

Colby High beats Scott City at home

One big win and one close win against Scott City on Friday brought the Colby High School softball team to 15-3 with just two weeks left in the regular season.

Senior Skyler Mengel allowed only 4 hits in a 10-0 shutout in game one. She threw 2 walks and struck out 3.

Sophomore Kenzie Curry continued to hit well, getting a triple and 2 singles for 1 run batted in. Senior Bailey Koerperich got a season-high 5 runs batted in on a double and 2 singles.

Seniors Caitlyn Wark, Tera Raymond, Brittany Bange, Mengel, junior Madison Gawith and sophomore Karly Kriss each hit singles.

Game two proved tougher for the Lady Eagles. Curry allowed only 1 run on 4 hits and struck out 6, but Scott City held Colby to only 3 runs. Curry once again had the game's big hit with a double, while Raymond and Koerperich each had singles.

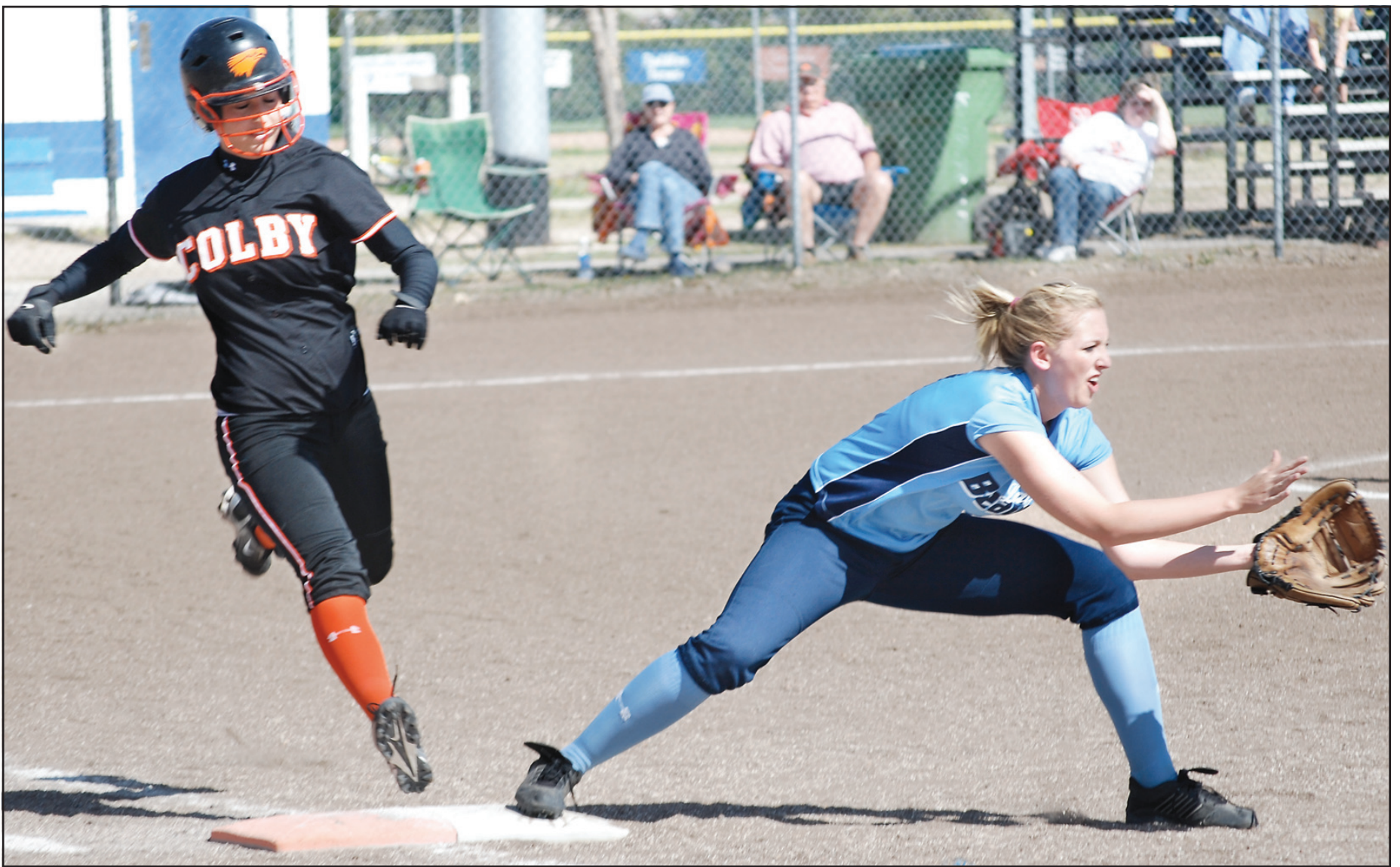
"Our pitchers did a very good job again," said coach Jack Elliot. "Defensively we struggled at times and made great plays at times. Offensively we started strong but didn't do anything down the stretch."

