

Trojans honor men’s and women’s basketball

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Colby Community College
The Colby Community College men’s and women’s basketball teams were honored for their seasons on May 6 at the Quality Inn.
The Lady Trojans enjoyed an 18-14 overall record and a fourth place finish in the Jayhawk West Conference.
Sophomore Buba Kovacevic was named Jayhawk West All-Conference third team. Freshman Bojana Samrdziska garnered second Team All-Conference honors in addition to being recognized as a Honorable Mention All-Region VI player.
Freshman Louise McLean was rewarded for being a first Team All-Jayhawk West Conference selection, a second Team All-Region VI performer and for being selected to the All-Region VI tournament Team. McLean was also recognized by Coach Tom Stephens for her all around play by being awarded the Andy Horton “Hustle Award” win-

ner. The Lady Trojans advanced to the Region VI Quarterfinals after winning their first ever home play-off game in the Jayhawk era.
The Trojan men recorded the second best season in school history with a 26-7 record and a second place finish in the Jayhawk West with an 11-5 record.
Individual awards given out by Coach of the Year Brian Ostermann included: Trojan Career Block Shot leader - Dedric Spooner (152); Mr. Rebounder - Justin Williams (335 rebounds, average 10.2); Mr. Double-Double - Justin Williams (13 double/doubles, average 11.2 points per game and 10.2 rebounds per game); Mr. Assist - Eric Fowlkes (118); Slam Dunk Leader - Justin Williams (37); “Lights Out” award for the most 3-pointers made - Branden Miller (85); Super Sub Awards - Michael Wolters, Joseph Williams; Mr. Defense - EJ Drayton (most charges taken), Justin Williams (Most Blocks); Heart of the

Team Award - Jason VenJohn
Coach Ostermann also handed out the All-Conference and All-Region awards.
Sophomore Dedric Spooner earned third Team All-Jayhawk West Conference and was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association Region VI All-Tournament team. Freshman Justin Williams also garnered third Team

All-Jayhawk West honors. Freshman EJ Drayton was awarded as the Jayhawk West “Freshman of the Year,” first Team All-Conference, first Team All Region VI and honorable mention National Junior College Athletic Association All-America.
The Trojans advanced to the National Junior College Athletic Association Region VI Final Four.

Former Eagle recognized

PUEBLO, Colo. — The University of Southern Colorado Athletic Department announced the outstanding male and female athletes at a banquet put on by the Student-Athlete Coordinating Committee, and one of the honored athletes was Colby native Nadia Fercha.
Fercha, who plays women’s soccer and basketball for the college, was named the outstanding female athlete of the year.

Currently a junior, Fercha won her award after outstanding seasons in both sports. In soccer, she became the school’s all-time shutout leader and anchored a defense that allowed less than a goal per game. In hoops, she helped the Thunderwolves to the most wins in school history (19) and became the first player since 1994 to lead the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference in both scoring and rebounding.

Golden Plains standout to play for Kansas Wesleyan

Recent Golden Plains graduate, Brady Dible, has signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Kansas Wesleyan University.
Dible, a 6’0” guard, averaged 12 points a game this season and earned Honorable Mention All-State and All-Western Kansas Liberty League honors. He was also selected to play in the Heart of America All-Star game in Salina.
Dible missed his entire junior season following a catastrophic knee injury during football. This season, as he was able to gain more confidence coming back from the surgery, his improving floor play and scoring from the point guard position sparked Golden Plains to ten consecutive victories, including defeating Tribune by 10 points in the sub-state finals. Tribune had been to the state tournament the previous year, while Golden Plains had not been since 1993.
“Even though we had four seniors, we really had no high expectations for ourselves, especially after starting out 1-5. But we just kept



Dible

getting better and playing together better all season long,” Dible said.
“I worked hard to come back from my knee injury and our successful season was worth all the effort. The toughest part of the season was losing in the first round to Hanston,” he said. “They were a good team — so were we.”
Dible was also excited to have the opportunity to play with players from rival schools such as Lance Hartman of Wheatland and Devan Weiser of Grinnell, who have also signed to Kansas Wesleyan.
“We already know what heart Brady possesses evidenced by such a fine season after missing his whole junior year,” said Kansas Wesleyan University head coach Jerry Jones.
“He is a leader in the classroom as well as on the court. His scoring just kept moving upwards during that stretch run to the state tournament.”
Dible plans to major in business management, intending a career in golf course management. He will participate in golf and basketball for the Coyotes and will also be receiving the Eisenhower Academic Scholarship along with his athletic grants.
He is the son of Robert and Peggy Dible of Menlo.

Local sports calendar

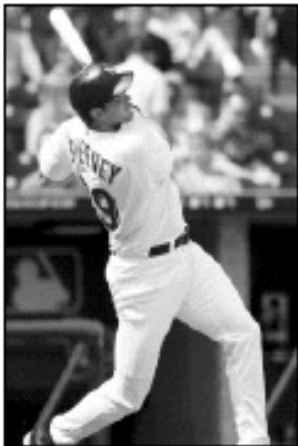
Monday - regional golf tournament at Pratt Park Hills Golf Course, 8:30 a.m.; regional tennis tournament at Pratt Walter Blake Tennis Complex, 8:45 a.m.; regional baseball tournament at Larned (brackets will be released today); regional softball tournament at Larned (brackets will be released today).
Tuesday - high school football parent and player meeting in the high school commons area for players in grades 9 to 11 this year, 7 p.m.

Up, up and away!



MICHELLE L. HAWKINS/Colby Free Press

Colby High School sophomore, Meret Peterson, got some air at Friday’s track meet in Colby as she participated in the triple-jump. Peterson and the Eagle track team traveled to Oberlin today for the Northwest Kansas League meet.



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