

College men's team drops in overtime

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The Colby Community College men's basketball team lost to Butler Community College 74-71 in overtime Wednesday at the Community Building.

The men are 3-10 in the Jayhawk West conference and 12-15 overall.

The Trojans had a strong first half, scoring 35 points while Butler had 26. After the break, though, the roles were reversed, and Butler outscored Colby 35-26 to send the game into overtime.

The Colby men fought for points, but Butler came out victorious with 13 points in the extra period to Colby's 10.

Branden Williams scored a game-high 20 points, including 4 of 6 three-point baskets. He also had 4 rebounds and a steal.

Kris Rolle followed with 14 points, 8 rebounds and 3 blocks; Cody Sluder finished with 14 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals; John Clark scored 10 points and grabbed 2 rebounds and an assist; Terry Starks chipped in 6 points, 4 rebounds, 5 assists and a steal; Jeremiah Ingram fouled out with 4 points and 4 rebounds; and Marko Kracun contributed 3 points, a rebound, an assist and a steal.

The Lady Trojans lost 60-32 to Butler, leaving them 0-13 in conference play and 6-21 overall.

The Colby women had a good first half, but were trailing 32-23

by the half. In the second half, the Lady Trojans struggled on offense, only scoring 9 points to Butler's 28.

Agnese Aramina led in scoring with 20 points. She added 4 rebounds, a steal and a block.

Shantya Arnold finished with 6 points, an assist and 3 steals; Hailey Dinkel grabbed 3 points, 2 rebounds, an assist and a block; Kasey Hoyt chipped in 2 points, 2 rebounds and a steal; and Liene Liepina made a free throw.

The final home game for the college teams is Wednesday against Barton Community College and it will also be Pink Zone night.

The women will tip off at 6 p.m. and the men will follow about 8 p.m.

Nine qualify for state

The Colby High wrestling team had nine wrestlers qualify for the Class 4A state tournament Friday and Saturday.

Full results of regionals were not available this morning. Qualifying were: David Mainus, 106 pounds;

Dustin Reed, 126; Macen Shull, 138; Quade Woof-ter, 160; Andrew Taylor, 170; Beau Brown, 182; Troy Quenzer, 195; Austin Hart, 220; and Zell Bieberle, 285.

The state tourney will be Friday and Saturday at the Salina Bicentennial Center.

College equestrian team earns reserve high point

The Colby Community College equestrian team competed in two shows on Saturday and Sunday at Colorado College, a private four-year college in Colorado Springs, earning the Reserve High Point Team award on Sunday.

Individual results:

Saturday
Intermediate Fences: Chelsea Brady, Parker, Colo., sixth, qualified for regionals; Brittany Normand, Fort Scott, fourth.

Novice Fences: Williams Wright, Louisburg, third; Jade Kruse, Oakley, fifth.

Open Flat: Brady, fifth.

Intermediate Flat: Normand, fifth; Heather Darling, Abilene, reserve.

Novice Flat: Kruse, third; Wright, fourth.

Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter: Sara Schurz, Phillipsburg, second; Amanda Reed, Brookville, second.

Beginning Walk-Trot-Canter: Kassie Spalding, Rock Port, Mo., fifth; Allison Grimmer, Olathe, third, moved up to Advanced Walk Trot Canter.

Walk Trot: Marci Scriptor, Chapman, first; Emily Nuss, Newton, fourth.

Sunday

Open Fences: Brady, fifth.

Intermediate Fences: Normand, third.

Novice Fences: Wright, fourth.

Open Flat: Brady, second.

Intermediate Flat: Normand, fourth; Darling, fifth.

Novice Flat: Kruse, second; Wright, sixth.

Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter: Reed, first; Schurz, fourth; Grimmer, fifth.

Beginning Walk-Trot-Canter: Spalding, reserve.

Walk, Trot: Scriptor, second; Nuss, third.

The college will be the co-host for the Western Regional Show on Saturday with Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture. The show will be in Curtis, Neb.

The team traveled to Lincoln, Neb., for two shows on Saturday and Sunday.

West beats East in All-Star game

By Brian Mahoney

AP Basketball Writer

HOUSTON — The NBA's career scoring leader in the All-Star game, Kobe Bryant has never been just about offense.

"I'm known for my defense," Bryant said. "I can defend. I'm pretty smart with my defense."

Pretty good, too. Ask LeBron James.

