

Legion baseball boys win two in Goodland

The Colby American Legion Baseball team won both games of a doubleheader against the Goodland Outlaws on Wednesday at Memorial Field in Goodland.

Colby won game one 14-3 and game two 6-1.

In game one, facing Goodland's Ryan Hillmer on the mound, Colby got off to a huge start in the top of the first with five runs. After leadoff batter Jake Thompson flied out, Colby scored five runs on singles from Luke Cox and Todd Kane. Braden Sager and Macen Shull walked. Zack Stones got on board on an error, but was thrown out at second when Josh Matchell hit into a fielder's choice. Marc Bremenkamp hit a double, but was left on base when Spencer Barnes was thrown out at second on a fielder's choice.

Thompson had the start for Colby. Down 5-0, Hillmer, Goodland's leadoff batter, walked. Mike Pettibone, who had been injured before the game, hit a single, advancing Hillmer to second. He was later thrown out at third. Gunner Helton and Robert Cowan hit back-to-back singles, scoring Pettibone to make it 5-1. Reed Bellamy struck out and Garth Helton walked. Gunner Helton advanced over to third on a passed ball, but was thrown out at home to end the inning.

Cox led off in the top of the second. He flied out to left field. Sager hit a double, but Kane struck out, Shull walked and Stones grounded out to end Colby's only scoreless inning.

Mikail Freeman struck out to open Goodland's half of the inning. John Hendrich was hit by a pitch and Hillmer hit a single, but



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Braden Sager crossed home plate Wednesday during an American Legion baseball game at Memorial Field in Goodland. Colby won two games against Goodland, 14-3 and 6-1.

they were left stranded when Pettibone grounded out and Gunner Helton flied out.

In the top of the third, Matchell flied out. Bremenkamp hit a double and made it to third on an error and came home on a sacrifice fly by Barnes to make it 6-1. Thompson flied out to end the inning.

Cowan got a lead-off single in the bottom of the third. He made it to third on errors and eventually scored. Bellamy flied out and Garth Helton grounded out. Tate Preston hit a triple and then came

home on a single by Freeman to make it 6-3. Hendrich grounded out to first.

Colby pulled out to an even greater lead in the top of the fourth, scoring five runs on two hits and two errors. Cox walked twice in the inning. Barnes and Sager also walked. Kane hit a double and Matchell hit a single. Shull and Bremenkamp got on board on errors. Stones and Thompson flied out, then with the bases loaded, Sager flied out to end the inning with Colby up 11-3.

Goodland was unable to answer, going down in order in the bottom of the fourth.

Colby added three more runs in the top of the fifth. The first came on a solo home run by Kane. Shull and Stones walked. Matchell got to first on an error. Bremenkamp hit a single, scoring Shull and Stones. Matchell was thrown out at third. Barnes struck out and Thompson flied out to center field.

Goodland had one last chance to overcome the 14-3 deficit, but the batters were retired in order

again to end the game with a win for Colby.

Pettibone started on the mound for Goodland in game two. Lead-off batter Thompson grounded out to third and Cox flied out to first. Sager hit a single and Kane walked, but both were left on base when Shull flied out to center field. Garth Helton flied out to the pitcher. Pettibone walked and Gunner Helton flied out.

Colby got the first run in the top of the second. After Stones got on board on an error, he was thrown out when Matchell hit into a fielder's choice. Bremenkamp got on base and scored on errors. Caleb Mazanec also got on base on an error, but Thompson flied out to end the inning. Goodland committed five errors in the inning.

Down 1-0, Cowan led things off for Goodland by getting on base due to catcher interference. Preston grounded out, then Freeman and Hendrich struck out to end the inning.

Colby was retired in order in the top of the third, and Goodland was able to score in the bottom of the inning. After Bellamy struck out, Garth Helton walked and eventually scored. Pettibone got on base on an error but was later thrown out at second. Hillmer grounded out to second.

With the score tied 1-1 going into the top of the fourth, Shull walked and Stones singled. Matchell grounded out to the pitcher. Shull was thrown out at third when Bremenkap hit into a fielder's choice and Mazanec grounded out to end the inning.

Goodland fared no better in the bottom half of the inning, falling

in order. Cowan grounded out to the pitcher, Preston struck out and Freeman flied out.

In the top of the fifth, Thompson struck out. Cox singled, but was thrown out when Sager hit into a fielder's choice. Kane hit a double, but he and Sager were left on base when Shull flied out.

Hendrich grounded out to open the bottom of the fifth. Bellamy hit a double, but was left stranded when Helton and Pettibone struck out.

Colby pulled out into the lead in the top of the sixth. With two outs, Bremenkamp doubled. Mazanec and Thompson walked to load the bases for Cox, who hit a single and Sager, who hit a double. The pair scored four runs between them. Kane flied out to end the inning with Colby on top 5-1.

Goodland was held scoreless again in the bottom half of the inning. Hillmer singled, but was later thrown out at second. Gunner Helton flied out and Cowan struck out.

