

Orange and Black gives out awards

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The 18th annual 2003 Orange and Black Basketball Classic has announced its tournament award winners and they are:

All-Tournament Team Boys
Jeff Pruitt, Beloit; Joel Fouts, Beloit; **Landon Stover, Colby;** **Jordan Harris, Colby;** Brady Maska, Hays; Kyle Parker, Hays; Antonio Hanson, Liberal; Krae Dutoit, McCook; Justin Randolph, McCook; David Dunn, Scott City.

Most Valuable Player, Jeff Pruitt, Beloit; Off the Bench, Curt Stramel, Hays; **Most Inspirational Player, Landon Stover, Colby;** Super Shot, Lance Tedford, Goodland; Team/Community Sportsmanship, Beloit High School; Marvin Stark Spirit Award, Ulysses High School.

All-Tournament Team, Girls
Jalyn Reid, Brewster; **Alicia Collett, Brewster;** **Summar Stephens, Colby;** **Emily Sloan, Colby;** Jayci Stone, Goodland; Anny McCoy, Goodland; Tiya Tatum, Liberal; Lisa Friehe, McCook; Andrea O'Brien, Scott City; Sheena Kuntzsch, Scott City.

Most Valuable Player, Summar Stephens, Colby; Off the Bench, Jillian Bryant, McCook; **Most Inspirational Player, Bethanie Linden, Colby;** **Super Shot, Summar**



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Colby junior Bethanie Linden guarded Scott City's Sheena Kuntzsch during the semi-final game of the Orange and Black last weekend. Linden was voted the tournament's Most Inspirational Player.

Stephens, Colby; Team/Community Sportsmanship, Brewster High School.

Colby Schools Activities director Jeff Quenzer said the tournament "went very well. It was a very competitive tournament, and the crowds were great."

Quenzer wanted to make sure that credit for the success of the tournament went where it was due: to the volunteers.

"The reason the Orange and Black went as well as it did was because of the volunteers," he said. He estimated that over 200 people had a hand in helping with the tournament, from student hosts to ticket takers to the folks that worked the

concession stands.

"When you have people willing to help out the way they did here in Colby, you're going to have a good tournament."

Quenzer said that he is looking forward to the next Orange and Black. "I wouldn't say that I'm ready for it next week," he said, "but I'm ready for it next year."

The Colby girls, who won the event last year, and in 1999, as well as the first Orange and Black in 1987, won the title again this year, beating the Cowgirls from Goodland.

The Eagle boys beat Scott City in overtime to claim third place. Hays beat Beloit to take first.

The Trojans need you at the game!

Your Colby Community College Trojans need a home victory Wednesday evening. We have dropped our last two home games in very tight contests to Hutch and Cloud.

We must regain the form we had when we were stringing together 10 straight home wins. Dodge City is a team that has been injured most of the season and is now getting healthy. They had a 38-33 lead at Barton on Saturday. They are playing much better. This is a team that was picked fourth in the coach's pre-season poll and they are much better than their record. We must be ready!

We had a nice 66-50 win down at Pratt on Saturday. This was our second road win during conference play. This was the first time in our seven-year conference history we have won more than one road game in a single season.

We also won our 16th game overall making this just the 17th time in school history (38 seasons) we will have a winning record. I am not sure what our final win total will be this season but I really believe that this is one of the top 2 or 3 teams in our school's history.

Of course we are a team with some serious weaknesses. This team is poor from the foul line (60 percent) and a below average shooting team (29 percent from 3).

We do have some great strengths. Our defense is very tough (FG percent def. 37 percent) and we are very strong on the boards. This is a team that has proven it can beat the best (#4 Seward & #8 South Plains both on the road). This team must continue to improve if we want to be a team that can be a factor in the region VI playoffs.

We hope to see you Wednesday night for a Jayhawk West league contest at 8 p.m. Vs Dodge City. The women tip off at 6 p.m. Taco John's of Colby is the sponsor for the game and will be giving away cash prizes.

Also, our Little Cagers (grades 2-6) will be playing at half time of the women's contest! Don't miss the fun and excitement!



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Jayhawk West scores from this past Saturday: Seward over Hutch 79-77 in OT. Colby over Pratt 66-50, Barton over Dodge City 76-57 and Butler over Garden City 77-68. Colby is in a fifth place tie.

Congrats to the Colby girls on winning the Orange & Black. The girls are now 12-1. The Colby boys took 3rd place and are now 10-3. The all-tournament team for the boys included: Joel Fouts & Jeff Pruitt (Beloit), Brady Maska & Kyle Parker (Hays), Jordan Harris & Landon Stover (Colby), Krae Dutoit & Justin Randolph (McCook), David Dunn (Scott City), and Antonio Hanson (Liberal). Most Inspirational Player was Landon Stover and the top player off the bench was Curt Stramel (Hays).

My top 5 players in the tournament: Antonio Hanson (soph. Liberal). This kid is special and has the ability to play in the Big 12. Antonio was head and shoulders the best player in the tournament and he is only a sophomore. Jeff Pruitt (sr. Beloit), his size alone makes him a great high school player. He is a division I college player but not at the Big 12 level.

Krae Dutoit (sr. McCook) a solid point guard was MVP a year ago in this event. Brady Maska (jr. Hays) I think this kid is strong and tough. He can get the ball to the basket. Landon Stover (sr. Colby) inspirational, plays hard, and has a very good stroke!

Barton is ranked #7 and Seward #5 in the nation. Seward and Barton will come to town in February.

Former Trojan Larry House has been the talk of town. Larry was on the sports center highlights last week. He is the second leading scorer (9.5 ppg) on the 9th ranked

team in the country (Creighton University). Larry scored a career high 23 points last week in addition to some thundering dunks. Larry finished his Colby CC career as the school's 2nd all-time leading scorer.

Taco John's of Colby is our sponsor for this weekend's game against Dodge City. We thank Jeff Krzycki and Taco John's for providing meals to our team during the holiday break!

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 your calendars to assist the baseball team.

The Lady Trojans are 4-3 in conference play and currently sitting in fourth place. The top 4 teams in the Western Division will host a first round region VI playoff game. Generally, it will take a 9-7 or 10-6 conference record to place in the top 4. The women and the men both are vying for that home playoff game.

The Trojan men are 3-4 and we play our final game of the first time through the conference. At the turn last season we were 3-5.

In 2000-01 we were 4-4. Both seasons we finished 6-10. The 6-10 conference mark remains the best conference record in our six seasons in the Jayhawk West. We hope year 7 is lucky 7 for us.

Don't forget Little Cagers (grades 2-6) will perform at the game this week (Wednesday).

The Trojan Dunk-O-Meter is up to 74. We especially thank Colby Canvas and Steve Molstad for providing the banner.

Brian Ostermann is the head coach of the Colby Community College men's basketball team.

Jayhawks beat number 3 Texas to halt losing streak

LAWRENCE (AP) — Losing streaks of any kind are rare at Kansas.

Nick Collison and Kirk Hinrich made sure this one didn't go any longer.

Hinrich scored 25 points and Collison had the best game of his career with 24 points and 23 re-

bounds to rally the 12th-ranked Jayhawks to a 90-87 victory Monday night over No. 3 Texas.

"I thought Kirk Hinrich and Nick Collison played great basketball," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "They did what seniors are supposed to do.

"They came home and won. They have two of the best players in college basketball and tonight they did what they had to do."

The Jayhawks, coming off losses to Colorado and No. 1 Arizona, avoided their first three-game losing streak since 1994.



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