

Tracking the Trojans...

Basketball Ladies win two

The Colby Community College Lady Trojans (8-4, 21-5) went ahead early and cruised to a 97-65 victory over the Garden City Lady Broncbusters (1-12, 12-15) Monday evening in Colby.

Sophomore Jayci Stone's six three-pointers and 22 total points along with freshman Rita Kollo's 25 points, 21 of which came in the first half, were the difference on offense for the Trojans.

On the boards, both Kollo and freshman Ivana Mijalcevic worked hard, pulling down 11 and nine respectively. The Trojans shared the ball well too, with freshman Shareka Purnell dishing out eight assists, and sophomore Kacie Luebbers dealing six assists along

with freshman Suzana Sormaz.

The Trojans are in a tie for second place with Dodge City (8-4, 21-5) and Hutchinson (8-4, 21-4). They face Hutchinson tonight in Hutchinson at 6 p.m.

Vs. Hutchinson

In a battle to remain in second place in the Jayhawk West, the Lady Trojans went on the road to Hutchinson Wednesday night and picked up a clutch victory against a tough Lady Blue Dragons team for the second time this season, 66-62.

The Trojans came back from an early deficit to take a 32-30 half-time lead. aThen in the second half they had several chances to pull away, but Hutchinson kept making small comebacks.

The Trojans led 64-57 with under a minute remaining in the game, but a Lady Dragon three-pointer and a couple of free throws gave Hutch hope. Fortunately, freshman Rita Kollo hit a couple of last second free throws to seal the victory.

Freshman Ivana Mijalcevic led the Lady Trojans with 18 points. Kollo brought down eight boards to aid the effort.

The Lady Trojans (9-4, 22-5) are now tied for second in the Jayhawk West with Dodge City (9-4, 22-5), who they face Saturday night in Dodge City at 6 p.m. Hutchinson drops into a tie with Barton County for third place at 8-5. Seward County still leads the conference with a 12-2 mark.

Men fall at Hutchinson

The Colby Community College Trojan basketball men fought hard on the road Wednesday night in Hutchinson, but lost to the Blue Dragons, 65-57.

The Trojans had several opportunities in the second half to gain an advantage, and with just under six minutes to play, after a succession of Lionel Womack buckets, trailed 49-47.

That was as close as they would come, though. The Blue Dragons

responded with a run of their own and the Trojans could not get closer than six points to finish the game.

Sophomore Lionel Womack led the team with 15 points on 6 of 12 shooting.

Womack also had seven rebounds along with freshmen Jason Smith and Tezmar Caldwell. The Trojans finished with a 47-32 advantage on the boards.

The loss does not drop the Trojans out of contention for a home

playoff game. The Trojans (5-8, 14-12) are tied with Butler County in the fifth spot in the Jayhawk West.

Hutchinson (6-7, 16-9) moves into a three-way tie with Pratt and Barton County for the fourth position.

The Trojans travel to Dodge City Saturday for an 8 p.m. game against the last place Conquistadors (3-9, 11-14).

The Trojans beat Dodge City 62-59 earlier in the season.

Track-field in good showing

The Colby Community College Trojans made a good showing at the Region VI Indoor Track Meet this past weekend in Manhattan.

The Trojan men finished eighth in the region and the women finished ninth. Region VI is considered to be the toughest track and field region in the country.

Freshman Carlan Arthur had an All-Region performance, with a 1:59.59 in the 800m, which was good enough for 3rd place in the region and second place in the Jayhawk West. Freshman Cassy Hamilton also finished with All-Region status by way of her 41'05.25" put in the shot put. This

distance was an improvement on her previous qualifying distance for the NJCAA meet, and also finished her second in the region, second in the Jayhawk West and left her second all time at Colby.

Freshman Derrick Monson had an All-Conference performance in the mile. He finished fourth in the region and second in the Jayhawk West with a 4:33.95 run.

Other Trojans who had great days were sophomores Rocky Baalmann and Jerod Kersey. Baalmann set a school record in the 60m dash with a time of 7.18. Kersey placed fourth in the region with a 3000m time of 9:14.94, which also placed him

fourth in the Jayhawk West.

Head coach Jeff Becker felt the Region meet was a success. "We had a lot of great efforts at this meet. This was the best Region VI finish in the last five years."

Becker will be taking a few of his athletes to a last-chance qualifier in El Dorado on Friday with the hope of qualifying a few more Trojans for the NJCAA meet in Charleston, Ill. on March 4-5.

Freshmen Cassy Hamilton (shot put and weight throw) and Carlan Arthur (600m), and sophomore Tawny Rice (pole vault) have already qualified for the NJCAA meet.

