



Women’s team wins home game

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The Lady Trojans survived a sluggish start on their way to a 58-52 win over Hastings College’s junior varsity team on Thursday in an Ambassador Classic game at the Community Building.

Freshman Liga Vente paced the Lady Trojans on offense with a team-high 18 points and 10 rebounds against the Lady Broncos from Nebraska. The 6’4” freshman hit a big fadeaway jumper in the lane that put Colby up 56-50 with less than a minute left. The bucket ended a 9-0 run by the Lady Broncos.

Sophomore Hannah Thornton, the Lady Trojans’ other starting post player, added 16 points. Freshman Morgan Rickwartz chipped in eight points and had a team-high three steals.

Colby shot 44 percent from the field, but they made 61 percent of their shots in the second half. Colby out-rebounded their third straight opponent, grabbing 35 rebounds, 27 on defense, to Hastings 29.

The Lady Trojans struggled at putting the ball in the basket early in the game. They trailed 7-2 after the first 10 minutes of play.

Thornton finally broke Colby’s scoring drought with a short jumper from the left baseline, cutting the lead to 9-4. Later in the half,

freshman Brittany Schamberger drilled a short jumper, narrowing the gap to 19-16. This remained the score for the rest of the half.

The Lady Trojans went on a run early in the second half. Thornton got a friendly roll on a shot from the top of the key, tying the game at 28. Moments later, a transition layup by sophomore Brooke Bursiek gave Colby a two-point lead.

Later, Vente grabbed a rebound and stuck it back in, giving the Lady Trojans a 44-33 lead. Colby stretched its lead to 52-39 before the Lady Broncos went on their 9-0 run, narrowing the gap to 54-50 with 1:02 left. Then Vente knocked down the fadeaway jumper. Hastings was unable to score on its next possession.

Thornton was fouled. She got to shoot a one-and-one because the Lady Trojans were already in the bonus. Teams get to shoot a one-and-one after the other team has committed seven or more fouls in a half. Thornton knocked down two free throws and the Lady Trojans went on to win 58-52.

With the win, the Lady Trojans improved to 2-1. They play tonight against Western Nebraska Community College from Scottsbluff in an Ambassador Classic game. Colby plays their last classic game Saturday at 5 p.m. at Colorado Northwestern Community College from Craig. Both games will be played at the Community Building.



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Colby High sophomore Lauren Bell (from left), junior Morgan Bell, Lauren’s older sister; and sophomore Shelby Gardner were voted to the Great West Activities All-Conference teams and senior Tera Raymond received honorable mention.

Lady Eagles’ players recognized by league

Colby junior outside hitter Morgan Bell, sophomore middle hitter Lauren Bell, Morgan’s younger sister; sophomore setter and right side hitter Shelby Gardner all qualified for the All-Great West Activities Conference volleyball teams.

The Bell sisters made the first team and Gardner was named to the second team. Senior libero Tera Raymond received honorable mention.

Coach Lesley Wagoner said every coach in the league gets to vote for the 12 players – with the exception of their own – they think should make the first and second team. She said coaches give every player they vote for a certain number of points based on their talent. So if a coach thinks a girl is the best in the league, they would give her 12 points, the second best would get 11, third, 10;

and so on.

Wagoner said she was pleased with the number of Lady Eagles’ players who made the team.

Colby tied with Goodland High School and Scott City High School for highest number of players to make the first team with two and the three teams also tied for most players to make either team with three.

First team: Lauren Bell, Morgan Bell, Jade Herl and Ashley Archer, Goodland High School; Kirsten Deardan and Emily Hess, Scott City.

Second team: Gardner; Jennifer Rome, Goodland; Danielle Asmus and Breanna Gottschalk, Holcomb; Carissa Chelemedo, Scott City; Kaylea Britton, Ulysses.

Honorable mention: Raymond; Heidi Boyles, Holcomb; Katie Omo, Hugoton; Kaylee Shilling, Ulysses.

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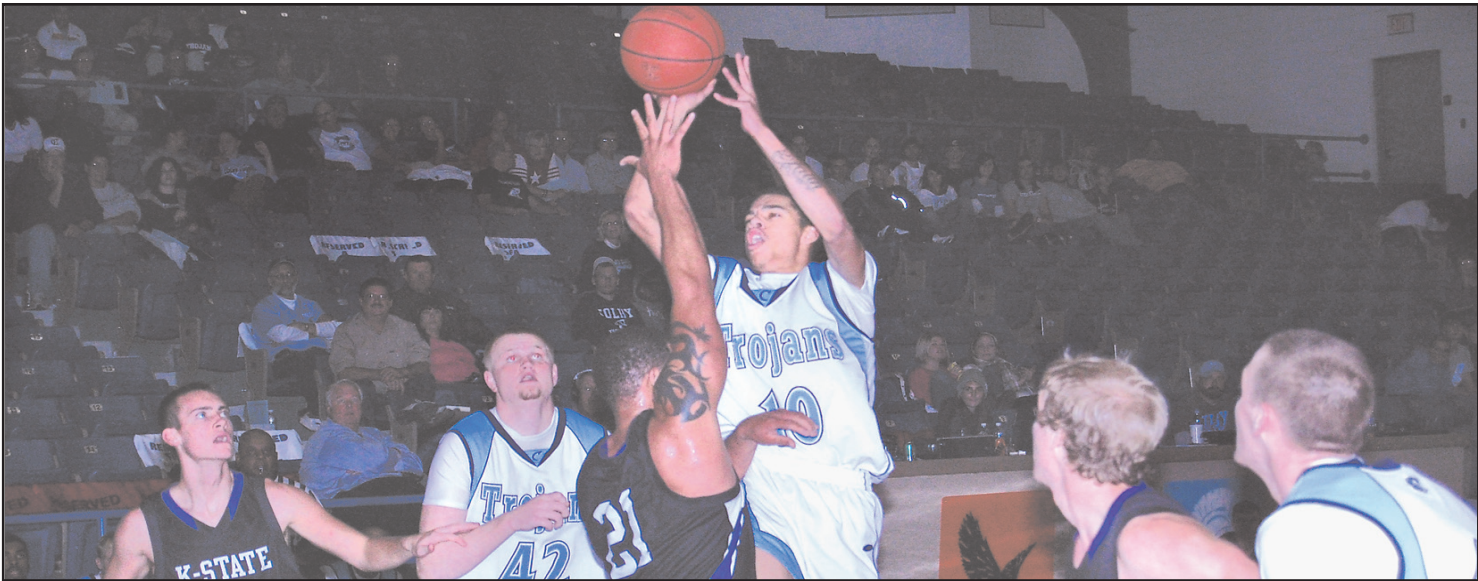
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