

Trojans to scrimmage here on Friday night

The Trojans are improving, but right now we still have a long ways to go! We scrimmaged in Garden City last Friday against McCook, Neb. (who we play twice this season) and Frank Phillips, Tex.

Our other scrimmages this fall will be here against Lamar on Friday at the Community Building and in Hastings, Neb. on Saturday. We are less than two weeks from starting the season! Scrimmages are open to the public and are free.

We were able to see the positive things. We defeated a solid Frank Phillips ball club by more than 20 points. Our defense showed flashes of tremendous quickness and toughness. We were able to create numerous turnovers that led to easy baskets.

Our second scrimmage of the day we faced McCook. In the first half both teams played man-to-man and in the second half both teams played a zone.

We tied the first half and won the second by three points. Certainly, we should have two very tough ball games with McCook (Nov. 7 there and Dec. 5 in Colby.)

We will all have a chance to "scout" McCook in our Western Sprinklers Tip-Off Classic Nov. 2-3. We realize there are many things we really need to improve before we open up the season with the classic.

We must continue to improve on the boards. We again gave up too many second opportunities against Phillips. We did do a much better overall job getting back defensively. Offensively, we were able to convert several fast break chances. There were several individuals that played solid.

I thought Billy Williams and Eric Fowlkes did a very good job playing pressure defense. Eric also showed flashes of being a premier scorer for us. Our point guard position is very much up in the air. Korey Brown did a solid job (his best performance to date) and Mike Wolters and Joe Williams both showed signs that they could run the ball club.

We did play without the services of Keyon Williams (the projected starter) which has allowed other guys the chance to step up and show what they can do. Both Brent Brooks and Stuart Keltner knocked down some 3-point shots. At times each of the guys showed some quality signs.

Our inside game was much improved from the previous week. I thought Dedric Spooner (6'8", 230 pounds) showed some very impressive inside scoring moves. Pierre Tucker (6'6", 225) did a very solid job on the boards. We did play without Donte Hammond (6'7" 195).

We continue to believe the big key will be which guys can emerge on a high and consistent level. We are less than two weeks away from opening the season and I still don't know who will be starting (maybe 2-3 guys) or who will be in the top nine.

The Jayhawk season doesn't begin



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until January but everyone is buzzing about how talented Barton County is again this year. We held the annual coaches' press conference in Wichita on Monday and the main theme for the majority of the coaches was team chemistry and staying healthy.

I agree that every season depends about how healthy your players are (mentally and physically) and how well they bond (team chemistry) with each other. This season for the Trojans is no different. We must develop pride for each other. We must be able to count on one another. It's important that we are for one another not against. Yes, we must compete against each other every day for playing time but when it's game time we are all one! Together!

The Colby Community College Trojan ship is soon to set sail and each of the players have been told that if they want on the ship it's their job to pull together and keep the ship headed in the right direction! We all know to well the rough waters ahead in a 30 game season! It will be very interesting to watch this young group over the next several months. I think you will be impressed.

See ya at the games!

Jottings

• Coaches' pre-season picks for the Jayhawk West: Barton, Butler, Seward, Garden, Hutch, Dodge, Colby, Pratt, and Cloud. On the women's side Seward was picked first and our lady Trojans were picked sixth.

• The National Junior College Athletic Association Division One Men's Basketball preseason poll was released. Barton County is ranked sixth and Seward County is ranked 27th. Also from the Jayhawk West, Butler County received votes.

• The opening of our season is just around the corner. Nov. 2-3 we host the Western Sprinklers Tip-off Classic.

• We are going to have a special promotion for our first weekend. We are bringing back \$1 Night! It will be with a hitch. We are going to call it \$1 + ONE! That's right, just \$2 to get into the games. Two games for \$2. Games for Friday and Saturday are 6 and 8 p.m.

• Also, we will send 50 percent of the ticket sales to our local Red Cross. The men's basketball team and our athletic department, along with you, our fans, are going to help out a little for a good cause. The tragic events that are ongoing within our country are only making us a stronger America!

• My wife and I attended the annual Sacred Heart church auction on Saturday evening. It was a great event for a great purpose. It appeared that every one had an enjoyable evening and the

church raised money that is very important for the survival of the church and school.

• Keyon Williams injured his right shoulder in Denver and returned to practice on Monday. We hope he is 100 percent by Nov. 2. Neither Keyon Williams nor Donte Hammond played or practiced last week. Both are expected to resume practice this week.

• The Ambassador Classic will be November 16-17 for the men and November 15-17 for the women. Once again our sponsor will be Thomas County Insurance. The Colby Ambassadors have been and will be out in force the next two weeks.

• Rich Epp has his sports talk radio show. Be sure to check it out. It airs Mondays from 4-5 p.m. on KQLS 100.3 FM.

Stopped cold



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Kendra Brack, left, and Susan Williams helped the Colby Community College Lady Trojan volleyball team stop McCook Community College cold on Monday in McCook. The Lady Trojans won in two games 30-25, 31-29.

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Seventh grade football ends season with victory

OBERLIN — The Colby Middle School seventh grade football team finished its season Thursday with a thrilling 14-8 victory over the Oberlin Red Devils in Oberlin.

The young Eagles found themselves trailing 8-0 early in the first quarter but battled back on Sam Munderloh's 1-yard quarterback sneak in the second quarter.

Tailback Josh Dack scored on the two-point conversion to tie the score at half-time 8-8. Neither team scored in the third or most of the fourth quarter. With 11 seconds left in the fourth quarter, Munderloh passed 11 yards to tight end J.D. Donn for the winning touchdown.

Coach John Miles said, "The finish of this game was fantastic, they really kept their composure during the final drive. Sam really threw the ball well today and Josh completed two nice passes to Trenton Powell on tailback passes during the game. Weston

Talsma and Reagan Coulter also caught passes early in the game. It was our best overall offensive game of the season. All of our receivers did a great job of catching the ball. This was our first game that we threw quite a bit."

The defense was led by two fumble recoveries by Joseph Heier and one by Munderloh.

Other defensive players with good games were Cody Mead, R. J. Ladenburger, Michael Juenemann, Scott Blanton, Eric Jurek and Garrett Carpenter.

Coach Miles and assistant coach Clayton Hill mentioned Sam Munderloh, Josh Dack, Trenton Powell and Joseph Heier as the hardest workers. R. J. Ladenburger, Reagan Coulter, Trey Barnett and J.D. Donn were the most improved for the 2001 season. Miles also wanted to thank Hill for his help the past two years and the parents for their support during the year.



Area Schedule

Thursday, Oct. 25
Colby High School varsity football hosts Ulysses at 7 p.m. Senior recognition at 6:45 p.m.
Brewster High School varsity football hosts Cheylin at 7:30 p.m.
Golden Plains High School varsity football at Weskan at 3:30 p.m.

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