



Freshman Aireus Stephenson took a shot during the Trojans' game against Cloud on Wednesday. Colby defeated the Thunderbirds 77-67.

Trojans beat Cloud; freshman scores 25

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The Colby Community College men's basketball team came from behind to defeat Cloud County 77-67 Wednesday.

Freshman Shamar Acuy put an explanation point on the victory with a acrobatic dunk in the game's closing seconds, showing everyone why his nickname is Hops.

Acuy's end-of-the game acrobatics was not the only time he brought the crowd to its feet Wednesday night. With the Trojans trailing the Thunderbirds 22-18, Acuy picked off a Cloud pass and took it down court for a two-handed slam with a little over seven minutes remaining in the first half.

The Thunderbirds quickly recovered and extended their lead to 30-23. Acuy responded by knocking down a three to cut Cloud's lead to 30-26. Sophomore Anthony Rohr made a nice baby hook shot to cut the Thunderbirds lead to 32-29 with 1:29 remaining. The Trojans trimmed Cloud's lead to 32-31 as halftime arrived.

Freshman Aireus Stephenson came up big for Colby in the second half. He drilled several jumpers to keep the game close. The Trojans and the Thunderbirds were knotted at 59 with five minutes left.

Freshman Ethan Stover hit a huge three to give Colby a 62-59 lead. A little later in the game, Acuy muscled in a layup while being fouled by a Cloud defender. He missed his free throw but got his own rebound and laid the ball off the glass.

Stover buried another big three to make it 69-63 Colby with a little over three minutes left. The Trojans maintained their lead and picked up a win.

Acuy had a team-high 25 point on 10-for-14 shooting from the field and 2 of 2 from three-point range. Stephenson had 18 points and sophomore Erick Peguero had 12 points. Stover chipped in 10 points on 4 of 6 shooting.

The win improved the Trojans' record to 5-19 overall and 3-7 in league play.

The Trojans face Seward County at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at the

Women struggle on offense in loss to Cloud Thunderbirds

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The Colby Community College women's basketball team took a pounding from the Cloud County Thunderbirds 79-43 on Wednesday.

The Lady Trojans started the game strong, scoring five unanswered points. The Thunderbirds came back with seven of the games next eight to take a 7-6 lead.

Later, Sharniece Saunders nailed a turnaround jumper from close range to extend the Thunderbirds' lead to 18-8. Freshman Jas-

mine Gardner kept Colby in the game by nailing a couple of threes late in the half to cut the Thunderbirds' lead to 9 late in the half. But the Cloud County women began fast breaking on the Lady Trojans, which led to some easy transition buckets and increased their margin. They led 41-21 at halftime.

Cloud continued to get easy buckets in the second half. They were able to make a lot of easy stick backs off of rebounds.

The Lady Trojans struggled offensively, shooting only 28 percent from the field in the second half. Fatigue may have played a factor in Colby's poor shooting.

It can't be easy playing an entire game with seven players.

The Thunderbirds' lead continued to increase throughout the half and cruised to an easy victory.

Gardner and sophomore Jamie Alexander led the team in scoring with 11 points each. Jackie Marshall added 10 points on 4-of-8 shooting.

The loss dropped Colby to 8-16 for the season and 3-7 in league play.

The Lady Trojans will face Seward County at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Community Building.

Wildcats eke out win over Missouri

MANHATTAN (AP) — Ashley Sweat powered into the lane, grabbing an offensive rebound off a missed free throw. Seconds later, she sneaked along the baseline and grabbed another offensive board, sticking it back in for a three-point play.

Two plays, one possession made all the difference in a tight game.

Sweat kept Kansas State close with her shooting and made the decisive plays down the stretch, helping the Wildcats hold off Missouri 58-54 Wednesday night.

"We talk about offensive rebounding all the time," said Sweat, who had six rebounds. "In a situation like that, if you're not crashing offensive rebounds, there's something wrong with you."

Kansas State coming off a 60-50 loss to Iowa State, entered with the nation's best scoring defense at 49.8 points per game, but it was Missouri's defense that dictated the flow of this game.

Collapsing in the lane and racing back out to Kansas State's

perimeter shooters, the Tigers repeatedly forced the Wildcats deep into the shot clock and difficult shots. Kansas State missed many of the open ones, too, shooting 38 percent for the second straight game.

But for all Missouri did to disrupt Kansas State's offensive, it couldn't stop Sweat, particularly

with the game on line. straight Jessra Johnson led the Tigers with 12 points, while Hollins and Bekah Mills added 11 each.


"Obviously, we feel like we let a game slip away," Missouri coach Cindy Stein said. "We let them have some offensive boards where I felt like if we got those boards, we win the game."

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