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Colby Community College Trojan John Ortiz tried to hold off two Barton Community College players during their game Saturday at the Colby Community Building.

Bulldogs build lead

Brewster Lady Bulldogs quickly led Logan 13-0 then 20-2 at the end of the first period in its eventual 53-20 win Saturday in Rexford.

Brewster senior Katelyn Spreser popped in 18 points while Kendra Spreser added 14. Amanda Rall and Liz Staats both scored five while Britt Ritter and Angel Lobato contributed four.

Golden Plains held Logan to 16 percent (8-51) from the field while hitting 37 percent (18-49) themselves.

The Bulldogs outrebounded the taller Trojans 36-28 and forced 19 turnovers while committing only seven turnovers for the contest.

Golden Plains (12-1) plays Triplains tonight in Rexford.

Brewster boys produce

A 53-point first half helped Brewster's boys basketball team beat Moscow 87-68 Saturday in Brewster.

Jeff Reid led Brewster's offense with 38 points. Reid scored four three-point baskets.

Three other Bulldogs scored in double figures, T.J. Preston, 12; Andrews Starns, 12; and Jance

McKee, 20.

Brewster girls escaped Thomas Moore Prep 55-51 Saturday in Brewster. Avery Schultz led Brewster with 16 points.

Abbie Allen scored 12, including two three-point shots. Nichelle Erskine scored 11.

Brewster teams play Tuesday at Saint Francis.

Washington ponders biofuel legislation

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Plenty of farmers and others in Washington state love the idea of growing crops to make clean-burning vehicle fuels to cut pollution and the nation's reliance on foreign oil.

The trick is to make producing "biodiesel" profitable. Now, the state Legislature is considering a bill that would provide incentives to increase the production and use of alternative fuel in the state.

"The issue is resonating well with legislators," said Clifford Traisman, a lobbyist for the Washington Environmental Council and other groups pushing the measure.

The incentives would go to farmers to grow crops like canola, and to various government entities to replace or retrofit big polluters like school buses.

Biodiesel is a clean-burning alternative fuel made from oils derived from farm crops, and can be used in any conventional diesel engine. It is used in pure form or blended with regular diesel.

Besides fighting global warming, biofuel could provide an economic boost to farmers if the new crops can be sold for high prices, Traisman said. He said the "clean air, clean fuels" bill has 36 sponsors in the House.

The bill proposes spending \$20 million on a variety of incentives. A key provision is \$5 million for local governments to replace 700 aging diesel school buses with newer models. It also provides money to retrofit other buses so they run more cleanly.

The bill would encourage the creation of biofuels production plants.

A Seattle company called Imperium Renewables Inc. is already building an enormous biodiesel plant between Aberdeen and Hoquiam. Another plant is under consideration in Ellensburg by a company called Central Washington Biodiesel. Seattle Biodiesel already operates the Northwest's first

commercial refinery.

The measure would allow the state to contract with fuel producers to purchase their product for the state motor fleet and allow public utilities to produce and distribute biofuels created from Washington state products.

The bill would also require the state to reduce its fossil fuel use by 25 percent below 2006 levels by the year 2020.

Under the measure, the state would use \$500,000 to help create ethanol fueling stations along the Interstate 5 and Interstate 90 corridors. Another \$6.75 million would go to Washington State University's energy program to qualify for federal matching dollars for research.

Major users of biodiesel in Washington could be state ferries, transit buses, school buses and many farm vehicles. A measure being considered in the state Senate would exempt biodiesel fuel used for non-highway farm use from sales and use taxes.

The bills are intended to complement previous state law calling for 2 percent of the motor fuel sold in Washington to be from renewable sources, said Tom Geiger, a spokesman for the environmental council. There are some concerns, however.

Some farmers worry they will not make any money if they undertake the expense of converting to production of canola. Processing plants have also been slow to break ground.

Glen Squires, vice president of the Washington Wheat Commission, said many of the state's 2.2 million acres of wheat fields are not suitable for canola. Farmers are also wary because they cannot get insurance for growing canola and fear being left holding a crop they cannot sell, he said.

"Wheat they have a market for," Squires said.

Trojan teams struggle with Barton County

The Colby Community College men's basketball team couldn't overcome a 23-point halftime deficit and lost 73-65 Saturday to Barton County in Colby.

The Trojans shot 20 percent in the first half, including 0-14 from three-point range. They trailed 41-18 at halftime, but closed within five points with two minutes left in the game. Barton County managed to hold on for the eight point victory.

Colby's second half charge was lead by Irvan Meyers, who scored all 15 of his points after intermis-

sion, and Camilo Londono, who had 13 of his 15 points in the second half after picking up three quick fouls in the first half.

Meyers connected on 5-8 three-point field goals in the second half. Once Meyers got things going on the outside, the Trojans started pounding the ball inside to center Jorge Canedo, who finished with 21 points and nine rebounds. Canedo was 7-13 from the field and 7-11 from the free-throw line.

John Ortiz struggled shooting and finished with just two points, but had 12 rebounds.

The Trojans (1-6 in conference play, 7-14 overall) play Seward County 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Community Building. Garden City comes to Colby Saturday.

Women

The Colby Community College women's basketball team lost 96-56 Saturday to Barton County in Colby.

Barton County started the game on a 19-9 run over the first six minutes of the game. The Lady Trojans responded with a 9-2 run over the next three minutes to pull within three points at 21-18. Barton re-

sponded with an 11-0 run and built a 54-27 halftime lead.

Jamie Schroeder led the Lady Trojans with 18 points on 6-10 shooting from the field. Schroeder also led the Lady Trojans with four rebounds. Jacci Tinkel was also in double figures with 12 points. Tinkel was 5-12 from the field, 2-4 from three-point range.

The Lady Trojans (3-4, 7-14) continue their three-game home stretch with games at the Community Building against Seward County Wednesday and Garden City Saturday.

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