



JOHN VAN NOSTRAND/Colby Free Press
Colby Trojan John Ortiz (23) defended the Hutchinson player Wednesday during the Trojan's win over the Dragons. Behind Ortiz is teammate Jorge Canedo.

Trojan men beat Colby native

By Matt Dickson
Colby Community College

No Colby Community College Trojan basketball team had ever defeated a Chad Wintz coached team until Wednesday. John Wood's squad handed Wintz a 85-75 loss. Wintz, a Colby native, spent four years at Dodge City previously and is completing his fifth season with the Hutchinson Blue Dragons. The win moves the Trojans to 5-8 and the loss drops the Blue Dragons to 7-6. After some stumbles against Cloud County, Seward and Barton, where the Trojans were hindered by selfish play, Colby had their best first half of the season by using a team approach. Woods has stressed all season the offense must go through 7'1" Jorge Canedo. If teams collapse on him other players will become open. Colby scored 45 points in the first

half and had points from every player. When the half ended, the Trojans had an 18 point lead, 45-27. The Blue Dragons made adjustments in the second half. By using a press they forced multiple turnovers and eventually closed the gap to five. Bobby Davis' 17 points and Nate Brumfield's 15 points led Hutchinson in scoring. Brumfield also had three steals all in the second half. Hutchinson's defense could not contain the Trojan offense. Nate Bowie ended the game with 26 points closely followed by Canedo and Knight each with 17 points. The Trojans shot 55 percent for the game and allowed the Blue Dragons a 40 percent rate from the floor. The Trojans also shot 41 percent from three-point range. The Trojans look to move up in the standings Saturday against Dodge City. The game starts at 8 p.m. at the Colby Community Center.

Colby women win

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The Colby Lady Trojans defeated Hutchinson Community College 64-41 Wednesday to improve their record to 12-1 (24-3) on the season. Both teams had trouble finding the net as Colby shot 35 percent for the game and the Lady Blue Dragons 38 percent. With the victory the Trojans need one more win to assure themselves of first place in the Jayhawk West. Their next opponent is Dodge City Saturday in Colby. The Trojans had trouble scoring in the first half. Suzana Sormaz, the best three point shooter in the conference, got off to a tough start by going 0-4 in the first half. The Trojans only hit two three-pointers in the first period. Hutchinson was not much better as they were 0-5 from beyond the arc in the first and 1-13 in the game. Going into the half, the Trojans led 24-18 one of their lowest totals of

the season. Colby corrected some of their scoring woes in the second half. Their shooting percentage only went up from 31 percent to 38 percent but their shot total went from 38 in the first to 52 in the second. Rita Kollo continued her dominate play by driving to the net every time Hutchinson was in man-to-man defense. Kollo finished with a double-double, 15 points and 10 rebounds. Sormaz hit her groove by sinking 4-5 three pointers in the second half. She ended the game with 12 points. Jamie Schroeder also grabbed 10 boards as the Trojans out-rebounded Hutchinson 46-19. Colby can seal first place Saturday at the Community Building against Dodge City. Tipoff is scheduled for 6 p.m.

JV girls win

Colby junior varsity girls basketball team improved its record to 15-3 Friday with a 38-13 win over Atwood. April Weaver led Colby with 14 points. Aubrette Stephens scored 10 points. Taylor Young scored eight points, Paige Stephens four and Jessica Leiker, two points. The Eagle girls lost 45-24 to Goodland Feb. 14. Young led Colby with seven points. Kala Sloan and April Weaver each scored five points. Colby won 40-32 at Quinter Feb. 10. The Eagles' 14-3 advantage in the fourth quarter secured the win. Weaver led with 11 points. Kiri Kendrick scored nine points. Stephens and Brittany Kersenbrock each scored six points.

Trojans softball lose

By Matt Dickson
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The Colby Community College Lady Trojan softball team lost two games 11-5 and 11-3 against Otero Monday in La Junta, Colo. The games were originally scheduled Sunday but a change was made due to weather. The Trojans now stand at 0-4 on the season. The Trojans are still plagued by shaky defense. Of the 22 runs scored by Otero only six were earned. Amanda Bell got the start in game one and pitched a complete game while striking out six. She did not allow a walk but got no help from her defenders. Shawna Cox went 2-4 at the plate with two doubles. In game two, pitcher Jere Ebert scattered nine hits but again was let down by poor infielding. The Trojans now have 15 errors in their first four games. "We are hitting the ball well enough to win games. Our defense is not making the routine plays to

get us out of an inning. Right now it is a snowball effect when a mistake is made," said coach Carl Adams. "We have a week to prepare for our first conference game at Dodge City. There are times when we play like we did in the fall but we make a mistake to keep ourselves in a rut." Despite the early struggles, Adams said the program is receiving attention. "On the other side we did receive votes to get into the top 25 in the nation. We will continue to work hard and get through this and be the team we should be." The team plays 1 p.m. today at McCook, Neb. Game #1 Colby 5, Otero 11 Losing Pitcher - Amanda Bell 9H 6K 0BB 11R 3ER 6IP Leading Hitter - Shawna Cox 2-4 2 doubles Team Hits - 10 Game #2 Colby 3, Otero 11 Losing Pitcher - Jere Ebert 9H 1BB 6K 11R 3ER 4.6IP Leading Hitter - Hannah Liming 2-2 Team Hits - 5

Regional games set

Semi-final rounds of a 1A regional tournament including area teams start tonight. Boys Brewster plays Weskan 7:30 p.m. CT at Goodland. Golden Plains plays Wallace County 6 p.m. in Goodland. Weskan defeated Triplains 76-24 Monday in first round action. Brewster received a first round bye. Wallace County defeated Cheylin 60-43 Monday. Golden Plains received a first round bye. The winners of Thursday's games play 7:30 p.m. CT Saturday

Girls Golden Plains plays Weskan 6 p.m. CT Friday in Goodland. Weskan defeated Cheylin 44-40 Tuesday in first-round action. Golden Plains had a first-round bye. Brewster plays Wallace County 7:30 p.m. CT Friday in Goodland. Wallace County defeated Triplains 70-31 Tuesday. Brewster had a first-round bye. Championship game is 6 p.m. CT Saturday in Goodland.

Wildcats miss upset

MANHATTAN (AP) — Kenton Paulino never found his touch from the field — not that anyone is likely to remember after the free throw shooting clinic he put on. Paulino was 1-for-7 from the field, including 1-for-5 from long range, but he went 8-for-8 from the line, making four free throws in the final 16 seconds, helping No. 7 Texas beat Kansas State 65-64 Wednesday night and avoid its second straight loss. "This might be the worst game he's had shooting threes, but he did a great job at the free throw line," Longhorns coach Rick Barnes said. "With those five assists, it was a real good night for him."

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