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The Trojan's Corey Woolfer (pictured here taking a shot against Pratt on Feb. 1) and the rest of the Colby Community College basketball team lost a 67-64 nail-biter at Seward County Community College in Liberal on Saturday.

Trojans lose nail-biter to tough Seward team

The Trojans men's basketball team almost pulled off a big upset on Saturday, losing in the last few seconds to Seward County Community College in Liberal, 67-64.

Coach Dustin Pfeifer said his team led for most of the second half. The Trojans (6-19) had a five-point lead with about 1:30 left, but the Saints (19-6) fought back and tied the game at 64 with 15 seconds left.

The Saints applied a press and managed to trap sophomore Aireus Stephenson in the corner, forcing him to turn the ball over. That led to Seward getting a three-point play to take a 67-64 lead. Colby missed a three-pointer in the final seconds and the Saints escaped

with a win.

"We should have won the game," said Pfeifer.

The Trojans struggled from the free-throw line, making only 8 of 17.

Sophomore Regis Schafer had a team-high 19 points on 6-for-15 shooting. Schafer drilled five three pointers, grabbed six rebounds and dished out four assists.

Stephenson scored 14, dished out six assists and turned the ball over four times. Freshman Michael Morris scored 10 points on 4-for-5 shooting. He also grabbed 12 rebounds, eight on defense.

"He played really hard," said Pfeifer.

Sophomore Ethan Stover re-

turned to action after a lower back injury and scored nine points. He hit two of three three-pointers.

Latiq Agard of Seward led his team in scoring with 24. The Saints narrowly won the rebounding battle 40-39.

The Trojans held Seward to only two of 17 from the three-point line. They held Tony Smith of Seward to only five points. (Smith averages almost 15 a game.) Pfeifer called Smith the best player in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference.

With the loss, Colby dropped to 6-19 and 0-11 in the conference West division. They will play at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Dodge City.

Lady Eagles' bench provides needed spark

The Lady Eagles got some huge minutes from a few of their bench players on Friday. Solid play by junior Katrina Kaus and freshman Lauren Bell helped Colby blast Decatur Community High 56-39 at Oberlin.

Bell had a career-high eight points on 4-for-5 shooting. Katrina Kaus has started most of the Lady Eagles' games this season, but she made a smooth adjustment from starter to substitute in Friday's game, finishing with 9 points. She made both her shots from the field, including a three pointer, and she sank four of seven free throws.

"Katrina and Lauren gave us the spark we needed off the bench," said coach Parker McKee.

The duo helped Colby jump out to 30-11 halftime lead. The Lady Eagles were able to build this sizeable lead despite the fact that their leading scorer, Katrina's sister, Katherine Kaus, was sidelined for much of the half after picking up two quick fouls.

Despite her early foul trouble, Katherine still managed to score a team-high 11 points. She hit four of eight shots from the field.

Decatur was unable to significantly cut into Col-

by's comfortable lead in the second half and the Lady Eagles picked up a 56-39 win.

Lauren Bell and Katrina Kaus were not the only Lady Eagles who made a contributions off the bench. The Colby bench outscored the Lady Red Devils' bench 24-1. The Lady Eagles also held a lopsided advantage over Oberlin in three-point shooting, outscoring the Lady Red Devils 15-0. The girls only connected on five of 14 three-pointers, but they held Decatur to an abysmal 0-4. McKee said his team's defense did a good job at making the Lady Red Devils catch the ball way off the three-point line.

Decatur applied a zone on defense for most of the game. McKee said the girls didn't hesitate to take the shots the zone gave them.

Colby's attack was balanced, with several players scoring between six and 11 points. Junior Kayla Hockersmith had 8 and freshman Alexa Haas and sophomore Morgan Bell both had 7. Junior Shelby Terrell chipped in 6.

With the win, Colby improved to 10-4. They will play Garden City at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Community Building.

Colby High student athletes stand atop the league in grades

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Colby High School athletes have not let their sports get in the way of their education. From football to girls golf, the Eagles' fall athletes personified what it means to be student athletes.

Colby athletes had the highest grade average among Northwest Kansas League High School in all fall sports, said Activities Director Larry Gabel

"It's a tribute to our staff, teachers and the coaches who push academics," Gabel said. "Sports take a lot of time and effort. For these

students to keep their grades up while playing sports is a tribute to them."

Colby finished first in football with a grade average of 3.38. Oakley High was second with 3.26. The Eagles took first in volleyball with 3.74 and Hoxie came in second with 3.63.

"They're really conscientious about grades," volleyball coach Leslie Wagoner said about her team. "They are not only good athletes, they are good students. A lot of it is self-motivation. They are great kids."

The boys and girls cross country team's finished first in the league with 3.79 and 3.66 respec-

tively. The Decatur Community High cross country team girls tied for first with 3.66 and the Oberlin boys came in second with 3.53.

The Eagles snared first in girls golf with 3.5 and Goodland finished second with 3.01.

Colby was the only school that has a girls tennis team, but the girls finished with an impressive 3.7 average.

Gabel said each school in the league keeps track of their student athletes' grades and they turn them in to Goodland High School Secretary Deb Winter, who compiles the lists in the fall, winter and spring.

Super Bowl game between Saints and Colts draws biggest audience in television history

NEW YORK (AP) — The Super Bowl was watched by more than 106 million people, surpassing the 1983 finale of "M-A-S-H" to become the most-watched program in television history.

The Nielsen Co. estimated Monday that 106.5 million people watched the New Orleans Saints upset the Indianapolis Colts. That beats the "M-A-S-H" finale, which had 105.97 million viewers

in an era when there were fewer television sets.

Compelling story lines involving the city of New Orleans and its recovery from Hurricane Katrina and the quest for a second Super Bowl ring for Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning pro-

pelled the viewership.

The game also obliterated the previous record viewership for a Super Bowl — last year's game between Arizona and Pittsburgh in which 98.7 million people watched.

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