

Schedule revised for T-ball

Weather postponements have also caused some revamping of the Colby Recreation T-ball league schedule this summer. All games will be played on fields 3 and 4.

Monday, 6 p.m. Royal vs Orange. 7 p.m. Red vs. Purple.

June 17, 6 p.m. Purple vs. Sapphire, Red vs. Royal. 7 p.m. Lime Green vs. Orange, Purple vs. Royal.

June 24, 6 p.m. Lime Green vs. Purple, Orange vs. Red. 7 p.m. Royal vs. Sapphire, Lime Green vs. Red.

July 1, 6 p.m. Sapphire vs. Red, Purple vs. Orange. 7 p.m. Lime Green vs. Royal.

Quinter track meet

The Quinter Youth Track Meet will take place on Saturday, June 29 at the Quinter High School Track.

Field events are set for 10 a.m. with track races likely beginning at noon. The meet is open to all youths from ages seven to 14, including kids turning seven during 2013.



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Pitcher Casey Quagliano, shown pitching against Atwood last week, and the Colby K-18 team dominated host WaKeeney during a doubleheader sweep Thursday night.

Colby K-18 dominates pair against WaKeeney

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The big K in WaKeeney was a perfect symbol for what Colby K-18's Casey Quagliano unleashed Thursday evening.

Capital K also stands for strike-out as most baseball fans know. So after a four inning blur of nearly unhittable pitching, WaKeeney's spelling looked more like WaK-KKK...well, count out 10 Ks and you get the point.

That's right, Quagliano recorded 10 Ks among the 12 outs and allowed only two hits during a 12-0 Colby K-18 triumph.

"Casey was really disciplined on the mound and threw a lot of strikes," coach Brian Quagliano said. "That's what we need from a pitcher. In two games, we only gave up three or four walks and as a coach, I certainly can't complain."

WaKeeney briefly matched this mound dominance by retiring Colby 1-2-3 in the first inning. This 0-0 duel didn't last long on

the eve of "National Doughnut Day."

Ben Matchell smashed 3 hits and drove home 2 Colby runs. Shevin Martin went 2-for-3 while leading another mercy-rule victory. The 15-and-under team trounced Atwood twice, 16-4 and 19-4, last week.

"We got off to a little sluggish start last night," coach Quagliano said this morning. "We just had to be patient and let it come to us. Then we started hitting the ball really well."

The strong run support continued through Thursday's second game for new starting pitcher Zack Hart. He fanned another five WaKeeney hitters while earning a 16-6 win.

"It was Zack's first start. He just came up from the 12-and-under team," the coach explained. "It (the mound) is 10 feet farther back (from home plate) so it's different. I thought he pitched really well, and our defense did a great job again. They didn't give up anything."

Another three hits from Austin

Hart powered the game-two attack. Hart doubled twice while Alex Vap and Mark Faber each added a key hit.

The Colby K-18 boys are now 4-0 against Kansas foes, 5-1 overall. They've won four straight since losing to McCook, Neb., in a season-opening event at McCook on May 25 with an offense averaging almost 16 runs per contest.

"We feel pretty confident, though that one loss is nagging at us," coach Quagliano concluded. "Fortunately, we play that team (McCook) again later in the season, so we'll have a chance to get it back."

K-18's next game will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Oakley.

They were scheduled to be hosted to Goodland on Monday, but a football camp means Colby would be missing nine players.

When football camp concludes, coach Quagliano said the K-18 team will play games Monday and Thursday evenings every week.

The Colby-Goodland contests will be rescheduled at a later date not yet announced.



Sondra Finley

Kyndra Rush and the Colby Swim Club team made some great waves while placing second at last weekend's Holyoke, Colo., Invitational. They'll be competing again at Wray, Colo., on Saturday. Watch for results next week.

Swimmers continue terrific club season

Fresh off one super Colorado performance, the Colby Club Swim team move on to Wray, Colo., as they focusing on building momentum from their season opener.

The Colby team captured several titles and high places led

by their girls' team tallying 199 points.

Upcoming Colby swim meets include Saturday at Wray, June 15 at Oakley, the annual home meet at Colby's Aquatic Park on June 22, June 29 at Goodland and July 5-6 at Burlington, Colo.

Drought takes toll on some fish species

MANHATTAN (AP) - A Kansas State University researcher says the prolonged North American drought is taking a toll on some species of fish, affecting their long-term viability.

Biology professor Keith Gido says a few species have disappeared, including the silver chub that was once found in a southern Kansas river. He said a survey found 300 of the fish in the summer of 2011 but only three in

2012 - and none in a sampling this spring.

Gido says similar results have been found in ecosystems in Colorado and New Mexico as rivers become more fragmented and difficult for young fish to develop and survive.

Researchers say efforts are needed to conserve remaining waterways and reduce the number of nonnative, predatory fish that threaten certain species.

Learning to show



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press

Sarah Nemechek learned to guide her horse last Friday at a horsemanship camp put on by the Colby Community College equestrian team at the college farm.

Girl hurls no-hitter vs. boys

LAWRENCE (AP) - It's an age-old playground taunt, but now it's high praise in the Douglas County Amateur Baseball Association's 10-and-under National League: "You throw like a girl!"

That's because the only girl in the league throws better than just about any of the boys.

The words "perfect game" and the date May 7, 2013, are scribbled on a baseball in a plastic case in Georgia Rea's bedroom to commemorate the baseball-crazed, lanky left-hander's remarkable feat.

Rea, 10, pitches for the Cubs. She tossed a perfect game that day in game shortened to five innings in accordance with the league's mercy rule. Rea, the only girl among 600 or so the association's players, struck out 13 of the 15 batters she faced.

To watch her pitch is to marvel at the intense focus in her eyes, her attention to detail, her well-honed baseball instincts.

From the game's first out to the last, her game face never leaves her. To interview her is to never stop smiling. The intensity in her eyes vanishes and is replaced by a brightness that rounds out a smile that seldom takes a break. Rea's love of playing baseball, it seems, is rivaled only by her love of talking the game, even though she doesn't quite have the lingo down pat.

After encountering less success during a Wednesday night game at YSI Field 3, Rea conducted her first interview.

"At the very end I said, 'Yes, I pitched a full game!' " Rea said. "My dad was like, 'No, you pitched a perfect game.'"

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