

Colby baseball team second in region

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HOISINGTON – The Colby High varsity baseball team had a good run in the Class 4A Regional tournament this week, making it all the way to the championship game Wednesday in Hoisington and taking second place in the region.

The Eagles faced Nickerson (14-8) in the championship, which proved to be a tough battle.

The squad was able to hold off Nickerson for the first two innings, but in the top of the third, Nickerson got three big hits and scored 4 runs.

The boys couldn't get their offense started most of the game, but they finally got a run across home plate when Marc Bremenkamp came in as a pinch hitter in the fifth.

With runners at second and third, Bremenkamp grounded out, but the runner at third was able to get home on the sacrifice.

The inning ended after Jordan Rasmussen grounded out and Dalaan Organ hit a pop fly for an out.

Braden Sager tried to get something started in the sixth, hitting a fly that landed in front of the center fielder for a single with one out on the board.

Todd Kane grounded out to advance Sager to second, but Macen Shull struck out, ending the inning.

Colby kept Nickerson from scoring in the top of the seventh, but the boys weren't able to rally in the bottom of the inning and lost 4-1.

Zack Stones was on the mound for the varsity until the sixth inning when Jordan Rasmussen took over.

Before the championship, the Eagles played Kingman in the semifinal game Wednesday and shut down the team 3-0.

The boys scored all 3 runs by the fifth. Their strong defense kept Kingman from scoring at all.

Sager pitched the entire game for Colby and gave a solid performance.

Stats for these games were not available this morning.

The Eagles didn't qualify for state since they didn't win the region and finished their season with a 15-6 record.



Colby boys hard at work

Braden Sager (above) tagged out a Nickerson runner at first base Wednesday during the Class 4A Regional championship game in Hoisington. The Colby High varsity lost 4-1 to Nickerson, taking second place in the region. Jordan Rasmussen (left) watched a hit as he ran to third base Wednesday during the semifinal game against Kingman. Coach Rick Williams (right center) had given his team a pep talk after the Eagles won their game against Kingman and were preparing for the championship. The boys finished their season with a 15-6 record.

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Two Bulldogs break records at Logan Invite

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Golden Plains High School senior Cole Christensen set a new school record in high jump at the Logan Invitational on May 1.

The previous record of 6 feet, 5 inches was set by Tate Bruggeman in 2009. Christensen broke that record by jumping 6'5.25" on his first attempt at the height after winning first place in the meet with this new school and personal record.

"It was my goal for this year to break this record," said Christensen, who has qualified for the state track meet the past two years. "I've always jumped well at Logan and thought this would be a good time to try."

When Christensen spoke with Bruggeman, Bruggeman told him he was glad someone broke it. Christensen's goal is to continue to increase his height as the season advances towards the league and regional meets and return to the state tournament again this year.

Another record was broken

by Golden Plains junior Andrew Luna at the Colby Invitational on May 4 in the 400-meter run.

At this meet, he set a new record of 52.7 seconds, breaking the record set in 1976 by Ray Duffey at 52.8. Luna, who has run the 400 all season, along with the 200 and the 100, has consistently shaved time off his events.

"Mr. Betz (head coach Travis Betz) motivated me throughout the season to push toward that goal and toward state qualifica-

tion," he said. "I felt that I ran my worse time during the race and didn't find out I broke the record until the times were posted."

This is the third boys' track record set by the Bulldogs this season.

"I was very excited to join (Kalyn) Weber and Cole (Christensen) in setting new records this season," Luna said.

"Congratulations to Andrew!" Duffey said. "I'm glad someone finally got it."

Royals freshen up bullpen after loss

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) – The Royals have freshened up their bullpen after a 15-inning loss to the Orioles, sending Nate Adcock and Vin Mazzaro to Triple-A Omaha and recalling Everett Teaford and Louis Coleman from the same club.

The Royals made the moves before Thursday afternoon's game against Baltimore, and less than 12 hours after a 4-3 defeat in which Kansas City squandered a two-run lead in

the ninth inning.

Adcock pitched five innings of relief in Wednesday night's game. He was responsible for Adam Jones' eventual game-winning homer in the top half of the 15th.

Mazzaro earned the win after five innings in a spot start against Texas on Tuesday night.

Teaford and Coleman have spent much of the season with the Royals. They were at Omaha before being recalled.

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