

# Trojans' streak ends at 7

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The Lady Trojans' volleyball team suffered their first home loss of the season to Pratt Community College 21-25, 25-23, 27-25, 25-23, on Thursday.

Unforced errors and a failure to score big points hurt the Trojans throughout the match.

"We couldn't finish sets," sophomore Gabrielly Cardoso said. "We need to finish with more energy."

"Our energy peaked in the first and second sets," sophomore Jordyn White added. She said her team will need to stay positive and keep their energy up when it faces Beavers in its last regular season match at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, on the road.

Cardoso scored on a tip shot to put the Lady Trojans ahead 3-2 in the first set. Later in the set, sophomore Danqi Li scored on a kill to make it 11-6 Colby. The Lady Trojans were full of energy in the first set, diving after balls.

Pratt scored four straight points, cutting the Lady Trojans' lead to 11-10. Colby's coaches called a timeout. Cardoso and freshman Ashley McMullen scored on a double block, extending the Lady Trojans' lead to 15-12.

"Blocking was the highlight of the match for us," White said.

Colby went on to win the set 25-21. The Lady Trojans' trailed 8-5 early in the second set, but they scored three straight. Later on, Colby native and freshman Nichelle Erskine scored on a kill that put the Lady Trojans out in front 12-10. The set continued to go back and forth.

Calito scored on a kill, tying the match at 21. The Beavers scored two straight points, but the Trojans scored two unanswered points of their own. Pratt responded by getting the next two points and winning the set 25-23.

Sophomore Emily Lubbers scored on a serve to put the Lady Trojans up 8-6 in the third set. Pratt went ahead 15-13, but Colby scored three unanswered points to take a one-point lead.

Cardoso scored on two kills, a block and a tip to put the Lady Trojans up 24-21. The Beavers scored the next four points to go up 25-24. Calito scored on a kill tie the set, but Pratt scored the next three points and won the set 27-25.

Li had two kills early in the fourth set. Lubbers and Li had a double block that gave the Lady Trojans a 9-8 lead.

Later on, Cardoso had her spike attempt blocked, tying the set at



Colby College sophomore Gabrielly Cardoso went up for a kill attempt against Pratt on Wednesday at the Community Building.

14. Pratt eventually took a 21-18 lead. An ace by Lubbers cut the Beavers' lead to 22-21. Colby got the next point, but Pratt scored the next two points after that to go up 24-22. A shot by McMullen went into the net and the Pratt won the set and the match 25-23.

With the loss, Colby dropped to 18-9 and 4-3 in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Western Division.

The Lady Trojans play next at 4 p.m. Friday in the first round of a tournament at Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs,

Iowa, against Rend Lake from Ina, Ill. They play later that day at 4 p.m. against Richland College in Dallas, Texas. Colby plays Central Community College from Columbus, Neb., at 10 a.m. Saturday and they play Seminole State College from Florida at noon.

# Cooperative team splits first four games

The Brewster/Cheylin Junior High football team defeated Wheatland/Grinnell 42-36 shoot-out game on Thursday, Sept. 23.

The boys were able to jump out to an early 6-0 lead. The teams traded touchdowns through most of the first half. The Brewster-Cheylin defense came up short against the Thunderhawk passing game, allowing the host team to stay in the game. The boys were also unable to convert on any extra points, allowing the Thunderhawks to remain close behind and eventually tie the game.

Brewster/Cheylin scored with approximately a minute left in the fourth to take a 42-36 lead. The defense shut the Thunderhawks

down on their final possession and Brewster/Cheylin picked up the win.

The boys played their third game of the season at home against the Greeley County Panthers on Thursday, Sept. 16.

This game was a defensive battle from the beginning. Brewster/Cheylin was unable to get into an offensive groove the whole game. They managed to take a 14-8 lead into the locker room at halftime.

On the opening kickoff of the second half Greeley County was able to slip through the home town defenders and score a touchdown to make it 16-14. The rest of the second half saw Brewster/Cheylin unable to move the ball offensively.

The Panthers were able to score within the last two minutes of the game, extending their lead to 22-14. This ended up being the final score of the game.

Brewster/Cheylin played Golden Plains Bulldogs on the road in Rexford on Aug. 9. The Bulldogs proved to be a formidable opponent. The boys were unable to contain Golden Plains' strong quarterback.

Brewster/Cheylin trailed 50-14 at halftime. The young men of Brewster/Cheylin were not about to throw in the towel, however. They fought back against the powerful Bulldogs in the third and fourth quarter. The boys held the Bulldogs to just one second half

touchdown. However, the deficit was too large and Brewster/Cheylin fell to Golden Plains 56-30.

