

Junior varsity softball team improves to 9-3

The Colby High junior varsity softball team played six games in the past week and went 5-1 during the stretch to improve its record to 9-3.

The Lady Eagles defeated Scott City in two games last Thursday, 15-0 and 16-12.

In game one, Haley Mengel was the winning pitcher, throwing a one-hitting, allowing no runs and striking out 4.

Offensively, Andrea Barton, Mengel

and Courtney Reilley each hit a single, Madison Rogers brought in 4 runs, Darby Sager, Maura Hansen and Macy Page each had a single and 2 runs batted in.

In game two, Mengel was again the winning pitcher and had 3 strikeouts.

At the plate, Tatym Rundel hit 1 run batted in, Sager and Mengel each hit a double, Page Armbruster had a single and 1 run batted in and Morgan Vap had a single and 2 runs batted in.

Colby play Scott City again last Friday, defeating them in two games, 9-5 and 12-5.

In game one, Mengel was the winning pitcher and had 7 strikeouts.

At the plate, Barton hit a single and Sager hit a triple.

In game two, Page was the winning pitcher with 2 walks and 4 strikeouts.

Offensively, Barton had a single and 2 runs batted in, Abby Friesen had two sin-

gles and 3 runs batted in, Armbruster and Hailey Schindler each hit a single, Sager hit a double and Kelly Sloan had 2 runs batted in.

The girls then played two games against Hoisington on Monday, losing the first 10-6 and winning the second 12-8.

In game one, Mengel was the losing pitcher, giving up 10 runs, 7 hits and 3 walks and throwing 3 strikeouts.

Offensively, Reilley hit two singles,

Rundel hit a single, Sager had a triple, a single and 3 runs batted in and Rogers had a double and 1 run batted in.

In game two, Mengel was the winning pitcher with 1 walk and 2 strikeouts.

Offensively, Sager hit a triple, two singles and brought in 3 runs, Page and Vap each had a single and 1 run batted in, Schindler hit a double, Jenna Ketchum hit a single and Rogers had 1 run batted in.



Chris Shivers rode Pure Smoke for 90.5 points during round 1 of the Oklahoma City Built Ford Tough Series Pro Bull Riding event.

Phillipsburg plans bull riding event

PHILLIPSBURG – Tickets went on sale Monday for the first Pro Bull Riders event in Phillipsburg.

The event, known for its high-energy, dynamic riding, will be Saturday, June 2, at the rodeo grounds. About 40 riders are expected to compete for \$10,000 in prize money.

“People are excited for the PBR to come to town,” said Rod Innes, rodeo chairman. “We’ve put together a good show, from a good bull contractor to clowns, because we know fans appreciate not only good rodeo action, but good enter-

tainment.”

Jimmy Crowthers of New Frontier Rodeo, Gypsum, will bring bucking bulls and rodeo clown and barrelman Justin Rumford, Ponca City, Okla., will entertain.

Troy Goodridge of Fort Scott will announce, and Mark Peters and Danny Munsell will be the bullfighters. A dance featuring Mark Nebel will be held after the event.

Tickets are \$18 for general admission and \$20 for reserved seating at Heritage Insurance in Phillipsburg, or call (785) 543-2448.

The bull riding is being held

in conjunction with the Riverless Festival, which runs June 2 and 3 and features an arts and crafts fair-flea market, music on the square, a two-mile run/walk, men’s softball tournament, state-sanctioned kids pedal pushers event, an open horseshow, games and vendors.

“Phillipsburg fans know good bull riding when they see it,” said Innes. “This PBR will be as good as the bull riding they see on television.”

For information, call the Phillipsburg Area Chamber of Commerce at (785) 543-2321.

Colby tennis squad takes first in Scott City

Colby had a great night at its final junior varsity tennis meet for the year Monday.

Competing in Scott City against Hoisington, Scott City and Southwestern Heights, Colby took first place as a team. Highlighting the competition was Aaron Higerd, playing No. 1 singles, who went undefeated in all three rounds, winning 6-1, 6-1 and 6-3.

