

# Trojans start conference play with win

By DARREL PATTILLO  
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Mike Wolters hit two three-point shots early in the game Saturday to help propel the Colby Trojans past Butler County 75-58.

Butler County took an early lead, only to have Colby end the first half on a 24-10 run over an 11 minute span to lead by 9 at the break.

The Trojans were hurt in the first half by only converting 3 of 10 free throws, and they made just 14 of 29 for the game.

Butler County never came within 5 points after half-time as Colby would extend their lead to as many as 20.

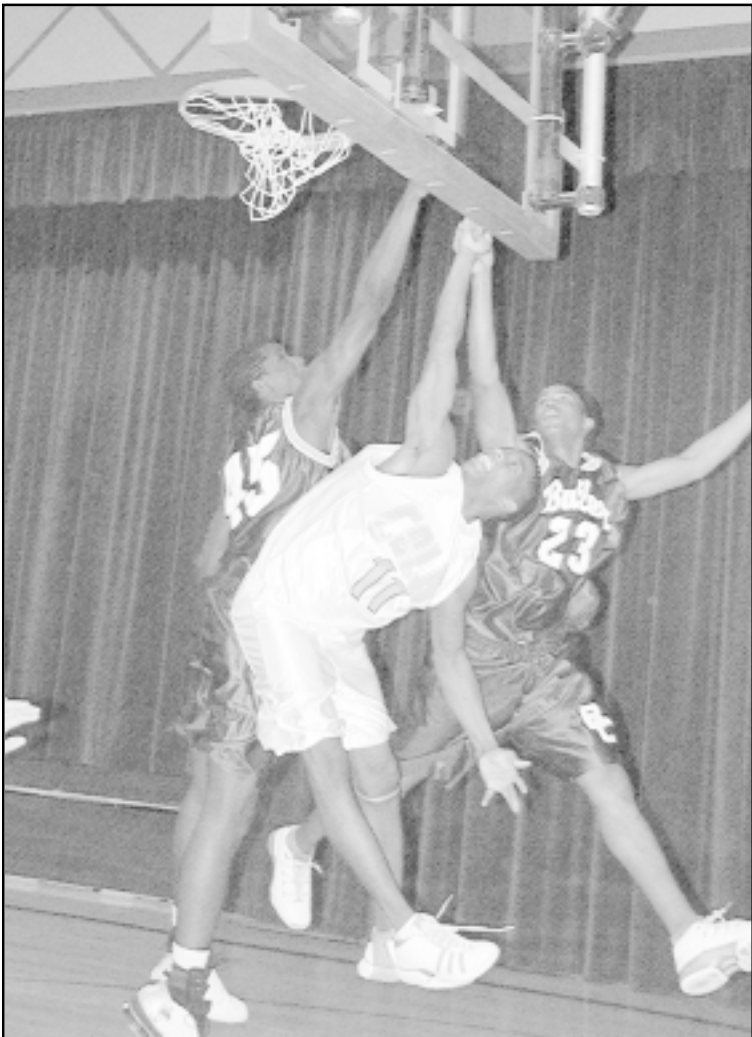
Colby held Butler County to 32.5% shooting in the 2nd half and 38.1% for the game.

Colby out-rebounded the Grizzlies 37-26.

EJ Drayton had 24 points, 6 rebounds, and 5 assists (scoring 20 2nd half points). Justin Williams had 10 points, 7 rebounds, 7 blocks. Freshman Branden Miller added 11 points and 5 assists and Mike Wolters had 11 points

Colby is now 13-2 overall and 1-0 in Jayhawk West conference action. They travel to Garden City Tuesday for an 8 p.m. conference game. They will return home to face Cloud County Thursday at 8 p.m.. All Trojan games can be heard live on 790 AM (KXXX) or 100.3 FM (KQLS).

**Colby 75, Butler County 58**  
Butler County (10-5, 0-1)  
Ed Spencer 9-18 2-2 23; Mark



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Colby Trojan sophomore Joe Williams battled a couple of Butler County Grizzlies Saturday during conference action at the Community Building. The Trojans won the game 75-58.

Ferguson 5-11 0-0 11; Gerald Williams 4-13 2-3 10; Jason Cornwell 3-5 0-0 6; Shawn Malloy 2-9 1-4 5; Chris Lee 1-2 1-2 3; Desmond Nwoke 0-20-00; Mike Melcher 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 24-63 6-11 58.

