

Pre-season poll released

Eagle boys, girls among top ranked basketball teams

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The Kansas Basketball Coaches Association has pre-picked the Colby High School boys and girls among the top 10 Class 4A schools for the coming season.

The poll, released today, has the Colby Eagle boys ranked #6 and the Lady Eagles #8.

The Goodland boys hold down the #10 spot.

In other Class 1A girls rankings, Grinnell is picked #3 and Logan #8; and in Class 2A, Trego is #7 and Hoxie #10.

Other boys rankings include 2A, Ellis #7 and Hoxie #8; and 3A, Norton #2.

Here is the complete pre-season rankings, to be released weekly during the basketball season:

1A Girls

1. Little River
2. Centralia
3. Grinnell

4. B & B Baileyville
5. Macksville
6. Moscow
7. Victoria
8. Logan
9. St. Paul
10. White City

2A Girls

1. Olpe
2. Sublette
3. Horton
4. St. John
5. St. Mary's
6. Sacred Heart
7. Trego
8. Claflin
9. Moundridge
10. Hoxie

3A Girls

1. Frontenac
2. Silver Lake
3. Conway Springs
4. Nemaha Valley
5. Riley County
6. Hesston
7. Lyons

8. Cheney
9. Lakin
10. Yates Center

4A Girls

1. Baldwin
2. Hayden
3. Circle
4. Abilene
5. Iola
6. Andover Central
7. Royal Valley
8. Colby
9. Meriden - Jeff. West
10. Chaparral

5A Girls

1. Miege
2. Carroll
3. Shawnee Heights
4. McPherson
5. Newton
6. Great Bend
7. Highland Park
8. Kapaun
9. Gardner
10. Salina South

6A Girls

1. Wichita Heights
2. St. Thomas Aquinas
3. Hutchinson
4. Blue Valley North
5. Lawrence
6. Shawnee Mission Northwest
7. Washburn Rural
8. Emporia
9. Blue Valley Northwest
10. Derby

1A Boys

1. Hanston
2. Macksville
3. Frankfort
4. Jetmore
5. Burrton
6. Berean Academy
7. St. Paul
8. Hartford
9. Ashland
10. Centralia

2A Boys

1. Jackson Heights
2. Pittsburg Colgan
3. Moundridge
4. Garden Plain

5. Inman
 6. Sublette
 7. Ellis
 8. Hoxie
 9. Olpe
 10. Ell-Saline
- ## 3A Boys
1. Burlington
 2. Norton
 3. Medicine Lodge
 4. Hillsboro
 5. Riley County
 6. Hesston
 7. Minneapolis
 8. Leavenworth-Immaculata
 9. Central Heights
 10. Russell

4A Boys

1. Andover Central
2. Marysville
3. KC - Sumner
4. Fort Scott
5. Andale
6. Colby
7. KC - Piper
8. Chanute

9. Augusta
10. Goodland

5A Boys

1. Highland Park
 2. Miege
 3. McPherson
 4. Topeka West
 5. Blue Valley
 6. Campus
 7. Seaman
 8. Schlagle
 9. Hays
 10. Bonner Springs
- ## 6A Boys
1. Wichita Southeast
 2. Olathe South
 3. Overland Park/Blue Valley North
 4. Overland Park/Blue Valley Northwest
 5. Garden City
 6. Shawnee Mission East
 7. Emporia
 8. Topeka - Washburn Rural
 9. Shawnee Mission West
 10. Wichita North

Trojan men 11-0 after three-game sweep in Casper Wyo. Classic

The Colby Community College men's basketball team won the annual Casper Thanksgiving Classic this past weekend posting a 3-0 record, defeating teams from three states. With the three victories, Colby set a school record with 11 consecutive victories to begin the season.

On Thanksgiving night, Colby defeated Westchester (N.Y.) 73-60. Colby held the lead from wire-to-wire and held Westchester to 40.7 percent shooting, while out-rebounding them 31-23. Justin Williams led Colby with 18 points, 7 rebounds and 6 blocks. EJ Drayton and Branden Miller netted 13, while Ontario McKee contributed 10. Colby forced 22 Westchester turnovers and shot 48.1 percent from the field.

Colby defeated host Casper 77-64 in the second game of the weekend on Friday night. Despite committing a season high 26 turnovers including 8 offensive fouls and three 3-second violations, Colby managed to pick up the win. The Trojans held the T-Birds to 27.9 percent shooting from the field and outscored them 44-33 in the second half behind a dominate performance from 6'8" Sophomore EJ Drayton. Drayton netted a career high 30 points on 11 of 18 shooting (4 of 8 from three-point range) and hauled down 9 rebounds. Ontario McKee added 15 points and 9 rebounds while 6'10" Sophomore Justin Williams added 10 points and 13 rebounds. Williams also swatted 7 shots.

