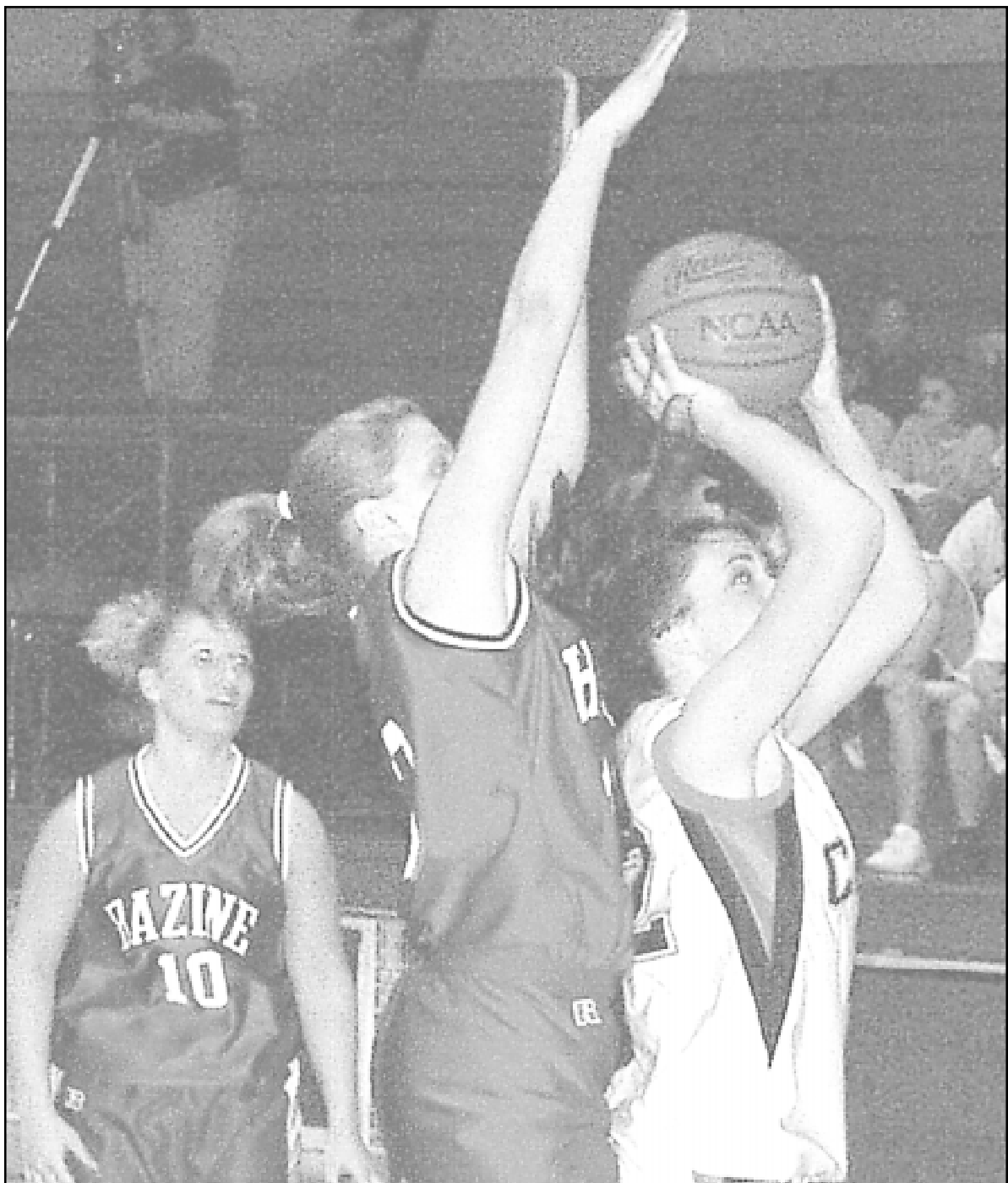


'Gotcha covered!'



PATTY DECKER/Colby Free Press
Colby's Andrea Stephens had her eyes on the basket, but an opposing player had her eyes on the ball and readied to block the shot in Sunday's 8th Annual Northwest Kansas All-Star Classic in Colby.