Jaydon Bixenman, playing at No. 2 singles, did equally as well, defeating Southwestern Heights and Hoisington handily. His match with Scott City

was a default as Scott City was unable to field a No. 2 singles player.

The No. 2 doubles team of Angel Aguilar and Sterling Miller took second place, winning two of their three matches. The No. 1 doubles team of Alex Juenemann and Billy Selley played hard, but were unable to hold on for the wins.

The Colby High School boys varsity team leaves for regional competition on Thursday this week in McPherson.

Lady Bulldogs track team competes well at Oakley Invite

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The girls from Golden Plains High School competed in the Oakley Invitational Track meet, with several girls placing in their events.

Two girls placed in the 400-meter run on April 20, with Macayla Easton second in a time of 1 minute, 3.56 seconds and Angela Ritter pushing her from third at 1:04.41. Also competing in the 400 was Brooke Wark, 1:13.52.

All three logged in lower times.

Taylor Todd improved her time in the 1,600-meter run to 6:06.12 for fifth place. Placing sixth in the 4 x 800-meter relay with a time of 11:47.75 were Ana Bermudez, Wark, Todd and Leea Juenemann.

In the 200-meter run, Ritter improved to 28.74 while Easton finished with 28.2. Also showing improvement was Hailee Spresser, who improved in the discus to 79 feet, 11 inches and in the javelin throwing 86’1”. Hannah Antholz boosted her distance in the javelin to 63’4”.

In other events, Easton ran 14.06 and Ritter 14.28 in the 100 meters and Easton finished the 200 meters with 28.2. Viridiana Beltran ran 23.79 in the 100-meter hurdles, threw the javelin 59’7” and jumped 26’5” in the triple jump.

Spresser put the shot 26’9” while Antholz threw it 22’9.5” and flung the discus 81’10” and Juenemann chucked it 72’2. The final event was the 4 x 400-meter relay, where the team finished the race in 4:44.4 with Ritter, Bermudez, Todd and Easton.

Big 12 hires athletic director as commissioner

By Antonio Gonzalez

AP Sports Writer

STANFORD, Calif. – A teary-eyed Bob Bowlsby walked out of a Stanford auditorium to a roaring ovation from university coaches and staff members Thursday, leaving behind a lasting legacy at one of the nation’s top athletic programs for a conference in desperate need of a strong leader.

The Big 12 Conference made it official in the afternoon, announcing Bowlsby as its commissioner. He will take over for interim Commissioner Chuck Neinas – who replaced the ousted Dan Beebe in September – on June 15 after six years as Stanford’s athletic director.

“The institutions of the Big 12 wanted a commissioner that could take us to the next era as a conference,” said Burns Hargis, president of Oklahoma State and chairman of the conference’s board of directors. “The search committee looked for a candidate that has a vision for the next generation of college athletics, and his credentials and ideas exceeded this.”

Bowlsby will lead a BCS conference that seems to have found some stability.

After losing four schools over the past two years, the league

heads into this fall with 10 members, including new additions TCU and West Virginia. The conference also is working on a new television deal that could reshape revenue similar to the Pac-12’s lucrative contract.

“Bob has been a great friend and confidant,” Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott said. “I’ve very much enjoyed working with him and value his tremendous experience, intellect and integrity. I’m sorry we will lose him from Stanford, but I am happy for him and believe he will do a terrific job for the Big 12.”

The 60-year-old Bowlsby had passed up several chances to leave Stanford over the years. He’s a nationally respected college administrator who was hired away from Iowa in 2006 after 15 years spent

running the Hawkeyes’ athletic department.

“I have been honored to have served Stanford University. It has been a productive and an enjoyable period of time and Stanford will always be a part of me,” Bowlsby said in a statement.

Success on The Farm blossomed during Bowlsby’s tenure.

Of all the decisions he made at Stanford, though, fans will forever remember his hiring of coach Jim Harbaugh in 2006 most. Harbaugh built the football program into a national power, winning the Orange Bowl over Virginia Tech in 2011 and finishing fourth in the final AP poll.

It was the program’s best ranking since the unbeaten 1940 team finished second.

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