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Jacob Nath hit a pop fly Saturday during a Colby Community College baseball game at the campus field. The Trojans were playing their first game against Dodge City and won it 1-0.

Trojans men's team wins four at home

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The Colby Community College baseball team won four of five home games last week, beating McCook Community College in one game and Dodge City Community College in three on the college field.

The Trojans (11-5 Jayhawk West conference, 20-11 overall) defeated McCook 19-5 last Thursday. The stats for this game were not available this morning.

Colby then defeated Dodge City in three games on Saturday and Sunday, 1-0, 8-6 and 8-5, but lost the last game 6-5.

In the first game, Mike McLaughlin pitched seven innings where he had 3 strikeouts and allowed just 1 hit, no runs and 2 walks. The Trojans had no errors.

Tyler Hays led the team at the plate with 2 of 3 hits, but Kodie Fewin knocked in the only run of the game.

In the next game, Devin Chavez, Cole Holt, Dylan Klava and Bert Guzman were on the mound for Colby. Overall, the pitchers had 10 strikeouts and allowed 7 hits, 6 runs and 4 walks in seven innings. The men made 1 error.

The lead hitter for the Trojans was Zach Wilson, who hit a triple that brought in 2 runs in the sixth. Colby scored all of its runs in that inning.

David Johnson was the main pitcher for the team in game three. He threw for six innings with 9 strikeouts and allowed 6 hits, 4 runs and 2 walks. The team made 1 error.

Kyle Matusoff relieved him for the last inning and had 1 strikeout and allowed 1 run.

Austin Russell led the bats, hitting 3 of 3 at the plate, coming across home plate twice and bringing in 1 run.

In the last game against Dodge City, the Trojans used Drew Posegate, Guzman, Jacob Nath and Matusoff on the mound. Together, the foursome had 10 strikeouts and allowed 12 hits, 6 runs and 1 walk. There were 5 errors.

The leading hitter for Colby was Hunter Brown, who was 2 for 2 at bat, accounted for 2 runs and had 1 run batted in.

The Trojans will play their next games in Garden City beginning at 1 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Their next home game will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday against Western Nebraska Community College.

Indians pitcher suspended 5 games for hitting player

GOODYEAR, Ariz. (AP) — Cleveland Indians pitcher Ubaldo Jimenez was suspended for five games and fined by Major League Baseball on Monday for intentionally throwing at Colorado's Troy Tulowitzki during a spring training game.

Jimenez will serve his suspension during the first five games of the season unless he asks the players' association to appeal the decision by MLB senior vice president Joe Garagiola Jr.

Indians manager Manny Acta expects an appeal.

"He's starting the second game of the season," Acta said. "It's disappointing, but I'm not surprised."

Before the penalty was announced, Jimenez said he wasn't going to apologize to Tulowitzki after hitting his former Rockies teammate on the left elbow Sunday.

Jimenez didn't think he should be suspended for drilling the star shortstop and said his primary concern is being ready for the season.

"Players are hit by pitches every day," Jimenez said. "With a guy like him, you have to go inside. I can't get the ball to go where I want every time."

Jimenez said he would not reach out to Tulowitzki. Earlier this spring, Jimenez revealed he was unhappy in Colorado before being

traded to Cleveland last July. Tulowitzki later was quoted as saying the former All-Star should get over it.

"He was calling me names," Jimenez said. "I already said I didn't want to hit him. I had five walks. It's not the first time somebody (was) hit."

Both benches emptied Sunday, but no punches were thrown. Tulowitzki went to a hospital for X-rays, which were negative.

Fans booed Jimenez during his five-inning stint and ballpark officials provided extra security for him after he left the game. There were no reported incidents.

Rockies manager Jim Tracy termed it the most gutless act he had seen in 35 years in the game and called for a suspension.

"I can't control what people say," Jimenez said. "Yes, I was surprised he said that. But that's OK."

Commissioner Bud Selig attended the game.

"Guys do not play different if the Commissioner is at the game," Acta said. "The majority of the guys didn't even know he was there."

Two years ago, Jimenez was 15-1 for the Rockies at the All-Star break and was the NL starter for the Midsummer Classic. He has gone 14-20 since. He was not sharp this spring, going 1-4 with a 7.43 ERA. In seven Cactus League

starts, he had as many walks as strikeouts, 15, and allowed 30 hits in 23 innings.

After a bad outing against Cincinnati on March 17, Acta said, "It's time to get it in gear," about Jimenez, whose velocity was lagging.

Jimenez's fastball was clocked at 95 mph in his next start against San Diego, but his overall performance has not approached what the Indians expected when they traded four minor league prospects, including two first-round draft picks, for the 28-year-old right-hander.

"I feel good. I'm ready to pitch," Jimenez said. "Hopefully, I can get off to a good start."

Colby tennis team adds five more players

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The Colby High School boy's tennis team has changed quite a bit from last season, adding a new coach and several players.

The Eagles are under the direction of Gene Rothfuss, pastor of the Colby Wesleyan Church, assisted by Justin John.

Rothfuss said it's going to be a rebuilding year for the team because there were only enough players for a varsity squad last year.

"We were thrilled when we had 11 guys come out," he said. "I'm really impressed in the effort they're putting in."

Rothfuss said that since there is an uneven number of players, he will pull down a different guy from the varsity squad to play with the junior varsity boys for each meet.

He said four of the 11 boys are new to the sport, so they're learning as they go.

Between both squads, the team has one senior, six juniors, two sophomores and two freshmen.

The junior varsity began its

season Monday, competing in a tournament in Garden City against 11 schools, including Garden City, Dodge City, Scott City, Great Bend, Hoisington, Meade, Liberal, Cimmaron and Hays.

Michael Schiferel played No. 1 singles and took first place. Alex Juenemann, playing No. 2 singles, took seventh.

The No. 1 doubles team of Billy Selley and Matthew Dickman, in their first competition together, placed 10th. Angel Aguillar and Matt Sterling played as the No. 2 doubles, but did not place.

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