

Colby quick to clobber Hoxie

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It's like a summer-long scary movie for baseballs being thrown. Fast, slow, high, low. No matter where you go, Colby bats will find you. They will find you, and they will hurt you. Or at least hit you. Hard.

"Let me sneak past you just once into the soft safety of a catcher's glove...eya!" Baseballs were soaring everywhere throughout Monday's drama. And if you liked a first showing of Colby 14, Hoxie 4, then you really enjoyed the sequel called Colby 14, Hoxie 4 at Carl Adams Field.

"We put it all together and it was the same score in both games," Colby fourth through sixth grade coach Jeff Krzycki confirmed. "They (Hoxie) tried a little mix of everything. They threw fast, they threw slow, but our guys adjusted and hit line drives into the gaps."

Plus the star power was everywhere throughout these great performances. Each Colby player handled his role brilliantly while helping the Jayhawk West League champion team's season record reach 19-1.

"Everyone contributed to some part of the game whether it was a nice throw, nice catch or nice hit," Krzycki said. "When that happens, good things are going to happen. They (Hoxie) were the third-place team in our division. Not a bad team, but we kind of closed the door on them."

Both games were called after three innings due to a 10-run mercy rule. Gage Winger pitched



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Everything is looking up for the Colby fourth through sixth grade legion team as they improved to 19-1 this season with a sweep of Hoxie Monday night at Carl Adams Field. Colby won both games by 14-4 final scores. The boys host their final regular-season finales tonight against Quinter.

all three frames for the game-one victory, while Tommy Kline threw two frames to win that second contest.

Jason Krannawitter provided the grand finale by recording those last three Hoxie outs.

"It was quick. We were home by 9 p.m. and that's always good," Krzycki observed about the 6 p.m. doubleheader.

Wait a second! Going home early doesn't fit with this Hollywood theme. Yet it does revive an old school lesson taught so long (more than one month now) ago.

Preparation solves problems. "When you're hitting like these guys, it solves so many problems. Bu takes awhile to develop swings like they have now," the coach explained. "Some of these guys had to change their approach, change a lot of things with their swings. It took a lot of practice. It's fun to see the results now."

Another result on Monday night was Colby passing last year's excellent total of 18 wins. Now the boys will aim for a 21-1 regular season when they play one more pair against Quinter 6 p.m. to-

night. "I think our guys are set on getting past 20 wins," Krzycki concluded. "Quinter's good enough to beat us at any point, so we have to stay down to earth. We're still a long ways from being a real good team."

The fourth through sixth graders are also staying focused on winning that Jayhawk League tournament beginning next week. Colby will host a first-round game against a foe to be determined.

Tournament action concludes in a Saturday, July 13 title game.



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A Sunday putt appears to be right on target during the 27-hole modified tournament at Meadow Lake Golf Course. Action continues rolling along through the holiday week capped by this Sunday's Colby 2-Couple Scramble with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

Golfers scramble for Meadow titles

Scrambles brought every league together again for some good competition at Meadow Lake Course last week.

Ladies' Night

The 2-Lady Scramble attracted 12 participants on Tuesday, June 25.

First place: Audrey Hines and Michelle Spence.

Second: Susan Wark and Robin Tubbs.

Third: Anita Beckman and Lynette Ball.

Fourth: Cheryl Edmundson and Kacie Goetz.

Men's Night

A 3-Man Scramble caught the attention of 60 golfers Wednesday night. Unfortunately, first names for these top-placing teams were not obtained.

First place: Haas, Denneler and Arnberger.

Second: Landenberger, Denneler and Blake.

Third: Stithem, Arnberger and Wade.

Fourth: Kern, Sharp and Arensdorf.

Fifth: Mallory, Strutt and Suter. Sixth: Focke, Augustine and Burris.

Couples Night

The 2-Couple Scramble brought in 14 couples with six teaming for those top three places Friday evening.

First place: Dave and Amy Blake/Dave and Kaylee Keck.