The varsity team went to Hugoton on Tuesday to finish games suspended due to weather last week.

The junior varsity team split their doubleheader with Scott City. The Lady Eagles had a huge game one, scoring 19 runs to Scott City's 4.

Sophomore Bailey Terrell picked up the win, striking out five and gave up six hits.

On offense, freshman Haileigh Shull hit a home run and a double. Sophomore Jenessa Williams also had a big game with a triple and 3 singles and freshman Madison Rogers had a triple and a single. Sophomores McKenna Ortner, Alexa Schindler and freshman Abby Friesen each had 2 singles while Terrell and



Colby High School senior Brittany Bange beat a throw to first in game one of Friday's doubleheader against Scott City. Bange went 1-for-3 in the girls'

15-3 win at the Colby Recreation Fields. She got a single, a run batted in and walked once.

KEVIN BOTTRELL/Colby Free Press

freshman Andrea Barton each had 1.

Game two was a different story. Scott City held Colby to just 1 run while scor-

ing 10 of their own. Rogers took the loss, but struck out 4 batters. She also had the Lady Eagles' only hit of the game.

The junior varsity team also played Saturday at Dennen Field, losing 26-13 to Stanton County and 12-7 to Hoisington.

The girls will go to Hoisington on Thursday for make-up games.

Trojans to play in regional tourney here this weekend

The Colby Community College baseball team will play host to the four-team, double-elimination first round of the Region VI play-offs from Saturday to Monday after wrapping up regular season play last weekend.

The Trojans' opponent in the first round has yet to be determined because several games in the Eastern Division of the conference were delayed due to weather.

Colby is the No. 2 seed out of the West Division and the other teams in their playoff are the No. 6 team out of the West (Butler County), the No. 3 team out of the East (Fort Scott), and No. 7 team from the East (yet to be determined). The Trojans will face that No. 7 team from the East.

Colby finishes their conference schedule with a 36-18 overall record, and 23-9 in Jayhawk West play. Since Dodge City moved to Division II, their games do not count in the Region VI standings, giving the Trojans a Region VI re-

cord of 20-8.

Colby played its last regular season games Friday and Saturday, sweeping Pratt at home.

On Saturday, sophomore Marshall Dean got the win in game one. He struck out 8 of the 25 batters he faced and gave up 4 runs on 8 hits.

Freshman Brandon Wilson accounted for half of Colby's runs, bringing sophomore Matt Balogh home with a base hit in the bottom of the second and hitting a two-run homer in the bottom of the fourth. Freshman Scott Jones brought home another run in that inning with a single that scored sophomore Robert Glover.

Colby picked up another 2 runs in the bottom of the fifth when Glover doubled, bringing home Balogh and sophomore Jon Cotter. Pratt tried to close the gap with a 3-run sixth inning, but it wasn't enough to take the lead. Colby won 6-4.

Sophomore Matt Stevens got

the win in game two. He pitched 6 innings, giving up 2 runs on 5 innings and striking out 7.

The Trojans combined for 5 doubles out of 13 total hits. Pratt took an early lead with 1 run in the first inning, but Colby came back in a big way with 5 runs in their half of the first. The Trojans would not score again until the bottom of the fourth, when they had 9 runs on 8 hits.

The Trojans held the Beavers to just 2 more runs, winning the game 14-3.

On Sunday, sophomore Cory Ridenour got the win in game one, giving up 7 hits and striking out 8. He was relieved by freshman R-Jay Joe in the seventh.

Colby jumped off early with 2 runs in the first inning and another 4 runs in the third. Balogh, Glover and Wilson each hit home runs in the bottom of the fifth for 5 combined runs batted in. Freshman Brandon Frank also had a run batted in during the inning. The

Trojans added 1 more run in the bottom of the sixth on a triple by Balogh, going on to win the game 13-6.