KU advances; Illinois is next test

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Illinois and Kansas hardly broke a sweat. Next comes the hard part.

The two teams with the best seedings coasted to big victories in the Midwest second round at the University of Dayton on Sunday, with No. 1 seed Illinois beating Charlotte 79-61 and fourth-seeded Kansas rolling over Syracuse 87-58.

They will meet each other in San Antonio, Texas this coming weekend, with the winner advancing to the Elite Eight of the 2001 NCAA Tournament.

"We were relaxed for the most part and tried to enjoy our two games as much as possible," said Illinois' Marcus Griffin.

The Illini and Jayhawks had reason to enjoy themselves. Where upsets and close games were the rule in the other three regionals, form easily held in Dayton. After Tuesday's play-in game came down to the final seconds, the six first- and second-round games were decided by an average of 22 points.

"This time of year, you never know what's going to happen, how the kids are going to feel," Kansas coach Roy Williams said. "So some of those things that people call upsets probably in the whole scheme of things aren't that big of upsets anyway. But it has held to form here."

Illinois (26-7) played its usual suf-

focusing defense, taking away what made Charlotte the champion of the Conference USA tournament.

The 49ers' Rodney White, the top-scoring freshman in the country, mustered just 4-of-13 shooting. The Illini also put the clamps on Charlotte's array of 3-point shooters, who made just 6-of-30 from behind the arc.

"We played great defensively early in the game," said coach Bill Self, in his first year with the Illini after taking Tulsa to a regional final last year. "They may have missed on some open shots, but most of them were rushed."

The Illini's Brian Cook scored 16 points, with three teammates adding double-figure scoring.

Demon Brown had 19 points to lead Charlotte (22-11).

Kansas (26-6) had lost in the second round the last three years, but went to its inside muscle to manhandle Syracuse.

"We're ecstatic with the way we played," Williams said. "We had that stretch in the last five minutes of the first half where we didn't play so well. Other than that, we played maybe our best basketball of the year. I challenged our guys at halftime to play their best 20 minutes of the year, and I think they did that."

Kansas had only seven scholarship players because of injuries, but they all

were in synch.

Drew Gooden had 17 points and a career-best 15 rebounds. Jeff Boschee added 16 points, Kenny Gregory 15, backup center Eric Chenoweth 12 points on 8-of-8 foul shooting and Kirk Hinrich had 10 points and six assists. Nick Collison matched his season best with 13 rebounds to go with nine points.

There was no secret to Kansas' domination. The Jayhawks man-handled the Orangemen on the boards 56-23 — the fewest rebounds this season for Syracuse, which came in averaging 36.1 a game.

It also was the fifth-biggest rebounding difference ever in an NCAA tournament game.

"We've struggled with size all year. There's no denying that," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "But you can't get out rebounded by 30."

The result was a relief for the Jayhawks, who have heard frequent grumbling about their March shortcomings.

Now San Antonio will have to double as a respite from classwork.

"Just to finally get past the second round to the Sweet 16 is something," said Gregory, a senior.

"It seems like every year in college I've gotten a spring break. This is the first year I won't."

Seventh grade girls finish perfect 13-0 season

The Colby Middle School seventh grade girls finished at 13-0 by winning the winter tournament in St. Francis on March 5. They downed Goodland 37-20 and Atwood 35-14 to win the tournament.

Colby 35, Atwood 14
Colby shut Atwood down, leading at the end of one period 16-2. They led at the half 24-3 and at end of three they were ahead 29-9.

Lacee Cooper was the high shooter with 13 points, five rebounds and four steals.

Jessica Stephens and Zanea Baird had eight points each. Jessica had four steals and Baird one.

Morgan Stephens had four points and three steals. Andrea Barker had three points and one rebound.

Shea McKee and Nikole Schroeder had two steals each. Jamie Fry, Allison Leavitt, Jacquie Fry, Elaine Lamm, Shannon Oard, Emily Dougherty, Amanda McInay, Christy Gerstner and Kayla Foltz also saw court time.