Second: Cheryl and Stan Edmundson/Kacie and Nathan Goetz.

Third: Dave and Mallory Kern/Grant and Rhonda White.

Upcoming events

Besides league play throughout this week, a Colby 2-Couple Scramble is set for Sunday with its 10 a.m. shotgun start.

Cost will be \$80 per couple and there will be snacks served after play. Call Meadow Lake at 460-6443 to register.

Another event drawing close is the Colby High School Wrestling tournament on Saturday, July 13. More details appear Friday.

Colby K-18 whips WaKeeney twice

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Missing a few players to wrestling camp didn't mean Colby K-18 would let visiting WaKeeney escape with any victories Monday night.

Instead, the Jayhawk League leaders were just as relentless as ever during an 11-1, 18-1 doubleheader home sweep.

Jonah Thompson did his best Buster Posey impression, not only catching both games but also reaching base all six plate appearances. Thompson and Tyler Schritter went a combined six-for-six en route to scoring six runs during that second contest.

Meanwhile, leadoff hitter Shevin Martin also touched home six times while only making one out all evening. Martin summoned his inner Batman in ripping three

singles. He was plunked twice by pitches and added a walk.

Tyler Schritter and Rex Branum both reached base five times while teaming for five runs scored. Branum belted two doubles with Schritter adding a single.

Parker Wright circled the diamond five times, three of those runs as a courtesy runner for catcher Thompson.

Wright walked and scored twice in game two.

Brady Slinger (four runs scored), Alex Vap (single, two runs), Mark Faber (two runs) and Hudson Stramel (reached base twice) were other contributors

during these two latest triumphs. Colby K-18 improved to 19-3 overall entering a Garden City tournament this weekend.

Colby winning pitchers Casey Quagliano and Branum cruised through both mercy-rule shortened contests.

Quagliano threw 68 pitches to finish his four-inning win, while Branum threw only 48 in the finale called after only three frames.

Colby K-18's next home appearance will be a pair against Goodland on Thursday, July 11.

Goodland dealt the only league loss to Colby last week in Good-

Sharks make their marks at Goodland

Almost all of the Colby Sharks placed in multiple events again during Saturday's Goodland Invitational.

Colby scored 216 points and placed second among eight teams behind champion Goodland.

Remaining results will be featured in Friday's edition of the *Free Press*. Other highlights were mentioned on Monday's sports page.

Age 8-and-under girls

Alisabeth Barton placed 23rd in 25-freestyle (32.09), 28th in 50-freestyle (1:17.59) and 14th in 25-backstroke (52.57).

Amanda Jaeger placed 17th in 25-freestyle (28.08), 23rd in 50-freestyle (1:07.23) and 17th in 25-backstroke (34.07).

Anne Morris placed 33rd in 25-freestyle (45.88), 15th in 25-butterfly (51.57) and 23rd in 25-backstroke (37.37).

Calista Carney placed 26th in 25-freestyle (36.08), 25th in 25-backstroke (37.96) and ninth in 25-butterfly (1:09.96).

Cydney Brown placed 11th in 25-freestyle (25.56), ninth in 50-freestyle (55.01) and 10th in 25-butterfly.

Hailey Bolyard placed 32nd in 25-freestyle (44.81) and 30th in 50-freestyle (1:37.17).

Jade Schroer placed seventh in 25-freestyle (27.28), first in 25-breaststroke (23.97) and fourth in 100-individual medley (2:07.46).

Jayla Rush placed seventh in 25-freestyle (55.91), sixth in 25-breaststroke (32.14) and 10th in 100-individual medley (2:34.99).

Kamryn Elling placed fifth in 25-butterfly (30.5), 15th in 25-breaststroke (25.99) and sixth in 100-individual medley (2:24.17).

Kayla Jaeger placed 15th in 25-freestyle (27.28), 26th in 50-freestyle (1:15.89) and 22nd in 25-backstroke (37.19).

