.

Sheets went the distance on the mound, giving up 4 runs – 1 earned – on 8 hits while striking out 9 in seven innings. Glaze went 2 for 2 and sophomore Kaitlin Wright slammed a homer. Colby had 11 hits in the game.

Glaze threw a seven inning shut out in the Lady Trojans 6-0 victory over Dodge in game two.

The coach said the momentum his team gained from its come-from-behind victory in game one carried over into the second game.

Glaze gave up 7 hits, walked two and struck out 6.

Sophomore Courtney Bloski and Michelle Glaze both went 2 for 3 and freshman Dominique Padilla bashed a homer.

The Lady Trojans had 9 hits. The Lady Trojans were to compete in a tournament in Concordia today. They will continue the tournament Saturday.



Colby College sophomore Nathan Wilson slid and rolled safely into home during the bottom of the fifth inning of the Trojans' home opener against Otero Junior College from Colorado on Thursday at the baseball diamond. KEVIN BOTTRELL/Colby Free Press

Big inning lifts Trojans to victory

An eight-run inning in the bottom of the fourth propelled the Trojans' baseball team to an 11-6 victory in its home opener against Otero Junior College on Thursday at the college baseball diamond.

Coach Ryan Carter continues to be pleased with his team's offensive play.

"Our offense has been carrying us all year," he said. "We're a hard team to pitch to and a hard team to defend and once we start throwing strikes we will be a hard team to beat."

The Colorado team jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the top of the third.

The Trojans got their first run when sophomore Jon Cotter doubled to center field, scoring sophomore Robert Glover from second. Later in the inning, Cotter scored on a passed ball. Freshman Scott Jones gave the Trojans a one-point lead with a three-run homer. Later in the inning, Glover was hit by a pitch with

the bases loaded, giving Colby a 6-4 lead. He was hit by the pitch after Otero had made its second pitching change of the inning.

Then Cotter, batting for the second time in the inning, singled to center field, scoring sophomore Nathan Wilson and freshman Tyler Hayes, stretching the Trojans' lead to 8-4.

The Trojans picked up another run in the bottom of the fifth. The Rattlers cut the Trojans' lead to six after getting two runs in the top of the seventh.

The Rattlers' Zach Villani doubled to center field to start the inning. He advanced to third on a passed ball and scored on a fly out to left field by Otero's Leandro Perez-Nunez. Later in the inning, the Rattlers' Drew Wold scored on a single to right field by Michael Rosario.

The Trojans' Jones smashed his second homer, this one a two-run shot, in the bottom of the eighth, extending Colby's lead to 11-6

Carter said Jones was a hit or miss kind of guy. He described him as lightning in a bottle. Although he will strike out from time to time, he also has the potential to turn the game around every time he comes up to bat, the coach said.

Cotter went 3 for 5. Sophomore Marshall Dean was the winning pitcher, giving up 7 hits and 2 runs while striking out 6 in 5 innings. The coach said it was really big performance for Dean, adding that he was someone the team would need to rely on this season. The coach said Dean was coming off a sore arm and it was his first outing of the year.

Sophomore Matt Stevens got the save. He threw a scoreless eighth and ninth, giving up no hits and striking out two.

With the win, the Trojans improved to 3-7. They play at 1 p.m. Sunday against Brown Mackie in Salina.

Colby High C team ends season with wins

The Colby High boys basketball C team ended its season with two straight victories.

The young Eagles pounded Norton 59-45 in their last home game on Feb. 22 and they picked up a 45-35 win in a make-up game at Scott City on Feb. 24.

Freshman Marc Bremenkamp had a team-high 23 points against Norton and freshman Spencer Barnes added 13. Reed Stephens finished with 10 points, freshman Connor Schwanke, 7; freshman Michael Schiferl, 4; and freshman

Adam Giersch, 2.

Bremenkamp was also the leading scorer against Scott City, finishing with 15 and Barnes chipped in 12.

Stephens contributed 9; Schwanke, 5; Giersch, 3; and freshman Steven Gaede, 1.

"We were peaking at the end of the season," coach Brent Brooks said. "We improved in every area of the game."

With the wins, the Eagles ended the season with a record of 6-10.

Former Bronco not ready to end career

AURORA, Colo. (AP) – Tight end Daniel Graham says he has no plans to retire and thinks he can play another three or four seasons

in the NFL following his release from the Denver Broncos.

The nine-year veteran would have been \$1 million richer Thursday had he not been cut a day before he was due a roster bonus.

"I might have a new helmet on for the next few years, but when it's all said and done I'm coming back here," Graham said in an interview from his backyard a few miles from Broncos headquarters that features a majestic view of the Rocky Mountains. "I can't wait to just retire and be back here in Colorado."

On second thought, he can wait a little while.

"My body's telling me I have a good three, four more years left in me," Graham said.

A day after releasing Graham, who had one year and \$4.2 million left on the five-year, \$30 million deal he signed with Denver as a free agent in 2007, the Broncos cut loose two more veterans on Thursday, defensive linemen Justin Bannan and Jamal Williams, saving another \$1.5 million in bonuses that were due next week.

Although he'd been expecting his release, Graham said it's a tough time to be a veteran free agent with the uncertain NFL labor situation hovering over him.

"It worries me," Graham said. "Now, I'm not on a team. I'm

looking for a team. So, it's always in the back of my mind. I'm pretty sure there's going to be a lot of other guys in my position looking for a team."

"That's why it's important for me to stay in shape, to make myself feel young, feel I can do this again and show teams that I want to be out there. I still have it in me, I still have a love to play this sport."

Graham, whose father, Tom, once played for the Broncos, was a first-round draft pick by New England in 2002 after starring at the University of Colorado, like Bannan.

Graham said he has no hard feelings over his release and was just thankful to get in four seasons with the team he grew up rooting for.

"I understand it's a business and

the organization is doing what's best for them right now," Graham said. "I loved playing here. This is the team I grew up loving to play for. When it's all said and done, I'll still be a Broncos fan."

Graham said it was hardest breaking the news to his 5-year-old daughter.

"I told her last night that Daddy no longer plays for the Denver Broncos and she cried," Graham said.

Bannan and Williams were big additions to Josh McDaniels' 3-4 defense last summer. The Broncos are going back to a 4-3 scheme under new coach John Fox, and the Broncos saved \$1.5 million in bonus payments by cutting them loose.

Williams, who turns 35 this year, was due \$1 million next week and \$4.2 million next season.

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