Colby 37, Goodland 20
Colby led 13-0 at the end of the first

period and 24-4 at the half. The third quarter found Colby up 35-12.

Jessica Stephens had 13 points, including a 3-pointer. Baird had nine points, two rebounds and two steals.

Cooper had six points, as teal and a rebound. McKee put up a 3-pointer and a free throw. Barker added three points and three rebounds.

Morgan Stephens had two points and Jacquie Fry and Leavitt had a steal each.

McInay, Schroeder, Oard, Lamm and Dougherty also saw court time.

College's Lou Chapman earns conference honors

Colby Community College sophomore Lou Chapman earned third-team All-Jayhawk West Conference honors for this season.

Chapman, from Milwaukee, Wis., led the Trojans to their best finish since joining the Jayhawk five years ago, a sixth place tie with Hutchinson at 6-10.

Chapman averaged 12.4 points per game, 4.5 assists per game and 2.7 rebounds per game. He converted on 40 percent of his three point attempts, 72-for-180 and hit 65-of-87 free throw attempts for 74.7 percent.

Chapman was Colby's third leading scorer, second leading assist man and led Colby in 3-point accuracy.

Colby finished the season 15-16 overall and 6-10 in Jayhawk West Conference action. Both win totals are all-time highs for Colby in conference play.

Here is a list of the All-Conference team.

Coach of the year — Dennis Helms, Butler County
MVP — Jamal Brown, Seward County

Freshman of the year — Anthony Allen, Butler County

First team

Ebi Ere, sophomore, Barton County
Kasib Powell, sophomore, Butler County

Chris Jackson, sophomore, Garden City

Jamal Brown, sophomore, Seward County

Thaydeus Holden, sophomore, Seward County

Second team

Eric Bush, sophomore, Barton County

Anthony Allen, sophomore, Butler County

James Peters, freshman, Butler County

Phil Calvert, sophomore, Cloud County

Michael Gardener, freshman, Garden City

Third team

Lou Chapman, sophomore, Colby

Tony Darden, sophomore, Dodge City

Pawel Storozyński, sophomore, Dodge City

Modibo Niakate, freshman, Hutchinson

Mory Correa, freshman, Pratt

Trojan, Eagle schedule

Today, March 19
Colby Community College baseball at Yavapai Community College in Prescott, Ariz.

Tuesday, March 20
Colby High School Winter Awards night at the high school auditorium at 7 p.m. Special recognition to the state championship wrestling team.

Colby Community College baseball at Central Community College in Coolidge, Ariz.

Wednesday, March 21
Colby Community College softball

at Seward County in Liberal at 2 p.m.

Thursday, March 22
Colby Community College baseball hosts Dodge City Community College at 1 p.m.

Friday, March 23
Colby High School junior varsity/varsity softball hosts Goodland at 4 p.m. at the rec ball diamonds

Saturday, March 24
Colby Community College baseball at Butler County in El Dorado at 1 p.m.

Outdoor track hosts the Colby Invitational.

Local briefs

The Colby Community College is sponsoring the First Annual Trojan Track 5K Road Race on Saturday, March 24 at 9 a.m.

Entrants will be given a T-shirt and the first place finishers in divisions will be awarded a gold relay baton.

Cost is \$10. Registrations will be accepted until the day of the race. For more information call James White,

Colby track coach at 462-3984, ext. 222 or 462-9659.

Kappa Upsilon sorority will be hosting a 3-on-3 basketball tournament in Colby on Saturday, April 7.

This is for boys and girls divisions in grades 3-8. For more information, please call Bonnie Dinkel at 462-7247 or 462-2751 or Pam Augustine at 462-2924.

Nuggets' Pack makes best of play time

DENVER (AP) — It was put-up or shut-up time for Robert Pack.

Angered by his recent lack of playing time, Pack saw a generous 32 minutes Sunday night and made the most

of it. The Denver Nuggets backup point guard dished out 10 assists in the second period, igniting a 23-0 run that helped carry the Nuggets to a 98-84 win over the New Jersey Nets.

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