Freshman Drew Posegate got the win in game two, pitching 7

innings out of 9. He was relieved by freshman Tremain Meier, who got the save.

The Trojans scored 7 runs in the first 4 inning, but were kept there as Pratt closed the gap until

Balogh tripled and scored at home on a wild pitch in the bottom of the eighth. Freshman Nick Bata brought home two runs and freshman David Bauer drove in one. Colby won 11-5.

Late-game home run dooms Rockies

PHOENIX (AP) — The Colorado Rockies jammed the bases with runners and got a halfway decent start from Jorge De La Rosa.

One pitch was all Arizona needed to send Colorado to a third loss in four games.

Unable to take advantage of a runner on third with one out in the eighth inning, the Rockies gave up a leadoff homer to Justin Upton in the bottom half on a 3-0 count in a 4-3 loss to the Diamondbacks Tuesday night.

"They take one swing and score the runs, we had runners all over the place, basically from the seventh inning on, and we couldn't get the hit to open the game up," Rockies manager Jim Tracy said.

Colorado had David Hernandez (1-0) against the ropes in the eighth, with Todd Helton on third and one out, but couldn't score.

Helton was thrown out at home — after a rundown — trying to score on Jose Lopez's hard grounder to first and Hernandez escaped a bases-loaded jam by getting Chris Iannetta to pop out.

Upton came up to lead off the bottom half and, after falling behind 3-0, lifted his sixth homer over the wall in right off Felipe Paulino (0-1).

"I was surprised that he swung," Paulino said. "You have to be sure to make sure to swing 3-0. Normally, if they swing on 3-0 they don't make a home run like that."

Joe Saunders gave Arizona a decent start for the first time at home this season and Hernandez worked out of the tough spot in the eighth

inning. Most of the offense came in the third, when Henry Blanco hit his first homer in nearly a year and Xavier Nady had a two-run single to prevent De La Rosa from becoming the NL's first five-game winner.

Since taking over as Arizona's manager last season, Kirk Gibson has repeatedly given his hitters

the green light on 3-0 counts, hoping it'd make them comfortable whenever the situation arises.

Sometimes it's worked, a lot of times it hasn't.

"I wasn't trying to do too much," Upton said. "Just make sure it's a strike and don't come out of your shoes, and I was able to get a good pitch to hit."

Mom's Day Mike's Way!

MONTANA MIKE'S STEAKHOUSE

Mother's Day

\$10 BONUS CARD

Mom gets a free \$10 bonus card for a future purchase when she dines at Montana Mike's on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th (while supplies last)

MONTANA MIKE'S STEAKHOUSE

1855 S. Range • Colby, KS • 785-462-7178

Experience mobile computing.

Samsung GALAXY Tab™

Features

- 7" TFT Display • Scratch-Resistant Gorilla® Glass Screen
- Wi-Fi® Networking • Android™ 2.2 OS • HD Video Player

Residential Phone Service, Internet Access & Wi-Fi Router All In One, Compact Unit.

Get internet access with Viaero and the W35. No long-term contracts are required!

Authorized Dealer

VIAERO wireless

WE'LL PAY YOUR EARLY CONTRACT TERMINATION FEE!*

C & C Communications

1923 South Range Ave, Ste.2 • Colby, KS • 785.465.7054

* Limited time offer. Up to \$200 will be given as credit on your Viaero account. Service must be maintained in good standing with Viaero for 60 days prior to receiving Early Termination Fee (ETF) credit. ETF credit form (available at viaero.com or at a Viaero retail location) and copy of bill from previous carrier must accompany credit request to be eligible for ETF credit. Credit will appear on your account 4 to 8 weeks after your account is eligible and ETF credit request is processed. Only customers whose accounts are not required to be credit limited are eligible to receive ETF credit. See store for complete details. **Requires new/renewed 24-month contract. Requires purchase of a Viaero smartphone data package. Minimum of \$5.95 messaging plan and \$14.95 data plan required. All screen images are simulated. All other brands, company names, trademarks and service marks are all property of their respective owners. †Alcatel Tribe Pro is \$49.99 with mail in rebate of \$49.99. If you receive federal benefits such as Old Age Pension, Aid to the Blind, Aid to the Needy or Supplemental Security Income, you may qualify for discounted Basic Universal residential service under the Lifeline and/or Link-Up programs (Colorado) or the Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (Nebraska).