Colby added one more run in the top of the seventh. Shull hit a single, got to second on a passed ball and over to third on an error and eventually scored to make it 6-1. Stones and Matchell singled. Matchell was later thrown out at second, but Stones made it to third. Bremenkamp singled and Mazanec flied out. Stones was thrown out at home to end the inning.

Goodland had one last half inning to turn things around, but was once again retired in order. Preston struck out, Freeman flied out and Hendrich grounded out to end the game with a 6-1 win for Colby.

Knicks point guard arrested on DWI charge in Hamptons

By Brian Mahoney

AP Basketball Writer

Jason Kidd mentoring Jeremy Lin was a nice story last week.

Then Kidd was arrested on a drunken-driving charge, Lin's departure from New York for a "ridiculous contract" in Houston became more realistic, and a position of strength suddenly was one of turbulence for the Knicks.

Kidd's arrest came within hours of the Knicks agreeing to a trade for fellow point guard Raymond Felton, raising the possibility they will refuse to match Lin's offer sheet with the Rockets.

Police said Kidd crashed his SUV into a telephone pole in the Hamptons on Sunday, days after signing with the Knicks.

Treated at a hospital for minor injuries after the crash, Kidd was arraigned on a misdemeanor driving-while-intoxicated charge and released without bail, Southampton Town police said.

Phone and email messages were left seeking comment from Kidd's agent. His attorney, Ed Burke Jr., said in a statement that Kidd was returning from a charity function before his accident, had pleaded not guilty to the DWI charge and was awaiting further court proceedings.

The Knicks, who signed the 10-time All-Star in free agency last week, had no immediate comment. Nor would they comment on their plans for Lin, even as speculation grew that Linsanity was headed elsewhere.

Kidd, 39, was alone in the 2010 Cadillac Escalade when it hit a pole and veered into the woods around 2 a.m. in Water Mill, police said. Water Mill is a serene, mainly residential community east of Southampton Village.

Kidd's next court date wasn't immediately available. The DWI charge carries the potential for up to a year in jail.

The Knicks signed Kidd away from the Dallas Mavericks in a deal that will pay him about \$3 million a year. Kidd had played in New Jersey, leading the Nets to two NBA Finals appearances, before being traded to Dallas and remains fond of the New York City area, where his children continue to live.

The two-time Olympic gold medalist has been in trouble with the law before. While playing with Phoenix in 2001, he was arrested on a domestic violence charge, acknowledging he struck his former wife.

Kidd is second on the NBA's career lists for assists and steals. Coach Mike Woodson said Kidd, who helped the Mavericks win the 2011 NBA championship, would be a good tutor and backup for Lin, whom he said would open next season as the starting point guard.

Now he may not even be in New York.

The Knicks have repeatedly said they would match any offer for Lin, but the Rockets made it difficult with a three-year, \$25 million deal that's worth about \$15 million in the third year. New York has until 11:59 p.m. EDT on Tuesday to match the offer sheet for the restricted free agent.

Asked if he could envision Lin being with the Knicks next season, All-Star forward Carmelo Anthony said: "At this point there's a lot going on. I stay away from that part right now. I would love to see him back, but I think he has to do what's best for him right now."

Anthony, speaking before practice with the U.S. Olympic team, was then reminded it's up to the Knicks, not Lin, to decide whether he stays or goes.

"It's not up to me," Anthony said with a laugh. "It's up to the organization to say they want to match that ridiculous contract that's out there."

The Knicks wouldn't comment on their plans and never even confirmed whether they had received the offer sheet from Houston to start the three-day clock for matching the offer.

Felton played well in half a season for the Knicks before he was dealt to Denver in February 2011 as part of the package for Anthony. He struggled this season in Portland, briefing losing his starting job, but was considered an option for the Knicks if they couldn't land Steve Nash or Kidd to play with Lin.

Now it may be Kidd and Felton.

NASCAR stars headed to Hays

Two of NASCAR's top drivers will be driving at RPM Speedway in Hays for Modified Mania on Tuesday, Aug. 7.

The event, sponsored by Federated Auto Parts, will feature NASCAR drivers Clint Bowyer and Ken Schrader.

Bowyer, a native of Emporia, will be driving the No. 15 Crawford Supply IMCA BMS modified. Bowyer, who cut his teeth racing in a modified, has one win on the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series this year, on June 24 on the road course at Sonoma, Calif. He is 10th in the Sprint standings.

Schrader, a veteran who competes in NASCAR races around the country, as well as special dirt track events, will be driving the No. 9 Federated Auto Parts International Motor Contest Association modified.

Modified Mania is an IMCA-

sanctioned event and will feature the IMCA Modified and IMCA Northern Sport Mod divisions. The Modified A feature will pay \$2,000 to win and \$200 to start, while the northern sport mods will race for \$1,000 to win and \$100 to start in their main event. There is no entry fee, and each will be a draw/redraw event. No track points will be awarded, but IMCA state, regional and national points will be.

The pits and grandstands will open at 4:30 p.m., hot laps will be at 6, with racing getting underway at 7:30.

General admission will be \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids 5 to 12. Children 4 and under are free.

Pit passes are \$25 for adults and \$10 for kids 12 and under.

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