

## Trying to beat the throw



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Colby Community College freshman Nick Bata scrambled back to first base in the Trojans' 9-5 win over Barton County Community College on Sunday. Bata went 2 for 3 in the game,

scoring a run. Colby split the four-game series with Barton, winning one game Saturday and one Sunday.

## Colby High baseball team wins openers

At the same time the Colby High School softball team was dominating Holcomb at home on Friday, the baseball team was crushing the Longhorns on the road 11-0 and 18-0.

Braden Sager was nearly perfect in the first game, hurling a one-hitter complete game, striking out 8 and walking none.

At the plate, Jordan Rasmussen was 3 for 3 with one run batted in and 3 runs scored. Nathan Quagliano was 2 for 3 with 2 runs batted in and 1 scored.

Braden Sager, Dalaan Organ and Luke Cox each drove in two runs while Todd Kane and Macen Shull drove in one apiece.

In the second game, Brock James came

close to Sager's performance, pitching a complete game one-hitter. He had 10 strikeouts and 2 walks.

"I was really please with our pitching and defense." Coach Rick Williams said. "Our pitchers did a great job of working ahead and locating their pitches. Our defense was solid all night."

The slugfest was led by Rasmussen, who went 2 for 4 with 4 runs batted in and 2 runs scored. Jake Thompson was 2 for 3 with 2 runs batted in and a run scored. Luke Cox and Sam Kendrick batted in 2 runs each. Shull, Sager, Kane and Quade Woolfter each added 1.

"It sounds crazy to say this when you score

29 runs in 10 innings of baseball," Williams said, "but I think we need to get in the box and have better at bats than we had at Holcomb. I felt like we can take a better approach to the plate at times.

"We are really young and will get better at these little things that we will need to do when we get into the difficult part of our schedule."

The Eagles travel to Ulysses on Friday to face the Tigers at 4 p.m. and to Russell on Tuesday at 4 p.m. before they play their home opener against Goodland at 4 p.m. Friday, April 15.

## College golfer wins tourney

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Colby Community College sophomore golfer Chelsie Gausman continued her strong season by winning the Jayhawk Conference Tournament in Great Bend on Sunday and Monday.

Gausman, from Goodland, shot a 27-hole total of 141 at Great Bend's Stone Ridge Golf Course to win by a stroke over Barton County Community College's Chelsie Dietz.

After 18 holes on Sunday, Barton's Rachel Strecker led the tournament with a 91, Dietz was in second with a 96, followed by Gausman at 97.

Weather throughout the two-day tournament was less than desirable. Sunday's round began with temperatures in the 80s

and gusty winds. Temperatures dropped nearly 20 degrees during the round, with the wind shifting to the north. Monday's weather wasn't any better, with gusty north winds and temperatures in the mid to upper 40s.

Gausman dominated the course Monday, though, shooting a 9-hole total of 44, taking the lead from the two Barton women.



C. Gausman

Placing fifth for the Trojans was Jessica Leiker of Colby with a 27-hole total of 153. Also competing for the Lady Trojans were Christy Colson (167) and Kayla Waugh (202). The team placed third overall behind Barton County and Dodge City Community College.

The Lady Trojans' next competition is Sunday and Monday, April 17-18, in Goodland in a tournament sponsored by the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

## Store owners stuck with Final Four shirts

LAWRENCE – The Kansas Jayhawks' upset loss in the National Collegiate Athletics Association tournament wasn't just heartbreaking for some Lawrence store owners – it was a pain in the pocketbook.

When Kansas got into the Elite Eight of the tournament, Lawrence businesses that sell Jayhawk apparel pre-ordered hundreds of Final Four T-shirts. After the upset loss to Virginia Commonwealth Univer-

sity, those T-shirts are sitting in warehouses and store owners are trying to figure out what to do with them.

The Daily Kansan reports that the businesses can't just donate the T-shirts to charity. Some companies that make the shirts require that they be destroyed or donated outside the U.S.

Owners of Jayhawk Sprit and Jock's Nitch are trying to make contacts to ship the unwanted T-shirts overseas.

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