



Trojans get first loss in double overtime

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McCook Community College of Nebraska handed the Colby Trojans men their first loss of the season Tuesday night at the Community Building, but it took them two overtimes to do it.

A late game comeback and a series of clutch three pointers by sophomore Aireus Stephenson were not quite enough to get Colby (now 4-1) a victory, as they Trojans lost 99-93 in the second extra period.

“Our second-half effort was a lot better than it was in the first half,” said Coach Dustin Pfeifer. “We showed we were not quitters.”

Free throws played a huge part in the Indians’ victory. McCook made 34 of 41 free throws in the game.

It would be hard to overemphasize Stephenson’s play at the end of the game. Every time it looked like the Trojans were on the verge of defeat, he would hit a big shot. Pfeifer said Stephenson had come through for his team all season.

“The way he carries himself on the court is the same way he carries himself off the court,” the coach said. “He deserves all the success he gets.”

Arguably Stephenson’s biggest shot was when he drilled a three to tie the game at 81 with three seconds left in the first overtime. His shot was even more impressive because of what had happened

on the Trojans’ last possession. Stephenson was while shooting a three from the left wing with a little less than 12 seconds to go, and his team trailing 79-76. He hit his first two free throws, but his third was off the mark. The Trojans were forced to foul to stop the clock. The Indians’ player sank both his free throws. Then Stephenson managed to muster up the courage to hit a three and tie the game.

Colby was a little out of sync in the first half, just a step off.

“I take full responsibility,” said Pfeifer. “I need to make sure the team is ready to play in the first half.”

Sophomore Jordan Michelson had a strong start, hitting a short jumper from the left corner and sinking a jumper from the free-throw line to give his team a 4-3 advantage. McCook scored the next six points and took a 9-4 lead. The Indians Antonio Dye drove the baseline and made a layup to extend his team’s lead to 11-4.

Freshman Jose-Peña Benjamin managed to make a tough layup in the face of a larger defender to cut McCook’s lead to 19-12 with 10:36 left in the half. The Indians hung on to their margin for the rest of the half and the Trojans went into the locker room trailing McCook 35-29.

Michelson started the second half with a two-hand jam. Later, sophomore Dominique Brewer and freshman Michael Morris connected on a couple of shots inside to help Colby take 43-39



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
Colby Community College sophomore Dominique Brewer prepared to take the ball to the basket during the Trojans’ game against McCook (Neb.) Community College on Tuesday at the Community Building. Colby lost to the Indians 99-93 in double overtime.

lead. Brewer made a shot down low while being fouled. He made his free throw to make it 46-42 Colby with 13:45 left.

McCook mounted a comeback and overtook the Trojans, building up a 54-42 lead.

The Trojans trailed 64-56 when Stephenson hit back-to-back three pointers to make it a two-point

game. Stephenson sent a pass to a fast-breaking Peña-Benjamin, who laid it in to tie the game at 64. McCook scored the next bucket to take a 66-64 lead with 2:22 left.

Freshman Regis Schefer buried a three-pointer to give Colby a one-point lead. McCook scored on its next offensive possession to go up 68-67. Stephenson hit yet

another three to give the Trojans a 70-68 lead with nine seconds.

McCook’s Shawn Tarver got fouled with .8 seconds remaining. He hit both free throws and the game went into its first overtime.

Stephenson drove the lane and banked in a left-handed layup to give Colby a 72-70 lead. Michelson nailed a shot from the free

throw line to make it 74-70 Trojans. The Indians scored the next eight points to take a 78-74 lead. Colby trailed 79-76 with 36 seconds left. Stephenson scored the Trojans’ next five points, including his clutch three, to help send the game into its second overtime.

Michelson hit a hook shot from the middle of the lane to give Colby an early 83-81 lead. Later, Stephenson hit another three to make it 86-84 Trojans. McCook fought back and eventually took a 95-90 lead.

Sophomore Ethan Stover sank a three from the right corner to cut the Indians’ lead to two. Colby immediately fouled with 9.4 seconds left. The Indians player made both his free throws to make it 97-93. Colby turned the ball over on its next possession and had to foul again. The Indian’s hit both free throws to give his team a six point edge. Neither team scored again and McCook walked off with the victory.

Stephenson led the Trojans in scoring with 25 points and 5 assists while Peña-Benjamin had 24 points with 6 rebounds. Michelson had a double-double, scoring 20 points and pulling down 11 boards. Brewer had 8 points.

The Trojans will play in the Golden Eagle Classic on Friday and Saturday at Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne, Wyo. They take on Eastern Wyoming at 6 p.m. (Central Time) on Friday and Laramie County at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Lady Trojans sophomore takes eighth at nationals

Lady Trojans sophomore Scarla Nero finished eighth out of 262 cross country runners at the National Junior College Athletic Association Championships on Saturday at Illinois Central college in East Peoria, Ill., with a time of 18 minutes, 24 seconds.

Nero’s time was 1:17 faster than at last years’ meet, when she finished 41st.

“It was her career best time,” said coach Crystal Berndt. “We could probably compare her to her sister (Tanya Nero) right now.”

Sophomore Hifti Kahssay finished 14th with 18:53, her fastest time ever. She said Nero and Kahssay were both boxed in at the beginning of the race, so they had a lot a time to make up later. She said if Nero hadn’t been boxed in at the start, she probably would have finished sixth.

Sophomore Breana Yost had the Lady Trojans’ third fastest time with 20:08.

The Colby College women took

16th out of 35 teams with 401 overall points. Berndt said the team’s goal was to finish in the top 15, and they were just four points away.

The rest of the team’s times were: sophomore Tatiana Bartruff, 22:17; freshmen Jackie Robledo, 22:26; sophomore Reba Schiesser, 23:17; and freshman Nicole Boucher, 24:01.

The team will run again at 9 a.m. on Saturday at the National Junior College Athletic Association half marathon at the Johnson County Community College in Overland Park.

Scarla Nero, Yost, Bartriff, Schiesser, Boucher and sophomore Autumn Preston will be running in the marathon.

Kahssay will not be running because the race only allows one international athlete run per team. Scarlo Nero did not participate in last year’s marathon because of this rule.

The team’s three fastest times

will be the only ones counted, unless there is a tie, Berndt said. In normal cross country meets, the five fastest times are added together to figure out the team’s placing, she said.

Kansas City Royals pitcher wins first Cy Young Award

NEW YORK (AP) — Zack Greinke fidgeted a bit and spoke softly.

Winning the Cy Young Award brought up a whole lot of unwanted attention.

“A lot of stuff going on today

when I usually just like doing nothing,” he said.

The Kansas City Royals ace easily beat out Felix Hernandez for the honor Tuesday after a spectacular season short on wins but long on domination. Winning

left the extremely shy Greinke with mixed emotions.

“Back in Orlando, I haven’t really got a whole lot of attention from people, which has been nice,” he said.



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