For the game, Colby out-rebounded Casper 56-29. On Saturday afternoon, Colby overcame a slow start to defeat Pima (Ariz.). Colby led 48-41 at the break, but outscored Pima 63-33 in the second half en route to the 111-74 victory. After a subpar performance by his own standards the previous night, 6'1" Sophomore Branden Miller scored a career high 37 points (25 in the 2nd half) and hit 9 of 13 three-point shots in the victory. Miller also had 8 rebounds and 4 assists while committing no turnovers in 29 minutes. Williams had his 2nd straight

double-double, scoring 16 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. Drayton continued an outstanding weekend with 20 points, 10 rebounds and 4 assists. Williams added 7 blocks in the Colby win. The Trojans shot 56.3 percent from the field and held Pima to 35.3 percent shooting. Colby is now 11-0 on the season. They will travel to Coffeyville this coming weekend for the annual Jayhawk Shootout. The Trojans play Saturday night at 9 p.m. against Fort Scott followed by a 1 p.m. tip on Sunday afternoon versus Allen County. All Trojan broadcasts can be heard live on KQLS (100.3 FM) or KXXX (790 AM). Additionally, all game reports can be found in the Colby Free Press.

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Colby Lady Trojans improve record to 10-1

The Colby Community College Lady Trojans basketball team continued its winning ways this past weekend at the Western Nebraska Thanksgiving Classic at Scottsbluff. With two victories, Colby now has won nine straight games and posts an impressive 10-1 record.

On Friday, Colby outlasted Casper, Wyo. 66-65 after leading 34-32 at the break. Despite shooting only 40 percent from the field, the Lady Trojans converted 13 of 19 from the charity stripe to seal the victory. Colby held Casper to 39.4 percent shooting and the Lady T-Birds made just 4 of 7 free throw attempts.

Sophomore Ivana Dramac, 6'2", led the Lady Trojans with 16 points on 7 of 15 shooting from the field. Sophomore Bojana Samardziska, 6'4", added 13 points and 8 rebounds. Samardziska also swatted

6 shots in the Lady Trojans eighth consecutive win.

Colby met Western Nebraska for the third time this non-conference season on Saturday night. The Lady Trojans had already defeated the Lady Cougars twice including a home win and a win in the Air Force Tournament.

The trend of Colby dominance continued as the Lady Trojans held Western Nebraska to 35.2 percent shooting for the game and out-rebounded them 50-35. Because of some cold shooting themselves (40 percent), Colby needed an 11-0 run to end the game and come up with the 60-55 victory.

Samardziska led Colby with 13 points and 10 rebounds while Dramac and Jelena Spiric each added 12 points. Freshman Jayci Stone was also in double figures with 10. Despite shooting just 3 of 19 from beyond the three-point

line, Colby converted 17 of 26 free throws in the win.

After their ninth straight win, Colby is now 10-1 on the season. They will travel to Coffeyville for the annual Jayhawk Shootout. The Lady Trojans will play Fort Scott at 7 p.m. on Saturday night then face Allen County in a 3 p.m. tip on Sunday afternoon.

SportsLine

Colby activities

• Tuesday — 7th/8th boys basketball at St. Francis, 4:30 p.m.

• Thursday — 8th A-B basketball with Scott city, 4:30 p.m., elementary gym; 7th A-B at Scott City, 4:30 p.m.; C,J,V,V basketball with Scott City, 4:30 p.m., high school and Community Building.

• Friday — JV,V wrestling with Burlington and WaKeeney, 6 p.m., high school gym.

* Saturday — JV wrestling at Goodland tourney, 10 a.m.; varsity wrestling at St. Francis tourney, 9:30 a.m.; JV, V basketball at Russell, 6:30 p.m.

Golden Plains

• Tuesday — Junior high basketball at Jennings, 4 p.m.

• Thursday — Junior high basketball at Weskan, 4 p.m.

• Friday — High school basketball vs. Greeley County at Rexford, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Colby College

• Saturday — Wrestling at Fort

Hays State University Open, Gross Memorial Coliseum, TBA;

• Saturday-Sunday — Men and women's basketball at the Jayhawk Shootout, Coffeyville. (See details in accompanying stories elsewhere on this page.)

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