

# Trojans now 3-0

McCOOK, Neb. — The Colby Community College Trojan basketball team went to McCook, Neb. and beat them in their home opener 83-79 in overtime on Wednesday.

Playing without starters Pierre Tucker, Donte Hammond and Dedric Spooner, the game was nip and tuck throughout.

With the game tied at 73 and only 35 ticks on the clock, Keyon Williams hit a jumper from the foul line, but was called for his fifth foul and the basket was waved off.

In overtime, Eric Fowlkes hit a three with 36 seconds left to break the 79-79 tie and give the Trojans a 3-point lead.

Brent Brooks sank 1-for-2 free throws with two seconds left to seal the victory.

Colby is now 3-0 while McCook drops to 2-1.

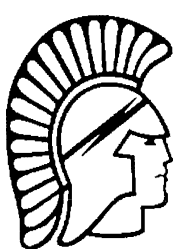
Keyon Williams had 24 points and five assists. Fowlkes and Billy Williams had double-doubles.

Fowlkes had 17 points and 11 rebounds, along with seven assists, three blocks and two steals.

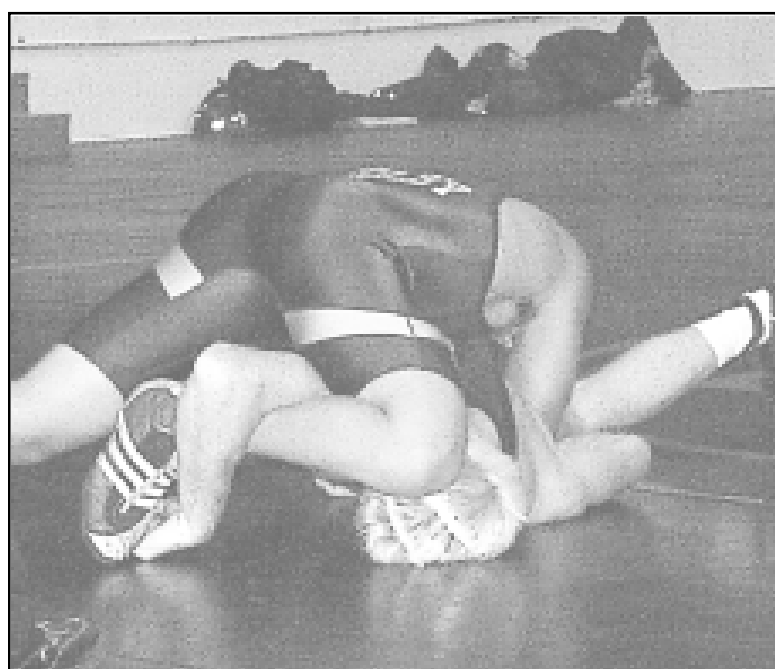
Billy Williams had 12 points and 12 rebounds. Brent Brooks had 14 points.

Jason VenJohn had eight points, Stuart Keltner had five and Mike Wolters three.

Colby will be in North Platte, Neb. on Tuesday night and return home for the Ambassador Classic on Friday at the Colby Community Building. Tournament games will start at 4 p.m. and the Trojans play at 8.



## In a tough spot



JAY KELLEY/Colby Free Press

Colby Community College wrestler's Dylan Campbell and Hentry Martinez vied for a varsity spot at 157 pounds Thursday. Martinez, from Santa Fe, N.M. beat Campbell, an Oakley native, 7-2.

## Area teams eliminated

The last two northwest Kansas teams in the state high school football playoffs were eliminated this weekend. Class 4A district champion Scott City fell to Wellington 32-14 at home Friday night and St. Francis, the 2-1A district champ, fell 42-6 to Claflin, who beat them last year in the state championship game.

The winners of this weekend's games will play for the state championship on Saturday.

Here are the results of all games Friday night:

**Class 6A**  
Manhattan 28, Wichita West 0  
Olathe North 41, Shawnee Mission

East 0  
**Class 5A**  
Pittsburg 17, St. Thomas Aquinas 3  
Salina Central 70, Andover High 25  
**Class 4A**  
Wellington 32, Scott City 14  
**Class 3A**  
Neodesha 18, Immaculata 8  
Conway Springs 42, Smith Center 26

**Class 2-1A**  
Pittsburg Colgan 27, Centralia 7  
**Eight-man I**  
Little River 58, Pretty Prairie 12  
Jetmore 62, South Barber 16  
**Eight-man II**  
Hanston 48, Sylvan 0  
Here are the results of all games Saturday night:  
**Class 4A**  
Fort Scott 27, Sabetha 7  
**Class 2-1A**  
Claflin 42, St. Francis 6  
**Eight-man II**  
Bern 42, Haviland 32

## Area Briefs

**Youth basketball league**  
The Colby Recreation Department will be sponsoring a youth basketball league playing on Saturdays. Cost is \$30, including jersey. For more information, call 462-4440.

## Local Schedule

**Tuesday, Nov. 13**  
Colby Middle School 7/8th grade basketball at Goodland at 4:30 p.m.  
Colby Community College men's basketball vs. Mid-Plains in North Platte, Neb. at 8 p.m.

# League picks football all-stars

OAKLEY — Brewster, Golden Plains and Triplains High Schools were well-represented in the Western Kansas Liberty League All-Star football team after league coaches met in Oakley on Wednesday.

