

The throw to first



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Colby Community College sophomore Josh Jurado got ready to throw to first to get a runner out after fielding a ground ball in the Trojans' game against Lamar Community College on Thursday.

Tennis tourney here Saturday

Tennis players from seven northwest Kansas high schools will gather in Colby on Saturday for the Colby High School Varsity Tennis Tournament.

Hays, Liberal, Russell, Scott City, Ulysses and WaKeeney will join the Colby tennis team for the tournament, which begins at 9 a.m. Saturday. Matches will be held on courts at Fike Park and Colby Community College.

The Colby team hasn't been doing well lately, but coach Matt Ludwick said that with some reshuffling, the young players have been improving.

"They work extremely hard and they want to succeed," Ludwick said. "In time they will understand that tennis is a lot of mental control. All of them have shown tremendous improvements, but I told them that other teams are working hard as well and that these opponents are working for a common goal, to win."

The Eagles were in Great Bend on Thursday, playing against teams from Hoisington, Russell, Haven, Hays and Southwestern Heights from Kismet.

At No. 1 singles, Michael Schiferl went 0-5, placing seventh overall.

"Michael is becoming much better," the coach said. "He put up a lot of good numbers as points and had the lead in nearly all of his matches. He is steadily gaining confidence in the courts."

In his second meet at No. 2 singles, Billy Selley also went 0-5. Ludwick said Selley is taking a "crash course" in No. 2 singles, having played doubles tennis up to this point in the season. He scored his first point in a match against Tyler Hontz of Russell.

"In just two days playing No. 2 singles, he is learning to move around and return the ball to the opponent," he said.

Kaden Staab and Aaron Higerd placed seventh in No. 1 doubles, going 0-5.

"They were extremely aggressive and were hitting the ball hard," Ludwick said. "Aaron had awesome serves and Kaden drilled the ball a few times to win points. In just two days, these guys are becoming compatible and really working well together."

Randy Colling and Dylan McLemore also went 0-5 at No. 2 doubles.

"Randy and Dylan were really intense, I truly think their desire to win was so great that

they made some mental mistakes and kicked themselves for them," the coach said. "This was their first tournament as 2 doubles and I believe that they will be ready for the next tournament."

The team traveled to Scott City on April 21 for a six-game round robin.

Schiferl won one match out of six. He beat Tyler Yeardon of Scott City 7-1. He lost his other matches against Maize South 7-0, Hays 7-0, Dodge City 7-3, Garden City 7-0 and Great Bend 7-0.

Selley went 0-6 in his first match at No. 2 singles, losing all his matches 7-0.

Due to illness and absent players, Higerd and Staab moved up to play at No. 1 doubles for the first time. They went 0-6 at the meet, losing 7-1 to Maize South and 7-0 to the other teams.

"The only ingredient for this great team that is missing is the confidence factor," Ludwick said. "They don't give themselves enough credit, and in time, as other coaches from other teams had said, they will be great in the near future."

Lady Eagles beat Lakin, Scott City on road

It's been a week of postponements for the Colby High School softball team. After a junior varsity game in Hoisington was called off and makeup games in Hugoton were cut short, the girls finally got to finish a double header on Thursday, beating Lakin and Scott City.

Senior Skyler Mengel got the first win against Lakin. She allowed 1 run on 5 hits and a walk. She struck out 8 batters.

On offense, the girls scored most of their runs on single base

hits. Sophomore Kenzie Curry got the teams' only double. She also hit two singles, driving in 3 runs. Senior Caitlyn Wark and sophomore Karly Kriss each hit 3 singles; junior Madison Gawith hit 2; and Mengel and senior Tera Raymond hit 1 each.

The girls won the game 13-1.

Scott City put up a better fight in the Lady Eagle's second game, scoring 6 runs to Colby's 12. Curry was the winning pitcher, giving up the 6 runs on 6 hits and 4 walks.

She struck out 10 batters.

The girls stepped things up on offense. Curry hit a home run and 3 singles for 3 runs batted in. Wark, Gawith, Kriss and senior Bailey Koerperich each had doubles. Wark also hit 2 singles. Kriss and Koerperich also hit 1 single each, ending up with 4 and 3 runs batted in respectively. Raymond and senior Brittany Bange each hit 2 singles. Mengel and junior Lacy O'Neal each had a single.

The girls weren't done for the

week. They were to play at 4 p.m. today against Scott City at the Colby Recreation Fields. The junior varsity team will play two games at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday against Stanton County and Hoisington at the Colby Recreation Fields.

Four solo homers doom Kansas City in 8-2 loss to Cleveland

CLEVELAND (AP) - The surprising Cleveland Indians will get two chances to set the franchise record for wins in April.

The way they've been playing at home, it may take only one.

Fausto Carmona pitched seven solid innings Thursday night, and the Indians belted four solo homers in an 8-2 victory over the Kansas City Royals - the 10th straight

home win for Cleveland.

The Indians (16-8) opened a 4 1/2-game lead over the Royals and Tigers in the AL Central, heading into Friday night's series opener against Detroit. The Indians' 16 wins in April ties the club record set in 1988, 1996 and 1999.

"I'm proud of these guys," manager Manny Acta said. "This was a very good series. We did just

about everything. We swung the bat very well tonight, hit some balls loud, square."

Carmona (2-3) was coming off a 10-3 loss Saturday in Minnesota and rebounded by throwing 60 of 86 pitches for strikes, walking two and allowing five hits and two runs.

It helped that his offense staked him to an 8-0 lead.

"This is a lot of fun," Carmona said. "It helps to have my teammates hitting."

Shin-Soo Choo and Carlos Santana connected for consecutive homers with two outs in the first inning off Kyle Davies (1-3). Grady Sizemore opened the third with his fourth homer and Shel-

ley Duncan, a late lineup addition when DH Travis Hafner was scratched with an inflamed right ankle, began the fourth with his first of the year to make it 4-0.

That made it 17 homers allowed by Kansas City during its six-game losing streak.

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