

# Trojans nine takes five of six on road trip

The Colby Community College baseball team went five of six on the road last week, beating Hesston College twice last Wednesday and Cloud County Community College three times Saturday and Sunday in Concordia.

The Trojans won 5-1 in the first game Saturday and lost 5-3 in the second.

In the first game Sunday, the Thunderbirds put up two runs in the first inning on a single and a home run to left field. They added another run with a triple and a sacrifice fly ball in the second.

However, the Trojans burst into the game with an 11-run third. With one out, sophomore Matt Edwards reached first on an error and then stole second. Freshman Tyler Hays walked. Freshman Austin Russell singled to left, driving in Edwards and advancing Hays to second. He would reach home plate when sophomore Robert Glover hit a single to right.

With Russell and Glover at the corners, sophomore Jon Cotter got on base on an error by the shortstop, which also brought Russell home to tie the game at 3. Glover moved to second. Freshman Brandon Wilson belted a home to left, putting the Trojans up by 3 with just one out.

With the bases empty again, freshman Nick Bata singled to left and then stole second. A few minutes later, sophomore Kurtis Baker brought him home with a homer to center. The Trojans now led 8-3.

Back at the top of the batting order, sophomore Nathan Wilson, who flied out in the first at-bat of the inning, was hit by a pitch. He stole second and got to third on an error by the Thunderbirds' pitcher. He would score when Edwards reached first on an error and kept going to second.

After a pitching change, Hayes singled to left, driving in Edwards. Hays was picked off at first for the second out, but the Trojans weren't done yet. Russell singled to right field and stole second.



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Colby Community College sophomore Matt Stevens, seen here pitching against Lamar Community College last week, picked up a win Saturday against Cloud County in Concordia.

Glover then batted him in with a double to right. Cotter would line out to right to end an inning that saw 15 batters, 11 points, 8 hits and 4 errors.

The Trojans would not score again, but they didn't need to. Cloud County put up 5 more runs. Two came in the third inning on two sacrifice flies. They would add another two in the bottom of the fifth on an error by Hayes and a fielder's choice. Their last run would come in the bottom of the

sixth on a double to center, leaving the score 11-8.

Sophomore pitcher Corey Ride-nour picked up the win. He pitched 4 innings, giving up 7 runs - 4 of them earned - on 5 hits and struck out three batters. Cloud County's Keagan Rawhouser got the loss, pitching 2 innings and giving up 10 runs.

The Trojans would score 11 runs again in the second game, but more gradually. Baker reached home on an error by the Thun-

derbirds' shortstop in the second. Cloud County took the lead with two runs in its half of the inning.

Colby took the lead again in the third. Baker was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, forcing Russell home. Cotter scored on a sacrifice fly by Glover, making the score 3-2 Colby.

Cloud County tied the game at 3 in the bottom of the third with a double. Colby quickly took the lead again in the fourth with a sacrifice fly by freshman Zach Wilson that brought Hayes home. Russell scored on a single by freshman Brandon Wilson.

The game would remain at 5-3 until the top of the sixth. After two pitching changes by Cloud County, Baker got two runs batted in on a double to right. The Thunderbirds made a third pitching change, but Glover hit a sacrifice fly to center field to drive in Baker. Colby added another run in the top of the seventh on a single by Russell to make it 9-3.

Cloud closed the gap a little in the bottom half of the seventh with two runs, but Colby matched them in the eighth with an Edwards single that drove in Baker. Glover later came home on an error by the

Thunderbirds' center fielder.

Cloud County scored 4 more runs, 1 in the eighth and 3 in the ninth, but they couldn't overcome the Trojans' lead. The game ended at 11-9.

Colby's Drew Posegate picked up the win. In six innings, he gave up 5 runs on 7 hits. Cloud's Kevin Shaffer got the loss.

With the wins, the Trojans advanced to 11-9 so far this season. The team was scheduled to play against Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colo., at 3 p.m. today.

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