Colby (13-2, 1-0)  
EJ Drayton 8-13 8-11 24; Branden Miller 4-12 0-0 11; Michael Wolters 3-6 2-2 11; Justin Williams 4-8 2-6 10; Eric Fowlkes

3-5 1-4 8; Dedric Spooner 3-6 1-4 7; Joseph Williams 2-2 0-2 4; Sam Jackson 0-1 0-0 0; Dillion Sneed 0-1 0-0 0; Zane Davis 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 27-55 14-29 75.

Butler County.....23 35 - 58  
Colby.....32 43 - 75  
3-point goals-Butler County 4-12 (Ed Spencer 3-4; Mark Ferguson 1-3; Chris Lee 0-1; Mike Melcher 0-1; Gerald Williams 0-3), Colby 7-16 (Branden Miller 3-7; Michael Wolters 3-6; Eric Fowlkes 1-1; Sam Jackson 0-1; Zane Davis 0-1). Fouled out—Butler County-Chris Lee; Shawn Malloy; Mark Ferguson; Jason Cornwell, Colby-None. Rebounds-Butler County 26 (Shawn Malloy 8), Colby 37 (Dedric Spooner 11). Assists-Butler County 6 (Gerald Williams 2; Chris Lee 2), Colby 19 (EJ Drayton 5; Branden Miller 5). Total fouls-Butler County 23, Colby 16. A-654



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Ashley Stull (10) made a lay-up with Buba Kovacevic (20) trailing during the Colby Lady Trojan's overtime contest with the Lady Grizzlies from Butler County.

# Lady Trojans lose thriller

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The Colby Lady Trojans lost an overtime thriller to Butler County Saturday afternoon, 86-83. The Lady Trojans led by as many as 12 with 5:17 remaining in the 1st half, and led by 9 at the break.

Butler County quickly cut the deficit to 3 with 18:08 remaining in the game, and the game saw 5 ties and no leads larger than 5 the rest of the way.

Colby lead once by five after that with 7:48 remaining. Butler County's biggest lead was 2 in regulation and 5 with :41 seconds remaining in overtime

Colby shot 58.1% from the floor compared to 43.2% for Butler County, but committed 25 turnovers.

Bojana Samardziska had 15 points, 11 rebounds, 5 blocks, Louis McLean had 16 assists and Ivana Drmanac scored a season high 26 points.

Buba Kovacevic added 18 points and 6 rebounds.

Kovacevic and McLean played the entire 45 minutes

Colby is now 8-7 overall and 0-1 in Jayhawk West Conference Action. They travel to Garden City Tuesday for a 6 p.m. conference game.

The Lady Trojan's next home

action is Thursday against Cloud County. Game time will be 6 p.m.  
**Butler County 86, Colby 83**  
Butler County late Cross 10-20-8-10 35; Megan Hillman 7-12 0-0 14; Bent Bugs 5-13 0-0 12; Bethany Kanak 3-10 0-0 9; Keashawn Bond 4-6 0-0 8; Ashley Roberts 2-10 2-2 6; Jamie VanLeeuwen 1-1 0-0 2; Jessica Hamilton 0-1 0-0 0; Erica Caudillo 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 32-74 10-12 86.

Colby  
Ivana Drmanac 10-13 2-3 26; Buba Kovacevic 8-14 2-4 18; Bojana Samardziska 7-14 1-2 15; Louis McLean 4-10 0-0 8; Karli Sherwood 3-4 1-2 7; Ashley Stull 3-5 0-0 7; Ashley Blickenstaff 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 36-62 6-11 83.

Butler County... 34 38 14 - 86  
Colby..... 43 29 11 - 83  
3-point goals-Butler County 12-26 (late Cross 7-13; Bethany Kanak 3-9; Bent Bugs 2-2; Ashley Roberts 0-1; Erica Caudal 0-1), Colby 5-11 (Ivana Drmanac 4-5; Ashley Stull 1-3; Louis McLean 0-2; Buba Kovacevic 0-1). Fouled out—Butler County-None, Colby-None. Rebounds-Butler County 27 (Bent Bugs 7; Megan Hillman 7), Colby 33 (Bojana Samardziska 11).

