

Lady Trojans improve their hitting, scoring

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The Colby Community College Lady Trojans softball team went 2-6 over an eight-day period playing four different teams.

“We have hit the ball well and scored runs, which was a problem earlier in the year,” said Coach Ryan Sturdy. “We are still struggling on defense. We are competing with each of the teams we play, but have one bad inning and give the game away. We continue to find ways to keep ourselves in the rut we are in.”

The Lady Trojans started this stretch by playing two games against Brown Mackie College in Salina on March 10. Colby blew Brown Mackie out of the water in game one 18-0 after five innings, but lost game two 8-2.

Ashley Archer pitched for the women in game one, throwing all five innings. She had 1 strikeout and allowed 6 hits, no runs and no walks.

The leading hitter was Michelle Glaze, who hit 3 home runs and was 4 for 4, driving in 6 runs. The team had a total of 16 hits.

In game two, Dominique Padilla was the main pitcher for the Lady Trojans, pitching for six innings. She had 9 strikeouts and allowed 8 hits, 8 runs and 3 walks. There were 6 errors during her set.

Odasie Wright was the leader at the plate, going 3 for 4. The team had 9 hits.

Last Tuesday, Colby traveled to El Dorado to play a double-header against Butler Community College. The women lost both games, 8-4 and 10-9.

Glaze went six innings in the first game, with 6 strikeouts and 10 hits, 8 runs and 4 walks. There were 8 errors during her set.

The leading hitters were Glaze and Courtney Kinnett. Glaze was 2 for 4 with a double, a home run and 2 runs batted in. She scored 2 runs. Kinnett was also 2 for 4 with a double and 2 runs batted in. The



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Third baseman Odasie Wright caught a fly ball Saturday during a Colby Community College softball game at Carl Adams Field. The Lady Trojans, playing North Platte Community College, won the game 9-1.

team had 7 hits.

In the second game, Archer was on the mound for a little more than

six innings. She had 3 strikeouts and allowed 11 hits, 10 runs and 8 walks. The team made 2 errors

during her set.

Kinnett was again the leading hitter, going 3 for 4 hits. The team had 14 hits.

The Lady Trojans moved on to Great Bend last Wednesday to face Barton County Community College in two games. The women lost both games, 8-3 and 8-7.

In game one, Kelsi Conway and Lori Harshbarger pitched for Colby. Conway threw for a little more than two innings, posting no strikeouts but allowing 10 hits, 7 runs and no walks. There were 2 errors during her set. Harshbarger pitched for a little more than three innings, with no strikeouts, 4 hits, 1 run and no walks. There was 1 error during her set.

The leading hitter was Kinnett, who was 2 for 3 at the plate with a double and a run batted in. The team recorded 9 hits.

Archer was on the mound again for game two, throwing six innings where she had no strikeouts and allowed 11 hits, 8 runs and no walks. There were 5 errors during her set.

Glaze led the women at the plate with a home run and 2 runs batted in off of 2 hits. The team had 9 hits in all.

On Saturday, the Colby women were finally on their home field for two games against North Platte Community College of Nebraska. The Lady Trojans won game one 9-1 in five innings but lost game two 6-5.

Glaze pitched the whole game for the Lady Trojans in game one, posting 5 strikeouts, 5 hits, 1 run and 3 walks. The team made 1 error.

The leading hitter was Wright, who was 3 for 3 at bat with 2 runs

batted in and 2 doubles. She scored 2 runs. The team had 11 hits.

In game two, Archer pitched, throwing 2 strikeouts and allowing 11 hits, 6 runs and 3 walks. There were 3 errors.

Padilla was the leading hitter at 3 for 4, including a double, and 3 runs batted in. The team put up 11 hits.

“We have played many games over the past few weeks, and spring break is coming at the right time,” Sturdy said. “We have a

few players who need this time to get healthy, and everyone just needs to recharge.

“We have played on the road quiet a bit in the first half of the season, but will get to play at home as the second round of conference play starts. We are also hosting the Allen Wolf Memorial tournament on (Saturday and Sunday) April 14 and 15. There are 12 teams coming in this year, so we expect some exciting college softball.”

Area runner headed to Australia tourney

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Brewster High School freshman Layton Werth will be traveling to Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia, on June 24 to compete in the 24th annual Down Under Sports Tournaments.

Werth will be the only individual representing Brewster, much less Kansas, in the international event, as a runner on the East Central Conference Cross County team.

He said he is looking for sponsors to make donations toward the cost of competing in the tournament.

Werth said the trip will cost about \$4,500 and he already has \$4,000 raised, so he is very close

to his goal.

Werth said he has been asking businesses in town to help with the trip as well as sending letters to family and friends to help him out.

He used a sponsorship letter to explain the trip and included a “thank you” ticket with each letter.

With any contribution made, a sponsor will be entered into a drawing for a trip for two to Australia and Hawaii and/or a subsequent drawing for a five-day Caribbean cruise for two, he said.

“I’m thankful for all the donations and support you guys have given me,” Werth said.

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