

# Eagle track solid at Scott City

The Colby High School track team traveled to Scott City last Tuesday, with the girls tying for first place with Goodland, and the boys placing fifth.

**100 meter hurdles (girls): 2nd,** Jessie Brenn 16.41; **400 meter dash (boys): 3rd,** Jason Simmering, 53.75; **girls, 4th,** Lauren Kaiser, 1:05.37; **5th,** Erika Erickson, 1:06.07; **200 meters (boys): 2nd,** Brent McCoy 23.53, **3rd,** Brent Mariman, 23.68; **girls, 6th,** Kylee Hunter, 29.0, Breann Hart, 30.8; **High jump (boys), 5th,** Brent Mariman, 5'8"; **girls, 3rd,** Beth Linden, 4'10", Emily Sloan, 4'4"; **Long jump (boys), 5th,** Brent McCoy, 18'9 3/4", Myers, 18'5 1/4", **girls 1st,** Jessie Brenn, 15'11 3/4"; **Triple jump (boys), 6th,** Jordan Harris, 38'8"; **Pole vault (boys), 5th,** Carson McKee, 9'6"; **100 meters (boys), 2nd,** McCoy, 11.62 Baalman, 12.34; **girls, 4th,** Brianna Swafford, 13.41, Kylee Hunter, 14.16; **300 meter hurdles (girls), 6th,** Beth Linden, 50.93; **3200 meter run (boys), 6th,** Nathan Harter, 11:51.8, L. Stover, 12:12.2; **girls,** Jamie Quenzer, 14:46; **Shot put (boys),** Eric Seeman, 42'6",

Tanner Brown, 41'11 1/2"; **girls,** Raya Mazanec, 28'4 1/2", Desiree Sharp, 25'1"; **4X800 (boys), 5th,** Stover, Kough, Stupka, McKee, 9:31.7; **girls, 2nd,** Ramsey, Sloan, Stephens,



Seeman, 10:30.4; **4X100 (boys), 2nd,** Harris, Simmering, Mariman, McCoy, 45.32; **girls, 2nd,** Zielglemeier, Swafford, Hunter, Brenn, 52.0; **4X400 (boys), 3rd,** Mariman, Harris, Stupka, Simmering, 3:42.78; **girls, 1st,** Hart, Kaiser, Erickson, Brenn, 4:21.52; **1600 meters (boys), 3rd,** Landon Stover, 5:07.7, Harter, 5:21.8; **girls, 2nd,** Ivy Ramsey, 5:49.13; **800**

**meters (boys), 6th,** Kough, 2:19.4, Shane Stover, 2:26.1; **girls, 2nd,** Ramsey, 2:32.78, **4th,** Stephens, 2:37.31; **Javelin (boys),** Griggs, 123'2", Schwindt, 110'3"; **girls, 3rd,** Mazanec, 99'11", Sharp 83'4"; **Discus (boys), 3rd,** Adam Smith, 136'3", Brown, 119'3"; **girls,** Mazanec, 72'3".

Scott City, KS	
Girls	
Colby	88
Goodland	88
Oakley	76
Lakin	74
Ulysses	72
Norton	71
Larned	47
Scott City	42
Boys	
Lakin	139
Scott City	91
Goodland	76.5
Ulysses	73
Colby	65
Oakley	53
Norton	32
Larned	27.5

# Abdul-Jabbar makes coaching debut

By STEVE BRISENDINE

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DODGE CITY (AP) — For a newcomer to coaching, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar already speaks the language like a veteran. He says all the right things about how players come first in basketball, and how he's just there to help them get better.

"It's their time on the court now. It's not my time any more," the NBA career scoring leader said Sunday night, after making his professional coaching debut for the Oklahoma Storm of the United States Basketball League.

There's no denying, though, that — at least for now — the Hall of Famer is his team's biggest star, even from the sideline.

When the Storm were introduced before Sunday night's 98-97 loss to the Dodge City Legend, Abdul-Jabbar drew a standing ovation from the standing-room-only crowd of 2,659, a Dodge City Civic Center record.

He acknowledged the applause with a smile and a wave — but later, he tried once more to deflect the attention to his players.

"I'm not bigger than the game," he said. "I hope people come to see the game, not to see me."

And if people do come to see him, Abdul-Jabbar said, he wants them to see him as a coach, not a celebrity.

"I'm sure the people who followed my career want to see if this team I've been put in charge of is well-prepared

and put in a position to win," Abdul-Jabbar said. "If I have my way, they will be."

Abdul-Jabbar remained low-key for much of the game, preferring to let his assistants handle the bulk of the coaching duties. He became more animated and involved as the game wore on — and as the Storm built a 14-point lead midway through the third quarter, only to see it slip away.

