

Lady Trojans win three of four in Colby

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The Colby Lady Trojans softball team won three of its four games this weekend during the Colby Classic, finishing the tournament with a 5-1 win over Dodge City Community College on Sunday.

"The team played really well this weekend," said Colby coach Carl Adams. "We had solid pitching and defense. We had players step up and hit the ball all weekend."

Eight teams participated in the tournament, including one from Iowa and one from Nebraska. The games were played at the campus field and the city fields on 9th Street. The teams were scheduled to play two games on Sunday, but the weather and problems with one of the fields cut that to one.

In Colby's contest on Sunday against Dodge City, the game remained a scoreless tie until the bottom of the third inning, when freshman Sheena Hawks started things off by hitting a single to left field. She advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by sophomore Mary Egger.

Next, freshman Molly Langerak hit a double to left field that scored Hawks and Colby led 1-0. Freshman Danielle Schmidt then hit a single to left, advancing Langerak to third. Schmidt was followed by freshman Heather Ebert, who hit the game's only home run over the right-field fence, driving in three runs.

The Lady Conquistadors got the



Sophomore first baseman Shanae Calkins (No. 12), a 2003 graduate of Goodland High School, caught a throw from sophomore shortstop Heather Ebert to complete a double play and end Dodge City's turn at bat in the second inning Sunday.

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next two Colby batters out, but now trailed 4-0 going into the fourth. The score remained 4-0 through the fourth and fifth.

In the top of the sixth, with one out, Dodge City's Natasha Nichols hit a triple down the right field line. She was followed by Shawna

Tankerslav, who hit a single to center field and drove in Nichols, putting the Conquistadors on the scoreboard. Colby's defense stiff-

ened and got the next two batters. In the bottom of the sixth, the Lady Trojans got their four-run lead back when freshman Erin Throckmorton hit a single to right field, scoring former Cowgirl sophomore Shanae Calkins from second.

On Saturday, Colby opened the tournament with a forfeit win over McCook Community College.

In their second game of the day, the Trojans defeated the Lady Pirates of Independence Community College 5-2. Ball pitched a complete game, giving up five hits and three walks, and striking out three. Ebert led the team in hitting going 2-for-3, including a home run, and driving in five runs. Freshman Amy Normandin also went 2-for-3 at the plate.

In Colby's final game on Saturday, Iowa Western Community College came out on top, 10-8, during a slugfest that saw the teams combine for 26 hits. Ebert again was the Trojans' leading batter, going 2-for-2, including a triple, and driving in three runs. She walked twice in the game.

On Friday, Colby split a home doubleheader against Cloud County Community College losing the first 10-8 in 14 innings and winning the second 4-0. In the second game, Calkins led the team at the plate, going 3-for-3 and driving in a run.

The Lady Trojans, now 10-23, will play a doubleheader against Brown Mackie College today at 2 p.m. (Mountain Time) at the campus softball field.

"The team has started to play like they are capable of," said Adams. "We are starting to realize it takes us doing the little things to win games, and we are doing those things."

Cowboys and Cowgirls make all-league basketball team

Five Goodland High School basketball players, three boys and two girls, were named to the Northwest Kansas League all-league team last week.

Senior Derrick Raymer and junior Jase Herl were among 10 players named to the all-league team. Senior Lane Winter was one of five earning honorable mention.

Making the girls all-league squad for the Cowgirls were junior Justeen Koehler and sophomore Dani Bedore. This is the second time Bedore has been named to the team. She led the Goodland girls in

scoring this year and last.

Raymer, who started 20 of 21 games, scored 303 points for the Cowboys this season, more than 14 per game. He led the team in rebounds with 145 and in blocked shots with 21 and hit 68 percent of his free throws.

This is Raymer's second straight year making the all-league team. In the 2003-2004 season, he led the Cowboys in scoring, rebounds, steals and blocked shots. On Feb. 10, Raymer signed to play football next fall for the Broncbusters of Garden City Community College.

Herl, who started all 21 games, led Goodland in scoring this season with 315 points, a 15-per-game average. He was second in rebounds with 97, led the team in assists and steals, and hit nearly 63 percent of his free throws.

Winter was third on the Cowboys' scoring list with 218, over 10 points per game. He also was third in rebounds with 92 and was one of three Cowboys to start all 21 games.

The Cowboys finished the season 15-6 overall and 7-0 in the league. They played their last game on

March 3, losing to Scott City 40-36 in the second round of the substate tournament in Larned.

The Colby Eagles had two players named to the all-league team: Seniors Matt Augustine and Irvin Dinkel. The Quinter Bulldogs also had two, senior Grady Kesler and junior Tyler Reed.

Others named were Hoxie seniors Jordan Vickers and Jeff Cameron, Oakley senior Chad Baalman and Oberlin senior Lance Fortin.

Honorable mention also went to senior Tanner Kinen of St. Francis, senior Gerid Spresser of Hoxie, se-

nior Mykel Rodriguez of Oakley and to junior Jeff Reiner of Atwood.

The Cowgirls finished 17-6 overall and 6-1 in the league. Their last game was March 5 where they lost 52-37 to Colby in the finals of the substate tournament.

Colby had four girls honored, with senior Emily Sloan, junior Jessica Stephens and freshman Lissa Mazanec making the all-league team. Sophomore Brittany Kersbrook won honorable mention.

Senior Jaci Hoyt of Hoxie made the team along with junior Dani Pratt. Rawlins County High had

two players: senior Ariel Dunker and Chelsie Kramer. Senior Jamie Elwood of Oberlin and senior Veronica Kuhlman of Oakley also made the team.

Junior Kaitlyn Stapp of Oberlin and sophomore Jocelyn Anderson of Quinter received honorable mention.

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Wednesday to Friday- No school; spring break.
Sunday - Easter
Monday - National Honor Society at Wheat Ridge Acres 6:30 p.m.; Board of Education meeting at the Administration building 7 p.m.
Tuesday - "Black Day" Seminar - Stuco baseball in Goodland against Burlington, 2 p.m.; Leadership Sherman County at the auditorium 5 to 9 p.m.; Junior high Scholars' Bowl League meet at Atwood, 3 p.m.

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