



Kenzie Curry (left) threw a pitch Thursday during a Colby High varsity softball game against Lakin at the city ball fields. Haileigh Shull (above) stopped on second base after a teammate got a

base hit. The varsity Lady Eagles defeated Lakin 10-0 and have a 9-3 record as of Thursday.

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Colby softball teams win games in Ulysses

The Colby High varsity softball team got two wins in Ulysses on Monday with scores of 9-2 and 17-1.

In game one, Kenzie Curry got the win, allowing 2 runs, 8 hits and 2 walks while posting 6 strikeouts.

Offensively, Janessa Williams was 2 for 3 at the plate, with a grand slam home run, a single and 4 runs batted in. She scored 1 run. Curry was 2 for 2 at the plate, a single and a double, with 2 runs

batted in. She was walked twice and scored twice.

McKenna Ortner hit a single, walked three times and scored twice, Karly Kriss had a single and a run and Lacy O'Neal had a single.

In game two, Curry got the win again, allowing no runs, 2 hits and 1 walk with 2 strikeouts. Bailey Terrell pitched the last inning, allowing 1 run and 1 hit.

At bat, Curry was 3 for 3, hitting 2 singles and a double, scor-

ing three times and batting in 3 runs. Haileigh Shull was 2 for 3 at the plate with a single and a double; she had 4 runs batted in and 2 runs.

Williams was 2 for 3 at the plate with a single and a double, 2 runs batted in and scored 3 runs; Kriss was 2 for 3, hitting 2 singles, scoring 2 runs and knocking in 1; Terrell had a single, 2 runs batted in and 2 runs scored; O'Neal had a single, a run batted in and scored once; and Morgan Bell hit a single,

brought 1 run home and scored 1.

The Lady Eagles' record stands at 9-3 as of Thursday, with six games coming up in the next five days.

"We hope to get through this tough stretch and be healthy for regionals," said Coach Jack Elliot.

The junior varsity squad improved its record to 5-3 on Monday, crushing Ulysses in two games, 11-1 and 24-1.

In game one, Haley Mengel was

the winning pitcher with 6 strikeouts, giving up 1 run, 1 hit and 3 walks.

At the plate, Andrea Barton led the bats with a single and 2 runs batted in. Brooklyn Bange hit a double, Mengel hit a single, Madison Rogers had a single and 2 runs batted in and Courtney Reilley hit 3 singles.

Dani Foster was on the mound for game two, also throwing a one-hitter with 2 strikeouts; she gave up 1 run and 2 walks.

Bange led the junior varsity with 2 singles, a double and 2 runs batted in. Foster had 2 singles and 3 runs batted in; Abby Friesen hit 2 singles and a double and knocked in 2 runs; Kelly Sloan had a single and 2 runs batted in; Reilley had a single, a double and brought in 2 runs; Macy Page hit a single; and Morgan Vap had 3 runs batted in.

Both the varsity and junior varsity girls will play make-up games in Goodland at 4 p.m. Monday.

Recreation Department deadlines coming up soon

Deadlines for several Colby Recreation Department summer activities are coming up soon.

The deadline to sign up for youth T-ball, softball and baseball is Friday, May 11. The Rec office will be open until 8 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 7, 8 and 9.

Deadline for adult men's and coed softball deadline is Friday, May 18. Men's league begins on Thursday, May 24, and Coed begins on Sunday, June 3.

Last day to register for the Global Legends Basketball Camp is Wednesday, May 30. Cost is \$110 per camper or \$95 per camper family rate.

The deadline for the first session of swim lessons, June 4 to 14, is Thursday, May 31.

All programs listed are in the 2012 Rec Activities Calendar. Check there for fees and other details.

For information or to register, call Recreation Director Stacy Lee at 460-4410.

KU rower from Colby wins team boat award

IRVING, Texas – After winning the grand final at the Knecht Cup on April 15, the University of Kansas Varsity Four rowing team, which includes senior Paige Stephens, a Colby native, was named as the Conference USA "Boat of the Week" on Tuesday.

Stephens, daughter of Curt and Jackie Stephens of Colby, graduated from Colby High in 2008. She lettered four years in cross country, three each in basketball and track and one in softball. She

was a member of the 2007 state championship team in basketball.

The Varsity Four won gold on the Cooper River in Cherry Hill, N.J., as KU was eight seconds faster than the other five schools in the race with a time of 7:31.11. KU beat out University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Philadelphia, Penn State, Villanova and Old Dominion.

The Kansas crew also includes seniors Kathryn Schoonover Lindsey Bricklemeyer, the cox-

swain, and juniors Emily Starr and Ashleigh Allam. The women won their original heat of six boats to advance to the semifinals. The Jayhawks also finished first in the semifinals to then advance to the grand final.

This is the first conference Boat of the Week honor for the Kansas program.

The team had the weekend off before heading west to Oklahoma City for the Big 12 Championships on Saturday.

Kansas City Chiefs select defensive tackle in first round

By Dave Skretta

AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The Kansas City Chiefs filled one of their biggest needs with a massive gamble.

The Chiefs selected Memphis defensive tackle Dontari Poe with the No. 11 pick in the NFL draft Thursday night, taking a mammoth run stuffer whose raw ability and impressive numbers from the scouting combine trumped his modest on-field production.

The 6-foot-4, 346-pound Poe pushed 44 reps with 225 pounds and ran the 40-yard dash in an unofficial time of 4.98 seconds. But he was only second-team all-Conference USA after making 33 stops, eight tackles for loss and one sack, flying under the radar most of last season.

"My motivation is pretty much

unlimited right now," Poe said on a conference call. "I just want to get in and start proving that I'm ready to play at the next level."

The selection was largely panned at a watch party for season ticket-holders at the Chiefs' practice facility, but general manager Scott Pioli said Poe was high on his draft board, and he wound up making the choice despite two compelling offers to trade down.

The selection represents a departure from the norm for Pioli, who earned a reputation in New England and burnished it with Kansas City for being risk-averse.

Pioli wound up gambling on the considerable upside of Poe rather than take defensive tackles Fletcher Cox of Mississippi State or Michael Brockers of LSU, who put up more impressive numbers playing in the SEC and were still

available when Kansas City went on the clock.

Pioli said leading up to the draft that he valued on-field performance over the bubble of the scouting combine, but coach Romeo Crennel said the combine weighed heavily in the decision.

Poe is expected to slide into the middle of Kansas City's 3-4 defense and take the place of Kelly Gregg, although Crennel was quick to say that Poe must earn the starting job.

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