Bryant blocked James' jumper, turning it into a dunk by Kevin Durant that helped the Western Conference put away the East 143-138 on Sunday.

Bryant may not leap like Blake Griffin, but he can still get up when he needs to, especially when the defenseless part of the All-Star game is over and it's time to stop somebody.

On Michael Jordan's 50th birthday, the players most often compared to him turned the final minutes into a 1-on-1 duel, and it went to Bryant — the guy Jordan said he'd pick between the two based

on his five championship rings. That's one less than MJ and four more than King James.

Chris Paul had 20 points, 15 assists and won MVP honors, and Durant scored 30 points. Griffin finished with 19, joining his Clippers teammate, Paul, in creating Lob City deep in the heart of Texas.

Bryant added a second late block of James, the MVP of the 2006 game here after leading a big East comeback. This time, he scored 19 points but shot only 7 of 18 after making 60 percent of his shots in six straight games before the break.

Carmelo Anthony led the East with 26 points and 12 rebounds.

The first dunk of the game came 16 seconds in, Paul throwing a pass to Griffin as part of the West's 7-0 start. The West led after each of the first three quarters, though was never ahead by more than eight points through three periods.

They finally pushed it into double figures early in the fourth fueled by former Oklahoma City teammates Russell Westbrook and James Harden, but couldn't put it away until a late run behind the guys from the city of Los Angeles — who along with Lakers center Dwight Howard gave Los Angeles all but one of the West's starting spots.

Paul hit two 3-pointers, Bryant made a layup, and his block of James led to Durant's dunk that made it 136-126. Griffin had one last forceful dunk to help close it out, throwing a pass to himself off the backboard and climbing high in his neon green sneakers to slam it home and make it 142-134.

Harden had 15 points in his home arena, where the sights of the game were on the floor and the sounds were at the rim — which shook repeatedly after thunderous dunks for most of the game before, as usual, players tried to make some stops down the stretch.

Gaining experience



Kevin Bottrell/Goodland Star-News
Freshman Brielle McKee got some playing time Tuesday during the Colby High varsity girls basketball game at Max Jones Fieldhouse in Goodland. The Lady Eagles crushed the Cowgirls, 45-15.

Bulldog boys step up defense in fourth quarter

By Judy Rogers

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The Golden Plains High School Bulldogs played the Hill City Ringnecks on the road, losing 65-43.

The Ringnecks pulled ahead in the first half Feb. 5, but the Bulldogs improved their defense throughout the game. However, the early lead allowed the Ringnecks to win.

"Hill City has a solid program," said junior Tristan Schwarz. "They have a good team."

The Bulldogs put in 10 points in the first quarter with a couple of threes from Schwarz and two baskets from Shane Ryburn.

Joseph Koerperich scored 6 points in the second along with a basket from Grant Spresser and another

three from Schwarz to trail the Ringnecks 35-21 at the half.

The third quarter continued much like the first half with the Ringnecks outscoring the Bulldogs 16-9 to extend their lead to 51-30.

"We were rushing the ball," added Schwarz. "Trying to hurry our offense led to turnovers."

Their defensive stance in the fourth led to many free throws, as Hill City shot 8 of 10 and Grant Spresser made all 4 of his free shots. The Bulldogs stayed with the Ringnecks, scoring 13 in the last quarter, but the Ringnecks added 14 for the win.

Tristan Schwarz finished the game with 12 points — all from threes. Shane Ryburn, Joseph Koerperich and Grant Spresser contributed 8 points apiece. Jose Bermudez made a three and Camron Spresser and Kade Wessel each added a bucket.

Junior varsity boys play good first half

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The Golden Plains junior varsity boys basketball team played a good first half against the Hill City Ringnecks, but fell down in the second half.

They put in 8 points in the first quarter Feb. 5 and 14 in the sec-

ond to hold a 22-21 lead at the half. When the boys came back from the break, they could not get a single basket to fall in the third while the Ringnecks added 19 to pull ahead 40-22. The fourth quarter reopened the hoops for the Bulldogs, but the Ringnecks were able to add 17 points, including 9 free throws, to win 57-33.

"We tried our best to catch up,

but they were a good team," said Braden Korte.

Kade Wessel led the Bulldogs' offense with 9 points. Korte added 6, Koi Wessel 5, Benny Martinez 5, Kain Priess 4 and Zach Spresser 4.

The junior varsity had a break Feb. 8 when the varsity played Healy, but faced Brewster-Tripplains on the road on Tuesday.



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