

Colby baseball team wins two at home

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The Colby High varsity baseball team won two games Tuesday against Hugoton, 3-0 and 1-0 (eight innings).

Luke Cox had an outstanding outing for the Eagles in the first game, with 8 strikeouts and no runs, 4 hits and 2 walks. The team made just one error.

“Luke was absolutely dominate on the mound, and our defense was tremendous,” Coach Rick Williams said. “Luke got into a couple of jams early, but cruised after the second inning to turn in a very dominant pitching performance.”

At the plate, Colby only had 4 hits, but the boys were able to score 3 runs off of those.

Braden Sager and Trek Keck

each hit a double and Troy Quenzer had a triple and a double. The Eagles left 4 runners on base.

“In game one, Troy Quenzer had a huge game at the plate,” Williams said. “Troy got two big extra-base hits that led to 2 runs and gave us a cushion.”

In the second game, Sager was on the mound for all eight innings.

He threw 6 strikeouts and allowed no runs, 4 hits and 8 walks. The boys made just 1 error.

“In game 2, our defense won the game for us,” Williams said. “Braden Sager pitched well, but allowed too many walks. We were able to turn 3 double plays to prevent them from scoring.

“Braden walked a lot of guys and got himself into several jams, but he was able to get a ground ball or a big strikeout when he needed it.”

Offensively, the Eagles had just 2 hits, leaving 8 runners on base. Dalaan Organ and Luke Cox each hit a single.

“We struggled at the plate in both games, but got enough timely hitting to score a few runs,” Williams said.

He said the boys did what they needed to do, though, when things weren’t going their way on the field.

“Game two was a classic example of grinding out a win by pitching well, playing great defense and manufacturing a run when your bats are struggling,” Williams said.

Organ’s single came in the eighth inning and brought in the only run of the game with the runner being Jordan Rasmussen.

The squad will play its next games at 4 p.m. Friday with Scott City at the Colby ball fields.



KAYLA CORNETT/Colby Free Press
Jordan Rasmussen beat the throw to second base during a Colby High baseball game against Hugoton on Tuesday at the city ball fields. The Eagles won two games, 3-0 and 1-0.



HAYDYN BEST/Golden Plains High School
Macayla Easton (left) and Angela Ritter rounded a curve April 10 at the Triplains Invitational Track Meet in Colby. Both girls placed in each of their running events for the Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs.

Equestrians ride in California

Colby Community College hunt-seat team riders Chelsea Brady, Parker, Colo., and Savannah Isely, Bird City, traveled with Coach Shanda Mattix and Assistant Coach Elizabeth Kinnally to Stanford, Calif., on April 8 to ride in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Zones competition.

The event included schools from Arizona, British Columbia, Colorado, California, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Brady, who qualified for zones in Open Flat, finished

fifth of eight riders. Isely, who qualified in Advanced Walk, Trot, Canter, made the call backs for the top four and finished fourth out of 10 riders.

“Both young women have worked so hard over the past couple of weeks, and they both rode beautifully,” said Kinnally. “I could not have asked for anything more of them.

“Although they needed first or second to qualify for nationals, I am still incredibly proud of their accomplishments.”

Rockies win 4-1 over Brewers on road

MILWAUKEE (AP) – Whether with Minnesota or Colorado, Michael Cuddyer has always wanted to be up in the big situation.

He came through for his new Rockies teammates Sunday.

Cuddyer had a two run double in the eighth inning that helped lift the Rockies over the Milwaukee Brewers, 4-1.

“A man in scoring position in a 1-1 game – the worst that could happen is you fail. It happens a lot,” Cuddyer said. “You have got to relish those opportunities.”

Jeremy Guthrie (2-1) pitched seven strong innings for the Rockies and outdueled Yovani Gallardo in a matchup of opening-day starters, allowing one run and three hits in seven innings.

Rafael Betancourt pitched the ninth for his fifth straight save to open the season.

Cuddyer’s big hit came off Francisco Rodriguez (0-2), who took the loss.

With one out in the eighth, Troy Tulowitzki singled and Jason Gi-

ambi walked. Cuddyer – who had the go-ahead RBI single in the ninth off Brewers closer John Axford in Friday’s 4-3 win – followed with a line-drive double to the left-field gap.

“It gives us confidence as a team,” said Cuddyer, who left Minnesota to sign a three-year, \$31.5 million deal with Colorado in the offseason. “You got two guys that are closers. Axford is their closer, and K-Rod could be anybody else’s closer in the league, so to be able to get two wins off two guys of the caliber like that, it’s huge for our confidence.”

Guthrie has had his struggles and was coming off a pair of poor starts, giving up a combined 12 runs in 10 1-3 innings after a strong outing at Houston on opening day.

He looked good Sunday, allowing only one runner past second base – Ryan Braun, who walked in the fourth and scored on Mat Gamel’s two-out single to make it 1-all.

Colorado had opened the scoring with an RBI single by Jason Giambi in the first.

Rockies manager Jim Tracy said it was “the Guthrie that we saw much of in spring training.”

“Today, it wasn’t just seven innings,” Tracy said. “It was seven quality innings. He had great movement with his two-seam fastball today, great command of his fastballs, period, two- or four-seam, which helped to make the breaking ball, changeup, that much more effective and keep them off balance. He gave us seven terrific innings.”

Braun had a chance to be the star in the eighth. Rickie Weeks walked and Carlos Gomez singled to open the inning off Rex Brothers, but Matt Belisle got Braun to pop out, Aramis Ramirez to fly out to right and Corey Hart to strike out to end the threat.

Belisle has not allowed a run in 15 1-3 innings dating to Sept. 6.

Lady Bulldogs compete in first meet of season

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The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs competed in their first track and field meet of the season for the Triplains Invitational on April 10 in Colby.

The girls gained some valuable experience and several placed in their events.

Macayla Easton did well in her running events, placing fourth in the 100 meters with a 13.52-second time. She finished second in the 200-meter race with 28.09 seconds and in the 400 meters with a 1:05.98 finish.

Angela Ritter also ran well with a sixth-place finish in the 100 meters in 13.96 seconds. She finished fourth in the 200 meters with 28.93 and third in the 400 meters with 1:06.69.

Taylor Todd ran the 1,600 meters for a time of 6:12.21 and a sixth-place finish. The 4x800-meter relay team of Ana Bermudez, Brooke Wark, Todd and Leea Juenemann finished fourth in 11:35.29.

Hailee Spreser was the only girl placing in the field events, with a third in shot put for a throw of 31 feet, 6 inches.

“We had a great start to the season and have been practicing well,” Easton said. “I definitely feel a huge improvement in everyone from last year. Hopefully, it is nowhere but up from here.”

Other girls competing included: Rebecca Bange, 100 meters and 200 meters; Wark, 400 meters; Juenemann, Bermudez, 800 meters; Viridiana Beltran, 100-meter hurdles; Hannah Antholz, shot put; Juenemann, Spreser, Antholz, discus; Spreser, Antholz, javelin; Bange, high jump; and Beltran, Bange, triple jump.

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