

Lady Trojans trounce Hastings

The Colby Community College women's basketball team trounced Hastings College 90-48 in the Lady Trojans' home opener, the first-round game of the annual Ambassador Classic on Thursday night.

The Lady Trojans' victory brought their record to 2-2 in a game marked by a balanced scoring attack.

Freshman Tasha Wagoner had 13 points, while freshman Jasmine Gardner chipped in with 12. Freshman Jamie Alexander and sophomore Danisha Cole had 11 each. Freshmen Nikki Welsh and Jaclyn Marshall had 10 points each and sophomore Lauren Fortin had 9, while pulling down six rebounds.

The women went on a 13-0 run during the first half and led Hastings 47-20 at the break. They continued to dominate in the second half, mixing tough defense with the balanced offense.

The game no longer in doubt, Trojans sophomore guard Abby Darden landed hard on the floor with two minutes remaining. Darden was taken off the court on a stretcher and taken to the hospital with pain in her neck and shoulders.

Coach Brady Jasper said that she was doing better this morning and has improved movement in all her extremities. Jasper said her spirits were good, and she might be able to leave the hospital today.

The Lady Trojans captured their first win of the season on Sunday, besting Northern Oklahoma-Tonkawa, 86-84, at a tournament in Levelland, Texas.

Alexander led all scorers with 16 points. She went 5-of-11 from

the field and connected on five of eight free-throw attempts.

Wagoner and Gardner scored 14 points each. Marshall had 13, going five of six from the field.

Cole and Welsh led the team in rebounds with six each. Wagoner and Cole led the team in assists with five each.

"Good to get the first win of the season," Jasper said. "We had a 16-point lead at one time in the second half, and Northern Oklahoma came back really strong. We were able to hold them off down the stretch for the win."

The Lady Trojans were not so fortunate in their first two outings.

They lost the season opener in the first round of the tournament Friday to South Plains 91-68. The Colby women stayed with the Texans at first, trailing South Plains 36-33 at halftime. Unfortunately for the Trojans, the Texans were able to pull away in the second half.

Cole led all scorers with 13 points and Wagoner, Welsh and Marshall each had 12. Sophomore "We got off to a great start in the first half," Jasper said. "We weren't able to stay with them in the second half, but we competed really well."

The Eagles got whipped by Temple Community College, 85-46, in their second tournament game. Cole had 13 points and Fortin had 7 rebounds.

"We got off to a slow start and never found our rhythm," Jasper said. "Temple was a really athletic, fast team, and they shot the ball well against us. We didn't shoot the ball well or execute."

Jayhawks face Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — It would seem a no-brainer for Nebraska players to use the 76 points hung on them by Kansas last year as motivation for Saturday's game against the Jayhawks.

The Cornhuskers say they aren't thinking that way, though. They have another embarrassment

to atone for — last week's 62-28 loss to Oklahoma.

"If we're looking back to last year for motivation, then we have some problems," quarterback Joe Ganz said. "If we can't get motivated to play this game at home coming off a big loss. ..."

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Sophomore guard Abby Darden directed traffic in the Colby Community College Lady Trojans' game against Hastings College from Nebraska on Thursday.

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Bulldogs hammer Cheylin in rout

By Arianna Valdez
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Bulldogs whipped the Cheylin Cougars 48-0 last Thursday in their last regular-season game, securing the team's place as runner-up in District 8 in eight-man Division II with a 5-4 record.

Shortly into the first quarter, Isaac Broeckelman ran in the Bulldogs' first touchdown. A two-point conversion on a pass from Rilee Sprester to Tanner Moss made the score 8-0.

After the kickoff, Cheylin fumbled in the end zone, and Kelton Jones recovered it for a touchdown. The Bulldogs went for two and as Corey Shaw ran in for the score, making it 16-0. A minute and a half later, Cheylin turned the ball over on downs and Tate Bruggeman ran the ball for another Bulldog touchdown. The two-point conversion attempt was no good. With 18 seconds left in the first quarter, Tate Bruggeman caught his second touchdown pass of the game, increasing the Bulldogs' lead to 30-0. Halfway through the second quarter, Tanner Moss rushed for his second

touchdown of the game increasing the Bulldogs lead to 36.

In the third quarter, the Bulldogs pushed the ball down field with a series of first downs before Isaac Broeckelman ran in a touchdown, making it 42-0.

With 3:28 left in the third quarter, Corey Shaw ran in a touchdown, ending the game at 48-0.

The Bulldogs were to take on the Victoria Knights in Victoria on Tuesday as they advance in post-season play. Coach Smith said this is the fourth team in Golden Plains history to play in a bi-district game.

Wildcat praised by coach

MANHATTAN (AP) — When Kansas State coach Deb Patterson calls point guard Shalee Lehning a throwback player, she doesn't mean it in the old-man-shooting-20-foot-hook-shots kind of way.

It's more compliment, acknowledgment of Lehning's grit and determination, her willingness to do whatever it takes — even if it hurts her on the stat sheet — to win games.

"There's no question she's going to compete as hard as anyone who has ever put on a jersey competes," Patterson said. "She's a throwback, she's old-school, she's the consummate playmaker."

Lehning had a superb junior year, earning All-Big 12 first-team honors, leading Kansas State to the regular-season conference title. Even without leading scorer Kimberly Dietz, who injured her knee in the Big 12 tournament, the Wildcats made it to the second round of the NCAA tournament, thanks in part to Lehning's gritty play.

Now, as a senior and with Dietz gone, Lehning will have more responsibility, to take on more of a leadership role, maybe look to score more often.

Whatever it takes, she's ready.

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