Colby baseball boys win first games

By Kayla Cornett

Colby Free Press colby.sports@nwkansas.com The Colby High varsity baseball team got off to a good start this season, defeating Holcomb in two games Friday at the Colby ball fields.

The Eagles dominated with scores of 19-4 and 18-0.

In the first game, Luke Cox pitched the entire game with 4 strikeouts, allowing 4 hits, 4 runs and 2 walks. The Eagles had 1 er-

Head Coach Rick Williams said Cox had a little trouble in the first inning, but was able to push through it.

"In game one, Luke struggled with his command on the mound a little more than he usually does," Williams said. "I thought he settled in pretty well ... after the first

The leading hitter for the Eagles was Macen Shull with a single, a double and a triple. The whole team performed well at the plate, accumulating 19 runs off of 12

Williams said there were still a few issues at the plate.

"Obviously, our offense put up good numbers, but I was not thrilled with some of our at bats in game one," he said. "Trek Keck, who was playing in his first high school baseball game, had a nice game at the plate in game one. Macen Shull, Jordan Rasmussen, Dalaan Organ and Todd Kane all



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Todd Kane slid into a tag on third base Friday during the Colby fields. The Eagles defeated Holcomb in two games, the first 19-4 High baseball team's first game of the season at the city ball

had multi-hit games...."

Kane had 2 singles.

Braden Sager threw a one-hitter Williams said he did a great job.

"In game two, Braden Sager pitched," he said. "He did a great

Keck had a double and a triple, Braden was pretty dominant since himself in that competition with as did Rasmussen; Organ and he struck out 8 of 10 batters he

for Colby in the second game and the approach at the plate better in game two as well.

pitched as well as he has ever combined, Macen Shull was incredible," Williams said. "He was job of working ahead of hitters 5-5 with 2 extra base hits. Macen and they had no chance to make is a guy competing for playing

and the second 18-0. solid contact against. I'd say time and he did a lot to distance happy with the way his team

'He will be a hard guy to keep Williams said as a team, he liked out of the line-up if he continues to produce like that.

his performance on Friday.

"Offensively in the two games had big days at the plate as well, driving in a ton of runs."

The team knocked in 18 runs off of 6 hits. Overall, Williams said he is

played Friday. "I was pleased with the ap-

proach of a lot of the guys at the plate, especially in game two," he said. "I thought we did a great job 'Jake Thompson and Todd Kane of putting the ball in play, with only two strikeouts in 57 plate appearances."

The varsity boys will travel to Ulysses for their next games, beginning at 4 p.m. Thursday.

KU takes final bow before fans

By John Milburn

Associated Press

LAWRENCE - Kansas basketball players and coaches took one last curtain call Tuesday night before adoring fans inside Allen Fieldhouse, an event that became one last opportunity to thank the team for an improbable season.

"We may have come up a little short last night. I personally think we just ran out of time," said Coach Bill Self of the Jayhawk's 67-59 loss to Kentucky. "You guys are the best. Rock Chalk Jayhawk."

More than 5,000 fans started filing into the arena at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday as the Jayhawks returned from Monday night's NCAA championship game in New Orleans. The video board replayed KU's semifinal victory over Ohio State, a happier moment in the 32-7 season.

It was the last chance for seniors Tyshawn Taylor and Conner Teahan to say their goodbyes. The same is likely for junior Thomas Robinson, who is expected to enter the NBA draft. Robinson thanked the fans but said nothing about his future.

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