They regained the lead, 97-96, on Gabe Frank's 3-pointer with 15.7 seconds left, but Dodge City's Tim Pledger hit two free throws with 7.5 seconds remaining to give the Legend the win.

"I didn't like the outcome, but my guys worked hard and tried to pay attention," Abdul-Jabbar said. "We just made some mental mistakes."

Abdul-Jabbar, who turned 55 on Tuesday, led UCLA to NCAA titles in 1967, 1968 and 1969 when he was known as Lew Alcindor. Along the way, he studied the coaching style of the Bruins' John Wooden.

"I don't know if any of you ever saw Coach Wooden coach, but he tried to do all of his coaching before the game," Abdul-Jabbar said. "That's my goal, but I have a long way to go before I reach those heights."

Abdul-Jabbar said he hasn't decided

whether he'd rather coach in college or the NBA, only that he wants to coach — and feels he's ready to, after stepping away from basketball for more than a decade.

"I love this game, he said. "It's been good to me, and I think I have some things I can give back to it."

Abdul-Jabbar played six NBA seasons with Milwaukee, winning three MVP awards and leading the Bucks to the 1971 championship before being traded to the Los Angeles Lakers before the 1975-76 season.

He converted to Islam and changed his name in the early 1970s.

Abdul-Jabbar won three more MVP awards and five more titles with the Lakers — in 1980, 1982, 1985, 1987 and 1988. By the time he retired after the 1989 season, he'd scored 38,387 points. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1995.

He was an assistant coach with the Los Angeles Clippers for part of the 1999-2000 season and worked with a high school team on an Apache Indian reservation in Arizona in 1998.

He wrote a book about his experience on the reservation, but has said he was disappointed by his stint with the Clippers because he could not relate to the players and found them fundamentally unsound.

# Off-season in full swing

I'm sure many of you have missed my weekly columns but I write primarily during our season. This is just to keep you all in tune to what is happening with Trojan hoops! Our three key off-season programs for our players are going very well. The kids are attending study hall 4 days a week. We will continue to monitor their academic progress very closely the final 5 weeks of the term. Everyone has been lifting very hard 4 days per week. Finally, our individual improvement program that we have 3 days per week is going extremely well. The most important things for our program for 2002-2003 are taking place daily with our returnees and all things appear to be going well.

The second most important thing for our team in 2002-2003 will be the players we add to this team. Signing date started Monday and we have received a few commitments. It's obvious our primary need is help on our front line and that is an area we have addressed. Our first major addition hails from Chicago and played at Thornwood HS. Justin Williams is a 6'9" 215 pound post player. He has a great work ethic and is a terrific shot blocker and tremendous rebounder. Justin will be a great compliment up front to returning all-conference forward Dedric Spooner (6'8, 230). Our first in-state signee is K.J. Wilkens from



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Dighton. KJ was a 2nd Team All-State guard and played for his dad Gene. KJ will be much like our current coaches kids Mike Wolters and Stu Keltner. KJ will be tough and hard-nosed. Our second in-state recruit is Sam Jackson (6'6" 175) from Logan. Sam is a talented forward. He has a great jump shot and is a solid athlete. We are very excited about these additions. We do expect to sign one more in-state and a couple more out-state players. We will keep you posted.

**JOTTINGS**  
My girls are almost 6 weeks old and they are doing great. My wife is hanging in there and so am I. Twins are not easy but what a blessing they are! Oh, Rob and John are doing great also, just proud to be big brothers!

We are beginning to entertain NCAA DI schools as they are showing up in Colby to check out our great freshman class. Charlotte from Conference USA has already visited and Louisiana Tech from the WAC conference has set up a visit. Other schools expected to visit include: Denver Univ., Texas (maybe), UNLV.

Keyon scored 601 points this season.

This ranks as the 5th highest single season scoring total in school history. The top four are: Curtis Gates 808 (1983-84), Curtis Gates 721 (1984-85), Larry Borom 641 (1991-92), and Nayron Monk 606 (1977-78).


Dedric Spooner made 3rd Team all-conference. Spooner was 2nd in the conference in rebounding at 8.7 per game and 2nd in the league in block shots swatting away 2.92 per contest. He averaged 13.9 points per game shooting 48.3% from the field.

The 17 wins recorded by the Trojans this season is tied for 9th most wins in a single season in the school's 37-year history.

During the past two seasons we have defeated every Jayhawk West School at least once. That's right we have beaten Hutch, Barton, Butler, Seward, Garden City, Dodge, Pratt, and Cloud. We have improved each season. 8 wins in 99-00, 15 wins in 00-01, and 17 wins this year.

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