



# Five riders make regionals

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Five Colby Community College Western Show team members qualified for regionals in the final show of the season on Feb. 20 at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. The team, coached by Shanda Mattix, was named Reserve High Point Team at Show 1.

“We have five riders who qualified for western regionals,” Mattix said. “For the Walk Trot Division, Curtis Korthanke, Colby; Audra Welty, Wichita; and Megan Sitz, Holton, all qualified. Liz Kennedy, Topeka, qualified in the Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter Division and Neil Melton, Courtland, qualified in the Novice Division.”

Results of the two-day hunt show:

**Saturday:** Open Reining, Melhus, Scandia, third; Open Rail, Melhus, fifth; Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter, Kennedy, second; Rachel Kruse, Ellsworth, third; Novice, Melton, first; Ann Kralik,

Ellsworth, second; Intermediate 2, Justyna Price, Mullinville, fifth; Jessica Eshbaugh, Phillipsburg, fifth; Kelly Coen, Colby, fifth; Intermediate 1, Chelsey Darow, Leavenworth, fourth; Misty Lethco, Fontana, fourth Jennifer Malcom, Wichita, seventh; Walk-Trot-Canter, Welty, first; Anna Schurter, Wichita, first; Rebecca Sanner, Blue Rapids, fifth.

**Sunday:** Open Rail, Kennedy, second; Melhus, fourth; Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter, Melton, first; Kruse, sixth; Novice, Kralik, fourth; Intermediate 2, Price, fourth; Eshbaugh, fourth; Coen, fourth; Intermediate 1, Korthanke, first; Lethco, fifth; Sitz, seventh; Beginning-Walk-Trot-Canter, Welty, first; Schurter, fifth; Sanner, fourth.

The Hunt Seat and Western riders who qualified for regionals will compete on Saturday and Sunday, March 6 and 7, at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and the University of Nebraska in Omaha. This is the qualifying show for semifinals and zone competition.

# Colby College runners shine in the classroom

The Colby Community College men's cross country and half marathon teams earned the National Junior College Athletic Association's Fall Academic Teams of the Year.

The minimum grade average for consideration is 3.0 (B) or higher.

The Colby mens cross country squad topped the national list with a 3.30 grade average. The half marathon team also led other teams in the nation with a 3.29.

Other Colby teams making the list were the Lady Trojans Cross Country team, 3.14; the women's half marathon team, 3.15; and the college volleyball, team 3.21.

Mens cross country runners were freshmen Alfredo Arellano, Trey Dunsirn, Garrett Jones, Jacob Plata, Robert Robledo, and Daniel Whiteman, and sophomores Ryan Baalmann, Lendon Hartshorn and Albert Mong'ony. Half marathon members were Baalmann, Dunsirn, Hartshorn, Mong'ony and sophomore Anthony Luna.

“I knew I inherited some good guys,” said men's coach James Ortiz. “I knew they were good all around student athletes.

“I knew they would get good grades,” Ortiz added. “When I found out we won I was excited.

# Kansas Jayhawks approaching 2000 wins

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — As if they didn't have enough to get excited about already, a brand new buzz is racing through many Kansas fans — will they beat North Carolina — and coach Roy Williams — to 2,000 wins?

Since the late 19th century, when basketball inventor James Naismith accepted the princely sum of \$1,300 to become Kansas' first coach, the Jayhawks have amassed 1,997 wins.

At the beginning of the year, Kansas fans who delved that deeply into such things wouldn't have given themselves much chance of going across the line ahead of North Carolina and joining Kentucky, which earlier this season rang up its 2,000th victory.

But the Tar Heels have fallen upon hard times and stand 14-14 overall heading into the weekend, stranding them 1,998 all-time.

Both teams have three regular-season games remaining before

their conference tournaments. Kansas (27-1) is at Oklahoma State on Saturday, which has always been a tough place for the Jayhawks.

Then they host No. 6 Kansas State the following Wednesday. If the Jayhawks win both of those, stretching their winning streak to 15 in a row, they could notch No. 2,000 with a victory March 6 at archrival Missouri, which twice stopped unbeaten Kansas teams during the Williams era.

The struggling Tar Heels are at The prospect of beating North Carolina to 2,000 might be sending a thrill through many Kansas followers. But coach Bill Self figures he and his players all have much more pressing matters at hand.

“I would say that's something for fans to talk about,” Self said Thursday. “I mean, who really cares about that, getting there first?”

## Eyes on the basket



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press  
Heartland Christian junior Tyler Bear took a shot during the Crusaders' game against Syracuse Thursday in the Heartland gym. The Crusaders triumphed in an 82-79 overtime thriller.

# Colby Trojan men lose season finale

The Trojans men's basketball team ended their season with a 99-64 loss to Barton County Community College Wednesday at Great Bend.

The Cougars took a 45-22 halftime lead. Barton County was extremely very efficient on offense, making almost 58 percent of its shots.