MaKenzi Rhymer placed 29th in 25-freestyle (37.73), eighth in 25-butterfly (44.05) and 13th in 25-breaststroke (50.42).

Relays: Swim Club A of Rush, Kayla Jaeger, Elling and Schroer placed third in 100-freestyle (1:43.1), Swim Club B of Amanda Jaeger, Maya Rodriguez, Barton and Brown placed fifth in 100-freestyle (2:00.18). Swim Club C of Rhymer, Bolyard, Morris and Carney placed eighth in 100-freestyle (2:35.28). Swim Club B of Jaeger, Elling, Brown and Barton placed third in 100-medley (2:03.4). Swim Club A of Carney, Schroer, Rush and Kayla Jaeger placed fourth in 100-medley (2:07.08).

Age 8-and-under boys

Aaron Lindsey placed 15th in 25-freestyle (31.93), 11th in 50-freestyle (1:07.22) and ninth in 25-backstroke (34.28).

Beau Mettlen placed 11th in 25-freestyle (25.51), seventh in 50-freestyle (55.54) and third in 25-breaststroke (28.46).

Blair Niblock placed 23rd in 25-freestyle (41.69) and 17th in 50-freestyle (1:31.84).

Blayne Reid placed 17th in 25-freestyle (33.5), 19th in 50-freestyle (1:37.79) and 13th in 25-backstroke (44.34).

Breon Barton placed fourth in 25-freestyle (20.68), fourth in 50-freestyle (48.66) and seventh in 25-backstroke (33.72).

Caden Schriener placed 22nd in 25-freestyle (41.46), 21st in 50-freestyle (2:01.8) and sixth in 25-breaststroke (1:02.92).

Jack Delzeit placed 24th in 25-freestyle (42.99) and 20th in 50-freestyle (1:52.55).

Jaxson Carney placed 26th in 25-freestyle (46.41) and 23rd in 50-freestyle (2:06.1).

Relays: Swim Club A of Mettlen, Niblock, Lindsey and Barton placed second in 100-freestyle. Swim Club B of Schriener, Carney, Delzeit and Reid placed fourth in 100-freestyle (2:58.84). Swim Club A of Lindsey, Barton, Mettlen and Reid placed seventh in 100-medley (2:25.7).

Mixed relay: Swim Club A of Morris, Bolyard, Rhymer and Carney placed seventh in 100-medley (3:22.7).

Age 9-10 girls

Alizah Schielke placed 15th in 25-freestyle (23.2), 14th in 25-backstroke (28.02) and 11th in 25-butterfly (28.86).

Allison Catlin placed sixth in 25-freestyle (19.35), eighth in 100-freestyle (1:35.99) and fifth in 25-backstroke (22.49).

Carissa Brogan placed third in 25-freestyle (17.34), fourth in 25-backstroke (22.31) and second in 25-butterfly (19.24).

Jeanie Strick placed 14th in 25-freestyle (22.07) and 12th in 25-backstroke (25.61).

Jillian Niblock placed 16th in 25-freestyle (24.09), sixth in 25-breaststroke (25.31) and 11th in 100-individual medley (2:38.37).

Kourtney Finley placed second in 25-freestyle (16.75), second in 100-freestyle (1:25.03) and first in 25-butterfly (18.22).

Madison Krejci placed 13th in 100-freestyle (1:54.18), 12th in 25-breaststroke (24.87) and ninth in 100-individual medley (1:57.17).

Relays: Swim Club A of Niblock, Schielke, Strick and Krejci placed third



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Her race face showed Colby's Taylor Bieberle was ready to jump into competition during the Colby Swim Club invitational June 22 at the Aquatic Park. Bieberle helped two Colby relays break meet records in Goodland on Saturday.

in 100-freestyle (1:33.52). Swim Club A of Catlin, Krejci, Brogan and Finley placed first in 100-medley (1:25.79).

