

# Trojans boys cinch home court advantage in playoff ball games

The 2002-2003 Colby Trojans have clinched the first ever-home basketball playoff game in school history and the Lady Trojans can do so with one more victory in their final two games. The Ladies are 16-12 overall and stand at 8-6 in the league. A win over Dodge on the road or a home victory over Pratt will clinch a home playoff game for the ladies. It will be awesome to



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have a playoff double-header on Wednesday, March 5. Game times would be at 6 and 8 p.m. The playoff tailgate will begin at 5 p.m. The Colby Community College athletic department will serve hamburgers, chips, pop, etc. Be sure to get to the community building early and get your seat. The tickets for the playoff game(s) will go on sale at approximately 5 p.m. There are no advance tickets for this first ever event. We had our seven-game winning streak snapped at Hutch on Saturday. We are now 22-6 overall and tied with Hutch for third place at 9-5 in the conference. We travel to Dodge City Wednesday before our final regular season home game vs. Pratt on Saturday. Hutch was a very difficult game for us. We played without sixth man Joe Williams for the second straight game (sprained wrist) and our week off showed, as we could not put together 40 minutes of solid basketball. Hutch is a tremendous team especially at home where they are now 17-2 on the season (Barton only conference team to beat them at Hutch). We played hard and hung in there, in fact, we missed a lay-up with nine seconds to go in the game that could have cut the lead to one point. But, it just wasn't meant to be. We must re-group in a hurry as we head to Dodge City to take on a team that is fighting for their playoff lives. It will be another great challenge and a tough road game. Finally, we hope to see you Saturday night for our final regular season Jayhawk West conference game. It is fan appre-

ciation night and all tickets are just \$1. Game time is set at 8 p.m. The women tip off at 6 p.m. Our game sponsor is Donita and Ed Mildenberger. Don't miss the fun and excitement. Bring a friend and bring your loudest voice. **JOTTINGS** Jayhawk West scores from this past Saturday: Hutch over Garden City 76-69, Cloud over

Seward 75-72, Dodge City over Pratt 48-43, Barton over Butler 65-58. Barton has clinched the #1 seed from the West in the Region VI playoffs. The West teams will be odd numbered seeds in this year's tournament. The top 8 teams in the West will qualify and be seeded 1,3,5,7, etc. The East teams will be even numbered seeds 2,4,6,8 etc. The Trojans will finish as the number 2, 3, or 4 team from the West and will be seeded 3, 5, or 7 in the Region VI tournament. Barton was ranked #5 and Seward #11 and the Trojans received mention in NJCAA poll on Feb. 18. This team is the 7th in the school's 37 years to have won 20 games in a single season (we are 22-6). Only two teams have won more than 22 games — the 1984-85 crew with a 28-5 mark and the 1992-93 bunch with 23-10. We are 12-2 at home this season! Congratulations to the Trojan wrestlers and good luck at nationals! Also, congrats to the Eagle wrestlers and good luck at state! The Trojan Dunk-O-Meter is up to 93. We especially thank Colby Canvas and Steve Molstad for providing the banner. We could not be successful without the support of all our fans and sponsors. Our games sponsors this year are: Stephens Construction, S&T Communications, Western Sprinklers, Pepsi of Colby, Culligan of Colby, McDonald's of Colby, Taco John's of Colby, Nancy and Lyle Saddler, Thomas County Feeders, Gambino's, and Donita and Ed Mildenberger.

# Brewster advances in regional tourney

## Battle Golden Plains on Friday

**By MICHELLE L. HAWKINS**  
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The Class 1A Regional basketball tournament is underway and the Brewster Bulldog boys picked up an opening round victory, 71-64 over Northern Valley on Monday night at Brewster. The win will put the 9-10 Bull-

dogs up against the Golden Plains Bulldogs at 7:30 p.m. (CST) Friday in Goodland's Max Jones Fieldhouse. The Brewster Lady Bulldogs were seeded number one and received a first round bye. They will play Cheylin on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. (CST), in the fieldhouse at Goodland. In Monday's game, both Brewster and Northern Valley burned the nets for 21 points each in the opening frame. The second period was also a close one with the

