

Basketball players move to the next level

Four Colby Community College Trojan men's basketball players will try to carry the improvements from last season over to four-year schools.

Colby finished with the most overall and conference wins since joining the Jayhawk West Conference, recording their first ever win over Hutchinson and defeating seventh-ranked Barton County 93-83.

Lou Chapman, a 6'0" point guard from Milwaukee, Wis., signed with the University of North Carolina-Wilmington.

Chapman finished the season averaging 12.4 points and 4.5 assists per game. He capped his career at Colby by being named Third Team All-Jayhawk West Conference.

Chapman was the team's leading 3-point shooter, converting 72-of-180 for a 40 percent clip. He had a career high in the final regular season game at Barton County, scoring 24 points which included hitting 7-of-12 three-point shots.

Carolina-Wilmington, a perennial Colonial Athletic Association power, has won the last two conference championships.

They qualified for the post-season National Invitational Tournament this year and made the NCAA field of 64 the last.

Larry House, a 6'4" forward, also from Milwaukee signed a with Creighton University. House led the Trojans in scoring at 17.7 points per game. He also collected 7.6 rebounds and dished out 2.7 assists per game.

House had 19 double-doubles and one triple-double, the first in school history, for the Trojans. House finished as the second career scorer in school history with 1,044 points.

Creighton, in the Missouri Valley Conference, has been in the last three NCAA tournaments. Coached by Dana Altman, the Bluejays bowed out to the University of Iowa in the first round

this year.

After playing for the Trojans for just one season, DaShawn Davis signed to play at Division II power Angelo (Texas) State University.

Davis had a very solid sophomore campaign for the Trojans. He had 21 points and eight rebounds in Colby's victory over Pratt. In the Trojans' first win over Barton County in 25 years, Davis had 15 points and nine rebounds.

Davis averaged 8.9 points and 4.3 rebounds per game this past season. He shot 37.4 percent from beyond the 3-point line and 78.7 percent from the foul line.

Angelo State also finished as the post-season Lone Star Champions by winning

the conference tournament and posting an 11-1 tournament. They received an automatic bid into the Division II South Central regional which was held at Washburn University in Topeka.

Jarman Sample, a 6'9" forward from Macon, Ga., signed with Oregon State University.

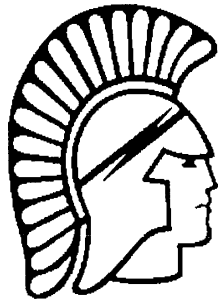
Sample averaged 11.1 points per game, fourth on the team, in his only season with the Trojans.

He also collected 245 rebounds for a 7.9 average, second on the team and shot 51.4 percent from the field, along with 66.9 percent from the foul-line.

Sample scored in double figures in 11 of 16 league games and hit for a career high 20 points at third ranked Seward County. He collected his career high in rebounds with 15 at Hutchinson.

Oregon State was 10-20 overall this season and had a 4-14 record in the Pac-10 Conference.

Brian Ostermann commented on the four, "I am very proud of all four of these guys. We will miss these young men and thank them for helping us establish a respected program here in Colby."



Action at the plate

Ryan Arensdorf went after an errant throw in a Colby High School home game against the Garden City Buffaloes on Monday at the recreation fields. The Eagles lost 14-4 and 11-1 and look to get back on the winning track when they host Larned Friday. Game time is 4 p.m. at the Colby Recreation Fields.

JAY KELLEY/Colby Free Press

Trojans 1-1 against Barton

GREAT BEND — Colby Community College baseball split with Barton County in two close games, a 3-2 win and a 6-5 loss in Great Bend Wednesday.

The Trojans' Andy Wernke pitched a complete game, striking out five, walking six and scattering five hits. Wernke is 4-1 in Jayhawk Conference play.

Sophomore Jordan Rudel drove in all three of the Trojan runs. Rudel and Brady Nighswonger had doubles. Nighswonger and freshman Cullen Gilbreath had two hits each.

In game two, the Trojans battled back from a three-run deficit, only to lose in the bottom of the eighth.

A solo shot by Justin Miller in the fifth started the Trojan comeback. James Allen (4-4) took the loss as the Trojans used four pitchers in the extra inning game.

Nighswonger had three hits, including a double. Justin Lane, Miller and Gilbreath had two hits each.

It was the third extra inning game in as many double headers for the Trojans and the second extra inning loss in a week.



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Eagle golfers take fourth

ATWOOD — The Colby High School Eagles finished fourth at the Atwood Invitational Golf Tournament on Saturday. Atwood led the pack with 344 team score, followed by Goodland, 345, Hoxie, 346 and Colby 348.

Joey Dinkel's 82 was good enough for third individual. Deni Wieland was fifth with an 84. Justin Schwanke had a 90. Chris Veeh had a 92. Curt Beringer had a 99

and Derek White had a 101.

The Eagles are at home Thursday, hosting a tournament at the Country Club. A shotgun start is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Jayvee at Scott City, Thursday

Colin Bielser led the Eagles with a 47 in the nine-hole course. Terry Cox had a 49. Nick Schroeder had a 50. Josh Cox had a 55. Morgan Waterman had a 58.



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Area Briefs

• The Colby Junior Golf sign-up is in progress. Contact Miles Ladenburger at 462-7687 for more information. The first tournament is scheduled for June 4.

• Mid-America Youth basketball Summer Kick-off Tournament is scheduled for June 8-10 in Newton, A, B and C brackets will be available for boys and girls teams in grades 4-12. Deadline is May 4. Call 316-284-0354 or www.mayb.com for more information.

• Mid-America Youth Basketball is holding a tournament in Garden City on June 1-3 for boys and girls grades 4-12. Deadline is May 11. Call 316-284-0354

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Wednesday, May 2
Colby Community College baseball hosts Hutchinson at Trojan Field at 1 p.m.

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