Age 9-10 boys

Dawsyn Lemman placed third in 25-freestyle (17.43), third in 25-butterfly (19.49) and ninth in 25-breaststroke (29.97).

Joshua Yanez placed 21st in 25-freestyle (31.66), 11th in 25-butterfly (36.28) and ninth in 25-breaststroke (29.97).

Jud Rose placed 19th in 25-freestyle (24.24), 12th in 25-backstroke (38.34) and 16th in 25-breaststroke (39.47).

Steel Brown placed 13th in 25-freestyle (20.25) and 10th in 100-freestyle (1:45.77).

Wade Rush placed fifth in 25-butterfly (23.48), sixth in 25-breaststroke (24.24) and fifth in 100-individual medley (1:47.82).

Relays: Swim Club A of Brown, Yanez, Rose and Lemman placed fourth in 100-freestyle (1:38.09). Swim Club A of Niblock, Yanez, Schielke and Strick placed seventh in 100-medley (2:17.34).

Mixed relays: Swim Club A of Catlin, Rush, Brogan and Finley placed second in 100-freestyle relay (1:12.1).

Swim Club A of Niblock, Yanez, Schielke and Strick placed seventh in 100-medley relay (2:17.34).

Age 11-12 girls

Abby Rose placed 18th in 50-freestyle (39.69), 12th in 100-freestyle (1:31.29) and 12th in 50-butterfly (50.29).

Alexandra Quattlebaum placed 11th in 50-freestyle (36.71), ninth in 50-breaststroke (48.42) and 22nd in 100-individual medley (2:10.79).

Alexis Carney placed fifth in 100-freestyle (1:21.69), sixth in 50-backstroke (44.55) and 12th in 50-breaststroke (49.63).

Chloe Waddington placed 33rd in 50-freestyle (54.68), 18th in 50-backstroke (1:00.77) and 30th in 50-breaststroke (1:03.39).

Emma Maier placed 30th in 50-freestyle (44.84), 19th in 100-freestyle (1:53.43) and 15th in 50-breaststroke (51.03).

Jayln Mettlen placed 12th in 50-freestyle (37.12), seventh in 50-butterfly (46.78) and 10th in 50-breaststroke (48.57).

Jersey Carney placed 16th in 50-freestyle (38.78), eighth in 100-freestyle (1:25.17) and 10th in 50-butterfly (49.54).

Jessilyn Weis placed 19th in 50-freestyle (40.4), fourth in 50-breaststroke (45.17) and 12th in 100-individual medley (1:43.57).

Kailey Shields placed 31st in 50-freestyle (46.77) and 16th in 50-breaststroke (52.44).

Lexy Kraft placed 21st in 50-freestyle (42.24), 13th in 50-backstroke (55.4) and 25th in 50-breaststroke (1:00.06).

Deadline now close for annual games

Friday is the first deadline to register for the 24th annual Sunflower State Games at Topeka.

Participants interested in the 5K/10K road race, adventure race, target archery, baseball, BMX, bocce ball, disc golf, horseshoes, indoor soccer, judo, martial arts, swimming, tennis, track and field, trap/skeet shooting and volleyball must register by Friday.

Register online at www.sunflowergames.com, or mail them to 820 S. Kansas Ave. Topeka, Kan., 66612. Registration forms can

also be brought to that address.

Deadline to register for all other sports is Friday, July 12.

Events begin that day with track and field at Hummer Sports Park and continue through Sunday, July 28.

There are 46 sports overall for Kansans ranging in skill levels and all age groups.

The Sunflower State Games is a non-profit, amateur sports festival which promotes physical fitness and personal health for people of all ages.

Red hurls no-hitter

CINCINNATI (AP) — Homer Bailey has this no-hitter celebration down pat — just like his idol, Nolan Ryan.

Another hard-throwin' Texan

who wears No. 34 made some no-hit history Tuesday night. Bailey threw his second in 10 months and led the Cincinnati Reds' 3-0 win over San Francisco.

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