Bulldogs outscoring Northern Valley by a field goal, 16-14. The score at the half was tilted in Brewster's favor, 37-35. The Bulldogs came out fired up in the third quarter and posted 16 points to Northern Valley's 9. At the buzzer it was 53-44 Brewster. Northern Valleys staged a comeback in the final period, outscoring Brewster 20-18, but it wasn't enough to close the deal. Final: Brewster 71, Northern Valley 64. Jace Terry was the lead scorer for the Bulldogs with 24 points. He was

followed by two teammates in the double figures, Jacob Falcon with 16 and Heath Baird with 13. Rounding out the scoring for Brewster was Josh Ryan with 9, Sean Swanson with 4, Paul Flanders and Branson Gilley with 2 each and Jake Long with 1 point each. Saturday, the regional girls championship starts at 6 p.m. at the fieldhouse in Goodland, and the boys title game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. — times Central Standard.

# Trojans are sending six to national meet

The Colby Community College Trojans will be sending six athletes to the National Junior College Athletic Association Indoor Track Meet on March 7-8 at Carbondale, Ill. Qualifiers include: Clayton Bosserman of Oakley; Tom King of Little Suamico, Wis.; Alex Mahundi of Tanzania; Justin Marquardt of Oconto Falls, Wis; Travis Sauer of Salina; and Emily Orth of Colby. The athletes will be competing in the pole vault, the 4 X 800 relay and the 5K run. Bosserman, a freshman will be competing in pole vault. The relay includes King a freshman, and Mahundi, Marquardt and Sauer,

who are all sophomores. Orth is a sophomore and will be running the 5K. Trojan head track coach, Jeff Becker, said he is very pleased with the indoor track season in general. "These Trojan qualifiers will be

competing with the best junior college athletes in the nation," Becker said. He says he is looking forward to the national meet and hoping to bring back some All-American Athletes.

# Eagle junior varsity wins final two games

**By MICHELLE L. HAWKINS**  
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The Colby junior varsity Eagle boys picked up two wins in their final games of the season — over Atwood on Friday night, 65-45 and 60-51 over Oakley on Monday. The boys finished the season with a record of 17-2. In their game with the Buffaloes, Colby was 57 percent from the line making 8 out of 14 free throws. Atwood was shooting 75 percent from the charity stripe and sank 9 out of 12 shots. Four Eagles ended the night in the double digits. Chris Finley led the way with 14 points and was followed by Bruce Arnberger with 13, Jared Dinkel with 12 and Brian Sulzman with 10. Jordan Cranston put up 6 points, Sean Mengel and Jeremy Dietz both were credited with 4 points and Jordan Sharp and Derek Elliott each tallied 1. The only 3-pointer made by the Eagles was by Arnberger. On Monday, the Eagles posted a 60-51 win over the Oakley Plainsmen. The free-throws became a critical element in the game as the Eagles went to the line 30 times. They were able to sink 20 of them for 67 percent. Oakley only visited the line 10 times, but sank 7 of them for 70 percent. Arnberger was the lead scorer with 23 points, while both Sulzman

and Finley had 13 each. Cranston drilled in 5 points, all from free throws, and Mengel, Dinkel and Elliott were all credited with 2 free-throws a piece. The junior varsity Eagles were coached by Tom Bowen.

## Sports this week

**Thursday - Colby** - State Wrestling pep rally and send off in the High School Auditorium, 9:10 a.m.; 7 and 8 grade girls league basketball tournament, 7 grade at Hoxie and 8 grade at Oberlin, 3 p.m.; **Brewster** - Girls basketball vs. Cheylin, semi-finals of regional tournament, 7:30 p.m. at the Max Jones Fieldhouse in Goodland. **Friday - Colby** - State Wrestling at the Kansas Coliseum in Wichita, 9 a.m.; **Brewster & Golden Plains** - Boys basketball play in the semi-finals of the regional tournament, 7:30 p.m. at the Max Jones Fieldhouse in Goodland. **Saturday - Colby** - State Wrestling at the Kansas Coliseum in Wichita, 9 a.m. **Monday - Colby** - First day of spring sports practice; Boys sub-state basketball in Colby

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