Baseball is 1-3 early

The Colby Community College Trojans split with Lamar, Colo. Monday afternoon on the strength of an 11th inning comeback victory in game one.

The Trojans were down 2-1 in the bottom of the sixth when sophomore AJ Steele came through with a two-strike base hit up the middle that scored freshman Grant Gering.

The Trojans found themselves down by one again in the 11th in-

ning when freshman Cory Raczykowski tied the game with a single up the middle that brought home freshman Adam Hills.

Then with two outs and the bases loaded, sophomore Steve Young's dribbler to the catcher was fielded but thrown down the line, and Raczykowski came home with the winning run.

Game two did not have the dramatics of game one, or the positive

ending for the Trojans. The Trojans were down 3-1 in the fifth when the Lamar bats came alive. The Trojans could not make a comeback and ended up losing the second game of the day, 8-1.

The Trojans are now 1-3 on the season. There next doubleheader is Wednesday, March 2 in Colby against Northeastern Colorado.

Game 1
Lamar 3
Colby 4
Colby Battery -Ham, Mortimore 6, Skelton 9, Micklewright 11 and Christensen

Winning Pitcher-Micklewright 2H-Steele, Hills, Schmidt 2b-Steele, Schmidt 2RBI-Steele

Game 2
Lamar 8
Colby 1
Colby Battery-Keating, Pietras 5, Bramlet 7 and Steele
Losing Pitcher-Keating 2H-Raczykowski 3b-Neuberg, Raczykowski

Eagle salutes couple



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Ray and Ruth (Biggs) Kersenbrock of Colby displayed the Golden Eagle Award, which was given to them Wednesday at Lantern Park Manor by the Colby Alumni Committee. They were honored with the award for being "true Eagle supporters," said Tracy Rogers, one of the committee members. In addition, Rogers said the committee could not think of any two people more deserving than Ray and Ruth to receive this award. Every five years and prior to the All-School Reunion, the "Spirit of the Eagle Award" is presented to an individual or couple, Rogers said.

K-State hangs on for win

MANHATTAN (AP)—Just four days after blowing a 16-point lead in a loss to Oklahoma, Kansas State appeared on the verge of another second-half collapse.

But Clent Stewart knocked down his only 3-point attempt to end Baylor's comeback bid, and after squandering an 18-point lead, the Wildcats hung on for an 80-69 win Wednesday night.

"I was getting a couple of flashbacks," Lance Harris said. "I was just telling everybody to knock down free throws and we'll be all right."

Jeremiah Massey led the Wildcats with 24 points, but it was Stewart's 3-pointer after Baylor closed within 60-58 with 4:42 to go that gave Kansas State some breathing room.

"He's not a very good 3-point shooter," Wildcats coach Jim Wooldridge said, "but he was able to get it down. He's not afraid to take that shot."

Kansas State (14-10, 4-9 Big 12) then made 13-of-14 free throws in the waning minutes to pull away.

Patrick Fields scored a career-high 22 points for Baylor, which lost its 10th in a row. Tim Bush added 18 points but had six turnovers.

"We played with a lot of resiliency," said Wooldridge, whose team snapped its own six-game losing streak. "We dug ourselves a hole tonight and we had some tough times to get through."

But it was Baylor (9-15, 1-12) that dug the hole early in the second

half, going nearly five minutes without a field goal. Kansas State went on a 14-1 run and built a 50-32 lead with 15:56 to go.

"K-State came out with a great deal of energy and sense of urgency," Baylor coach Scott Drew said.

The Wildcats then got sloppy, allowing the Bears to slowly creep back. Freshman Aaron Bruce, who had 20 points for Baylor, knocked down a jump shot and followed it up with a 3-pointer to get within 57-49 with under 10 minutes to go.

By the time Bruce curled in another jump shot with six minutes to go, Baylor had closed to 59-56.

"We got a little careless at times," Wooldridge said. "We gave Baylor some life and confidence to keep going."

But unlike Saturday, when Oklahoma's Drew Lavender hit the game-winner with no time left to complete the comeback, Kansas State didn't give Baylor a chance.

It stuck in the back of my mind for a while," Harris said of the 69-68 loss. "But that's what is good about the Big 12. You get to come back out and play another game."

Cartier Martin scored 15 points, Harris had 14 and Fred Peete added 10 points and eight assists for Kansas State.

Baylor played without forward Tommy Swanson, who missed the game with an eye injury. Kansas State took advantage of the resulting mismatches, continually pounding the ball inside.

The Wildcats outrebounded

Baylor 35-19 and had a 46-22 advantage in points in the paint.

"They did a great job of getting the ball inside," Drew said. "We did not have a scholarship player over 6-foot-6, and that hurt us inside to night."

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