Brewster/Cheylin played its season opener at home against a co-operative team of Healy and Dighton on Sept. 2. The home team had a strong numbers advantage over the visiting Diamondbacks. The boys were able to use their speed and intensity to overwhelm the Lane County team and defeat them 68-6.

The boys' record now sits at 2-2. They play Heartland Christian on Thursday, Oct. 7, in Brewster and they play their final game against Wallace County on Thursday, Oct. 14, in Brewster.

# Jayhawk league honors runner

Colby College freshman cross country runner Edward Limo was named the Verizon Wireless Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Runner-of-the-Week for the second time this season.

Limo, a native Kenyan, won the 8k college division race at the Oklahoma State University Jamboree on Saturday, Sept. 25, in Stillwater, Okla. His first place finish helped the Trojans take sixth out of 23 teams. He finished the five mile race with a personal best time of 25 minutes, 15 seconds and 49 hundredths of a second. His previous best was 26:40.

"I'm proud of Edward and the race he ran," Coach James Ortiz said. "This was our team's first 8k race this season, and for Edward to run a personal best was quite an accomplishment."

When asked if Limo could keep improving his time, Ortiz said "that's the plan."

Limo said he didn't expect to finish first going into the race. He said he stayed behind for the first three miles and ran with front runner Josh Gracia of Cowley County during the fourth mile. Limo said he left Gracia behind in the last mile.

"It was a very tough race," Limo said. "I like to start slower than most runners and try to maintain my pace throughout the race. This allows me to build momentum and be able to feel stronger later in the race and pass runners near the end."

The freshman said he only began running two years ago when his pastor encouraged him to run because people could get scholarships by running.

He said he began running as a way to get an education in the United States.

Limo said he started running two years after graduating from high school in Kenya. His family could afford to send his sister and brother to college but they couldn't afford to send him, Limo said.

Former Trojans' cross country coach Jeff Becker went to Kenya to see Limo run in December. Becker left to coach Butler County Community College from El Dorado, but Ortiz still wanted Limo to come to run for Colby.

Limo lived in a small village called Cheptiret in Kenya before coming to Colby. He said running in his country is different than running in Colby because the land is more hilly. Limo said he has made his biggest gains running since he started training under coach Ortiz. He said the fastest 8k he ran in Kenya was 26:50. His goal this season is to run an 8k in under 24 minutes.

Limo is getting a degree in nursing. He said he wants to be a doctor in Kenya.

"I want to achieve academic and athletic excellence," he said.

Limo and the rest of the Trojans' cross country squad will compete in the Emporia State Invitational at 5 p.m. Friday in Jones Park. Fellow Kenyan Bensen Langat will be running for Butler at the meet. Ortiz said Limo never beat Langat in a race in Kenya. He added that his star runner really wants to outrun his fellow countrymen.

# Lady Trojans' squad makes gains in race

Colby Community College freshman cross country runner Erica Rappard finished 96th out of over 200 runners on Saturday in a 5k race at the Oklahoma State Jamboree in Stillwater, Okla.

The Lady Trojans' runner finished the race with a time of 21 minutes, 31 seconds and 79 hundredths of a second.

Coach Crystal Berndt said Rappard ran really well given the fact that she had only been able to practice a full week before the meet because she had been sick. The coach said Rappard was not pleased with her time, but she thought she ran well.

The Colby College women's team took 23rd out of 30 teams with a score of 706. Midwestern State University from Wichita Falls, Texas, finished first with 67 points.

Other Lady Trojans' times include freshman Mikarla Swann, 22:44.10; sophomore Jackie Robledo, 23:26; freshman Kelsey Locke, 25:48; and freshman Alexandra Torres, 25:53.

Berndt said Swann ran her 5k two minutes faster than she had in the Lady Trojans' last 5k meet at Lawrence on Friday, Sept. 3.

"She's only going to get faster," Berndt said. The coach said Swann should eventually be able to run with Rappard.

Berndt said Robledo had run 30 seconds faster than she had at the jamboree last year. The sophomore runner was able to improve her time despite only having a week to practice because she had been sidelined by a sprained ankle, the coach said.

It was Locke's first 5k and Berndt said the freshman was pleased with her time. Torres ran two minutes faster than she did in Lawrence, the coach said.

Berndt said she hopes freshman Shauntae Miller will be cleared to run again. Miller has been unable to run due to an injury.

The Lady Trojans will run next at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Fort Hays State University Invitational.

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