

College softball team 0-2 against Otero

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The Colby Community College softball team was able to start its season on Saturday after a few postponed games earlier this month.

"It was finally nice to get the season started," said Coach Ryan Sturdy. "We had nice days to play, but it was a little windy."

The Lady Trojans played a doubleheader at Carl Adams Field against Otero Junior College from La Junta, Colo.

In the first game Saturday, Colby fell behind early as the Lady Rattlers scored 7 runs by the middle of the second inning.

The Lady Trojans were able to get one player home in the third inning, but it would be their only run of the game.

Otero would go on to score 5 more runs and the game ended after five innings with a score of 12-1.

Ashley Archer, Goodland, and Kelsi Conway, Penrose, Colo., pitched for Colby. Archer pitched for 3 innings and had 1 strikeout and allowed 8 hits, 9 runs and 4 walks. There were 5 errors during her set.

Conway pitched for 2 innings where she had 1 strikeout and allowed 3 hit, 3 runs and no walks. There were 3 errors during her set.

The leading hitter for the Lady Trojans was Courtney Kinnett, Bailey, Colo., who was walked and was the only run batted in. The team had 4 hits for the game.

The second game played out similarly to the first for Colby.

The Lady Rattlers scored 4 runs in the first inning and 2 more in the second while the Lady Trojans didn't score any.

Colby brought in their only 2 runs of the game in the third, though, and Otero scored another 4 runs in the fourth and fifth in-



KAYLA CORNETT/Colby Free Press
Kelsi Conway threw a pitch during the Colby Community College softball team's first game of a doubleheader Saturday at Carl Adams field. The Lady Trojans lost the game 12-1.

nings to win the game 10-2.

Michelle Glaze, Brighton, Colo., pitched for the Lady Trojans in this game for a little more than 4 innings. She had 5 strikeouts and allowed 4 hits, 6 runs and 6 walks. There were 6 errors during her set.

Conway pitched again but only for one-third of an inning. She didn't have any strikeouts and allowed 4 hits, 4 runs and no walks. There were 4 errors during her

set.

The lead hitters for Colby were Audrey Lorenz, Loveland, Colo., Dominique Padilla, Albuquerque, N.M., and Lindsey Campbell, Arvada, Colo., who all got on base 1 of 2 times at bat. The team had 5 hits for the game.

"On Saturday, I thought we came out a little timid and made some communication mistakes," Sturdy said. "Otero is a very good team and has disciplined hitters."

Junior Titans place second in league play

By Bonnie Holm
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The Triplains-Brewster junior high boys finished their basketball season in Sharon Springs last weekend with play in the Freedom League Tournament.

The A-team boys started the tournament as the second seed and played seventh-seeded Golden Plains last Thursday.

The Titans had no trouble with the Bulldogs, winning easily by a score of 57-8. Eric Gfeller was the leading scorer for the Titans with 22 points. Justin Schmidt had 10, Ryan Gfeller scored 9, Fred Schertz scored 8, Taylor Stramel chipped in 6 and Coleton Rogge scored 2. The win set the Titans up for the semi-final game against Wheatland-Grinnell.

The Titans had previously beat the Thunderhawks by 34 points, but the 'Hawks showed much improvement in this tournament game. The Titans got off to a good start, leading at the end of the first quarter by a score of 9-4. However, the 'Hawks kept it close, and at halftime were only down by 6.

With the Titans struggling on

the boards, the 'Hawks closed the gap, but at the end of the third quarter, the Titans were still ahead 21-17. The Titans were outscored in the fourth quarter, as they could only hit one free throw, and the game went into overtime.

Holding the 'Hawks scoreless in overtime, the Titans scored 4 points and won the game 26-22. The leading scorer for the Titans was Eric Gfeller with 15, Rogge had 6, Ryan Gfeller had 3 points and Schertz scored 2.

In the championship game, the Wallace County Wildcats proved to be too much for the Titans to handle, as the Titans lost 50-19, bringing home the second place medal.

On the B-team boys' side, the Titans' first opponent was Cheylin. The Titans dominated the game both offensively and defensively, holding the Cougars to just 6 points while scoring 56 themselves.

The leading scorer for the Titans was Jaden Schmidt with 15, followed by J.B. Felzien with 11. Other Titans contributing to the winning effort were Nate Brown with 9 points, Tad Holm

and Austin Rivera with 6 each, Verlin Plummer with 4, Hudson Stramel with 3 and Levi Rall with a basket at the buzzer for 2.

In the semi-finals, the Titans came up against the Wallace County Wildcats, one of only two teams who had beaten the Titans in the regular season. The Titans played a hard-fought game, but came up short in the loss, 48-43.

Stramel led the scoring with 12, including 2 three-point shots, Holm and Schmidt each had 11, Felzien had 5 and scoring 2 each were Rivera and Brown.

For the third-place game, the Titans were determined to end the season with a win, and they poured it on the Wheatland-Grinnell Thunderhawks, winning 43-4.

The leading scorer for the Titans was Holm with 10, followed by Schmidt with 8, Felzien scored 6 points, Stramel had 5, Plummer and Adrian Mercado had 4 each, and both Rivera and Brown scored two points.

Coaches for the junior high Titans boys' teams were Kent Gfeller and Michael Collett.

Middle school girls regain winning streak at home

By Judy Rogers
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Middle School girls basketball A-team regained the winning path as they defeated the Cheylin Lady Cougars 39-16 in a home game.

The girls bounded to a 12-6 lead in the first quarter on Feb. 2 in Rexford and added 9 in the second while holding the Lady Cougars to none.

Starting a halftime score of 21-6, the Lady Bulldogs kept on rolling throughout the second half as

the boys cheered them on from the bleachers. They continued to outscore the Lady Cougars 8-3 in the third and 10-7 in the fourth.

With most of the girls getting on the floor during this game, there were a lot of them scoring points. Kami Miller had 15, Tayler Petersen 10, Kynndra Rush 5, Gabrielle Schiltz 2, Jessica Koeperich 2, Morgan Ritter 2, Brianna Stoll 2 and Courtney Heinrich 1.

This win brings the girls' record to 9-2, with both losses to Dighton.

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