Assists-Butler County 18 (Bent Bugs 7), Colby 26 (Louis McLean 16). Total fouls-Butler County 13, Colby 10.

# Big Thursday ahead for Trojans

Jayhawk West action continues Thursday at the Colby Community Building. The Trojans take on old independent rival Cloud County in a Jayhawk West showdown. Cloud County is 11-4 and defeated Garden City in their conference opener 75-73. All tickets for the contest are just \$1. That's right it's DOLLAR NIGHT! Tip-Off is set for 8 p.m. The women's game begins at 6 p.m.

The 11-4 Thunderbirds are on the road at Butler County tonight. They had a 75-73 victory at home over Garden City (11-4, 0-1) on De Andre McGrew's last second shot from inside the lane. They are lead by the all-conference player (6'3" sophomore) McGrew who averages 16 points a contest. This is coach Kevin Muff's 5th season at Cloud and his team is off to its best start in years. They are a very good team with several players that can score. Last season the Trojans won both conference contests and in fact we have defeated Cloud 5 out of 6 times in my tenure. We have won all 3 home games. All 6 games have been decided by close margins. Thursday should be another great match-up.

We opened up league action this past Saturday with an impressive win over Butler County by a 75-58 score. After a slow first half start (you could tell we had been off for several weeks) we played very well the final 30 minutes of the contest. We had several noteworthy performances. Dedric Spooner was very active with 11 rebounds. E.J. Drayton led our offense with 24 points (20 in the 2nd half). Justin Williams lead our defensive charge with 7 blocks. Branden Miller dishd out 5 assists and Mike Wolters nailed 3 three's. Overall, I was impressed with our intensity in our first conference game. Tonight we will find out if we can bring it with us on the road against a very good Garden City squad.

We hope to see you Thursday



Brian Ostermann

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night for a Jayhawk West league contest at 8 p.m. vs Cloud County. The women tip off at 6 p.m. Culligan of Colby sponsors the game and all tickets are just \$1.

### JOTTINGS

Jayhawk West scores from Saturday: Seward over Barton 80-59, Hutch over Dodge 61-52, and Cloud over Garden City on a buzzer beater 75-73. All four home teams won last weekends games.

Barton is ranked #3 and Seward #16 in the nation. The only other Jayhawk West School to receive any mention in the nation polls first semester was our Colby Community College Trojans. Two consecutive weeks we received consideration for the top 20.

We had our best academic semester as a basketball team in four years. Our TEAM g.p.a. was a 3.03 for the semester. Eight out of our thirteen players earned a 3.0 g.p.a. or higher including one player at a perfect 4.0!

There are currently five former Trojans that played under me that are currently playing NCAA Division I basketball. Larry House (Colby's 2nd all-time leading scorer) is a starter for top 20 Creighton University. Greg Patton plays at Utah State, Geoffrey Brown plays at Southern Mississippi, Jarman Sample plays at Oregon State, and Billy Williams plays at Binghamton University. Lou Chapman played one year at UNC-Wilmington and transferred to Missouri Western (DII) when his coach at UNCW left to take another job.

Thanks to Pepsi who gave away several cases of pop to our fans at

our recent home game. Pepsi is a proud sponsor of Colby Trojan basketball.

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A special thanks goes out to McDonald's, Gambino's, Taco Johns, and Thomas County Feeders. Thank you for feeding the Trojans during the holidays! Also, thanks to Pepsi for providing drinks for our road trips!

The Colby Baseball team is gearing up for a special fund-raiser on February 15th. There will be bowling and other sporting contests. I will provide details in the future but do mark you calendars to assist the baseball team.

Don't miss great wrestling action this weekend as the #1 ranked Colby Trojans host the annual Tournament of Champions at the Community Building. Start your week of with basketball action Thursday for a buck and then finish the weekend with some great wrestling.

### FAST FORWARD

Tonight the Trojans travel to Garden City. Game time is 8 p.m. and the game will be broadcast by Rich Epp on 100.3 FM

Thursday is DOLLAR NIGHT. All tickets to the Trojan vs. Cloud County game will be just \$1.

**MARK YOU CALENDARS!**  
JAYHAWK WEST home contests. Jan. 9 vs. Cloud, 18th vs. Hutch, 29th vs. Dodge. Feb. 5 vs. Garden, 12th vs. Seward, 15th vs. Barton. March 1 vs. Pratt.

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