

Three home runs not enough for Lady Trojans

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The Colby Community College women's softball team lost both games a double-header against Western Nebraska Community College on Sunday at the college ball fields.

In game one, both teams were scoreless in the first two innings. Colby's Odasia Wright got into scoring position on a wild pitch in the bottom of the second, but the Lady Trojans were unable to bring her home.

The Lady Cougars jumped into the lead in the top of the third inning. Their first run came on an infield hit. Shortstop Audrey Lorenz couldn't come up with the ball in time to get the runner out at home. Later, with the bases loaded, Western Nebraska's Jocelyn Stubbs hit a grand slam to right field to make it 5-0. The Lady Trojans were unable to get anyone on base in their half of the inning.

The Lady Cougars got two runners on in the top of the fourth, but a strikeout from Colby's Kristi Sheets got them out of trouble, ending the inning with no runs scored.

The Lady Trojans got on the board with a two-run homer in the bottom of the fourth. Lorenz walked and Casey Dirkes belted the home run to left. Wright was hit by a pitch and moved to second on a wild pitch. A base hit from Michelle Glaze put runners at the

corners with one out, but Dakota Loader and Alyssa Mustard struck out, ending the inning.

The Lady Cougars got another home run, this one good for three runs in the top of the fifth. Colby put in pitcher Lori Harschbarger. Another Western Nebraska runner crossed home after a bunt when the throw to first went over Loader's head. A sacrifice fly to center field drove in a run, making it 10-2. A hit right to Lorenz at shortstop ended the inning.

Lorenz got on base in the bottom of the fifth. Her hit went right to the Lady Cougar's third baseman, but popped off her glove. However, the Lady Trojans were unable to score and the game ended 10-2 after five innings.

The Lady Cougars out hit the Lady Trojans 12-2, but both teams kept the errors to a minimum, with 1 for Western Nebraska and 2 for Colby. Dirkes picked up Colby's only runs batted in with her two-run homer.

The Lady Trojans put up a harder fight in the second game. They took an early lead with two runs in the first inning. Western Nebraska came back with three runs in the second, but Colby kept up with three runs of its own, pushing the lead to 5-3. The Lady Trojans extended their lead to 7-3 in the bottom of the third, but the Lady Cougars narrowed it again with three runs in the top of the fourth.

Both teams were scoreless until the sixth, when three runs for Western Nebraska and two for



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Colby College sophomore Kaitlin Wright made a hit in the Lady Trojan's softball game against Western Nebraska Community

College on Sunday. Wright score one run for the Lady Trojans in game one of the double-header.

Colby tied the score at nine. A six-run seventh inning for the Lady Cougars sealed the Lady Trojan's fate. They were unable to answer in their half of the inning, and the

game ended at 15-9. Glaze and Courtney Bloksi got home runs and three runs batted in each. Dirkes batted in two runs and Amanda Campbell added one.

Rochelle Boyce picked up a stolen base. Glaze pitched five innings and gave up seven runs on seven hits, but only three were earned runs. She got three strikeouts. The Lady Trojans will play next at noon Sunday against Barton County Community College at the Colby College fields.

Kansas State Wildcats wrangle No. 5 seed in southeast region

MANHATTAN (AP) — With victories over No. 2 Kansas and No. 10 Texas and a late-season turnaround that included a six-game winning streak, Kansas State expected favorable treatment from the NCAA selection committee.

The Wildcats were not disappointed. They're the No. 5 seed in the Southeast regional and will play 12th-seeded Utah State on Thursday in Tucson, Ariz.

"They respected the fact that we played a strong schedule, respected the fact that our kids played real

well coming down the stretch and grew as a team," said coach Frank Martin. "Every game's hard in the tournament. There's not an easy game. Utah State, any team that can win (30) games in a season is real good, and I'm just ecstatic for our kids."

Led by guard Jacob Pullen, the Wildcats (22-10) overcame a string of setbacks, including the defection of big men Freddy Asprilla and Wally Judge, the six-game suspension of senior forward Curtis Kelly and switching

offenses in January.

They also overcame a three-game suspension of Pullen, their senior leader who along with Kelly was penalized for accepting improper discounts at a Manhattan clothing store. But if they can stay alive long enough in the tournament, Pullen needs only 44 points to break Mike Evans' career school scoring record.

Utah State (30-3) was 15-1 in the Western Athletic Conference.

"With us, it's all about matchups," Pullen said. "And hope-

fully, after we get some film and some scouting reports, we can understand the matchup with Utah State."

Utah State senior forward Tai Wesley was named WAC player of the year after averaging 14.4 points and 7.3 rebounds.

A year ago as a No. 2 seed, the Wildcats came within one game of the Final Four. So tournament experience is one thing Kelly and

Pullen can impart to the younger players.

"I have been to the NCAA tournament three out of the four years that I have been in college," said Kelly. "We know that every play is important and that every game counts. I think I understand that more than the younger guys."

Pullen, the Wildcats' floor leader, will take pains to explain to the younger players the importance of

taking NCAA tournament games one play at a time.

"We have a lot of experience, so we understand how tough it is to wake up in the morning and play a team that you have never played before," he said. "You have to figure out what they do and what their tendencies are. But hopefully as a team, we are going to understand the importance of every game."

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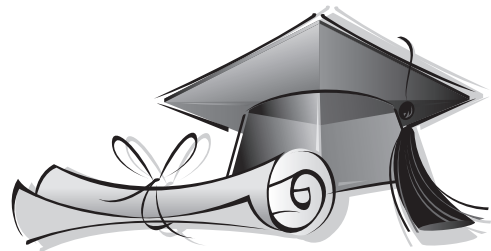


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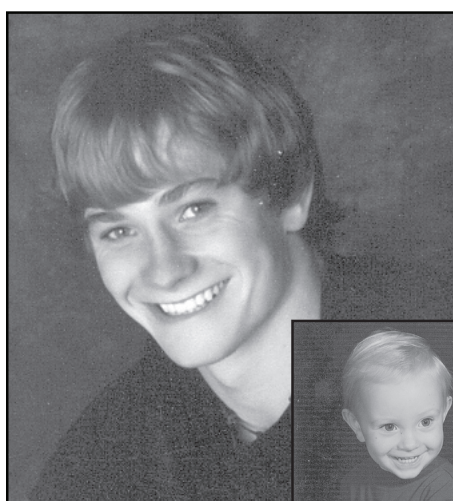
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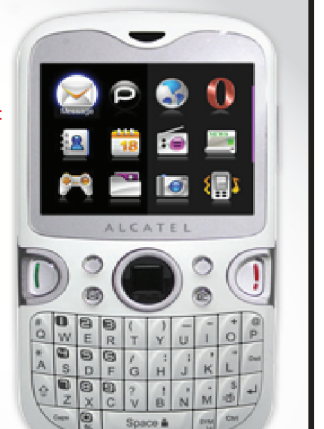


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