Sophomore Aireus Stephenson scored a team-high 15 points on six of 20 shooting freshman Regis Schafer added 14. Schafer made four of 10 three pointers. Sophomore Jordan Michelson had 10 points, while grabbing nine rebounds.

The Trojans were outrebounded 45-36. They forced the Cougars to turn the ball over 14 times, while Colby only had 12 turnovers. The Trojans made 35 percent of their shots on 35 of 71 shooting.

Colby finished its season with a record of 6-24 and 0-16 in the Kansas Jayhawks Community College Conference.

# Junior varsity wins final games

The Lady Eagles junior varsity basketball team picked up two more wins in the final week to close it season with a record of 16-1.

The girls dealt Norton a crushing 56-16 defeat in a road game on Tuesday. Colby only led 11-6 after the first quarter, but the offense cranked up in the second, scoring 23 points to give the girls a 34-10 halftime lead.

The third quarter was more of the same. The Lady Eagles piled up 21 more points while only allowing their opponents to score five. Colby's defense was even stingier in the final period, holding Norton to just one point. The Lady Eagles scored 12 in the fourth and took home a 56-16 win.

Freshman Alexa Haas had a team-high 13, freshman Karly Kriss added 11 and freshman

Shelby Gardner 10. Sophomore Emilea Finley scored nine, senior Rhett Martin seven, junior Kelsey Shields four and junior Shelby Terrell two.

Colby hammered Atwood 41-16 last Friday at the high school gymnasium.

Martin and Gardner both scored seven and Kriss and sophomore Paige Roopchan added six each. Sophomore Alyse Dumlur and Finley had four each, while Shields, Haas, sophomore Brenna McKee and freshman Bailey Terrell all had two.

Coach Jack Elliot said the girls worked hard and kept improving throughout the season. Elliot said he wanted to thank the families, friends and townspeople for supporting the team this year, and the Colby Free Press for its coverage.

# College women end season with loss

The Lady Trojans finished their season with a 66-44 loss to Barton County Community College Wednesday at Great Bend.

The game remained close throughout the first half after Colby rebounded from a slow start. Coach Brady Jasper said his team fell behind 10-0 to start the game, before they went on a 11-5 run to cut the Lady Cougars' lead to 15-11. Colby only trailed 28-20 at the half.

Jasper said turnovers coupled with a few scoring droughts helped Barton extend their league

and eventually pick up a 66-44 victory.

Freshman Hannah Thornton had nine points on four of seven shooting. Freshmen Alecia Palm and Kadee Arensdorf both had seven. Thornton had a team-high nine rebounds and sophomore Tasha Wagoner led the team with six assists, but she turned the ball over 10 times.

Colby ended its season with a record of 3-27 and 1-15 in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference.

# Colorado shortstop playing for late cousin

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Colorado Rockies shortstop Troy Tulowitzki will dedicate the 2010 season to Lexy Winters, a cousin who died of skin cancer.

“I think this year, I'm kind of going to really play for him,” Tulowitzki said Thursday. “He's going to be in the back of my mind. I put his initials on my cap. That'll

stay with me this season. Depending on some of the rules, I'm planning on wearing his initials in my eye black, as well. I don't know if they're going to cut things like that off.”

Tulowitzki said he'll return home to Sunnysvale, Calif., to attend a memorial service for Winters, who died Monday night.

# STRIKE ZONE ~ League Bowling Results ~

## February 16, 2010 - Pinbusters League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Corona Kids	31.5	8.5	1
Al's Painting	28	12	2
Roommasters	27	13	3
Colby Bowl	24	16	4
Subway	23.5	16.5	5
Cummins Central Power	16.5	23.5	6
Bargos	13	27	7
Chartwells	12	28	8
Colby Automotive	8.5	31.5	9

First high Individual game: Alvin Koenig, 266

First high Individual series: Cody Crocker, 691

## February 15, 2010 - First Nighters League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Kansas Quicklube	221.5	98.5	1
Sparky's Fireworks	206.5	113.5	2
Parking Lot Maintenance	177	143	3
Woofert Well & Pump	172	148	4
Frontier Ag Inc.	168	152	5
Discount Repair of	162.5	157.5	6
Pepsi	151.5	168.5	7
Grinnell Furniture	147	173	8
McKee	137	183	9
Wild Ride	136	184	10
Fire Xtrikers	130	190	11
NW Refrigeration	111	209	12

First high Men Individual game: J.R. Bargo, 255

First high Men Individual series: Ken Brewer, 666

## February 18, 2010 - King Pin League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
5 Pony Men	173	107	1
Colby Automotive	170	110	2
Kurts Pro	170	110	3
Morgan Construction	158	122	4
Balls Deep	153.5	126.5	5
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Drinkin Mates	136	144	7
Thomas County Feeder	128	152	8
T.J. Tire	127	153	9

First high Individual game: J.R. Bargo, 278

First high Individual series: Brent Menges, 708

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