J.R. Baird and Jacob Falcon from Brewster were selected to the first team.

Baird, a senior was a leader on defense and junior Falcon was a standout at quarterback.

Golden Plains supplied Lee Albers a junior running back and senior linebacker Austin Spresser to the first team.

Triplains selections included Jordan Barrett, a freshman quarterback and safety and Blake Bretz a junior lineman on the first team and junior end Preston Mackley received honorable mention.

Here are the rest of the selections with their grade and school:

First team — Nate Moyer, senior, Cheylin; Jace Rambat, senior, Cheylin; Trent Peter, senior, Greeley County; Aaron Myers, senior, Greeley County; Andrew Govert, senior, Greeley County; Jerrod Long, senior, Greeley County; Heath Brown, junior, Greeley County; Josh Gooch, junior, Greeley County; Shayne Riley, senior, Greeley

County, Kevin Lager, senior, Grinnell/Wheatland; Josh Beckman, senior, Grinnell/Wheatland; Devan Weiser, senior, Grinnell/Wheatland; Cody Wolf, Grinnell/Wheatland; Bryce Doll, senior, Healy; Wes DuBois, senior, Jennings; Jordan Barrett, freshman, Triplains; Blake Bretz, senior, Triplains; Andrew Heyl, senior, Wallace County; John Welsh, senior, Weskan; Clayton Cox, junior, Weskan.

Honorable mention — Kellen Davis, junior, Wallace County; Laran Steele, sophomore, Weskan; Matt Wilson, junior, Cheylin; Ryan Miller, junior, Jennings.

# Volleyball standouts selected

OAKLEY — Golden Plains, Triplains and Brewster volleyball players were honored by selections to the All-League team at a meeting of Western Kansas Liberty League coaches in Oakley on Wednesday.

Golden Plains' senior Erin Rogers was on the first team.

Erin Barrett and Kalin Lewallen, juniors at Triplains, and junior Alicia Collett from Brewster were on the second team.

Juniors Michele Goscha, Golden Plains and Sara Luckert, Brewster

were on the third team and Golden Plains senior Ashley Stevenson received honorable mention.

Here are the rest of the team, with class and school:

First team — Alicia Ostmeyer, sophomore, Grinnell; Andrea Siebert, senior, Wallace County, Brianna Stephens, junior, Grinnell; Alisha Welsh, junior, Weskan; Brynn Williams, senior, Wallace County.

Second team — Kayla Beckman, sophomore, Grinnell; Erin Bixenman, sophomore, Grinnell; Amy Streit, jun-

ior, Wallace County.

Third team — Jenri Dixon, junior, Greeley County; Whitney DuBois, sophomore, Jennings; Sara Hubbard, senior, Cheylin; Ashley Norby, senior, Healy.

Honorable mention — Erica Cox, senior, Weskan; Sarah Meitl, senior, Jennings; Sara Moore, sophomore, Cheylin; Sarah Stephens, senior, Grinnell; Lisa Wagoner, senior, Wallace County; Jordan Young, Greeley County.

# Three teams hoping to stay in hunt

By DOUG ALDEN  
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The Big 12 had seven teams playing in bowl games last year.

Matching that total is likely and exceeding it is a possibility, but nothing is guaranteed for the league's three bubble teams.

While Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Colorado already have the requisite number of wins, Iowa State, Missouri and Kansas State are making last-second campaigns for the postseason.

Iowa State (5-4 overall, 3-4 Big 12), Missouri (4-5, 3-4) and Kansas State (4-5, 2-5) are still in bowl contention with two games left to play.

But the Tigers and Wildcats still have to face each other, and a loss for either will keep them from the six-win plateau.

"Our backs are against the wall for the fifth time this year. It is critical that we win the remaining two games so we can make it to a bowl game," K-State defensive back Jon McGraw said.

Missouri is coming off a 3-8 season and wrapping up its first year under coach Gary Pinkel. One of Missouri's wins was against Div. I-AA Southwest Texas, so the Tigers need to win both of their remaining games to qualify for their first bowl since 1998.

"We've just got to go out there and

get it done," linebacker Jamonte Robinson said. "Preparation is going to be the key."

The Cyclones, who snapped a 22-year bowl drought a year ago, are in better shape. Iowa State still has Kansas (2-7, 1-6) and Iowa (5-4), which has bowl hopes of its own.

Iowa State is reeling after three consecutive losses, including a 40-27 disappointment to Colorado on Saturday in Ames.

Stumbling again at Kansas could spell trouble, but representatives from the Independence Bowl have enough faith in the Cyclones that they watched Saturday night's game.

"I was proud they were here," Iowa State coach Dan McCarney said. "I know there's going to be some Lawrence, I know there's going to be some back here for the Iowa game. They're not giving up on us just because we lost today."

The other side of the Big 12 is a little more clear as far as who is going to bowls. It's just a matter of where.

Nebraska (11-0, 7-0) is the top-rated team in the Bowl Championship Series ratings and would clinch a berth in the Rose Bowl, which will decide the national champion, by winning at Colorado (8-2, 6-1) and getting a victory in the Big 12 title game Dec. 1.

Both are far from a given.

"If you get into the Big 12, no matter who you play will be tough," Nebraska coach Frank Solich said. "When you go to a bowl game, you're going to find a good opponent. We're going to have challenges ahead."

The Buffaloes are out of contention for the Rose Bowl, but winning the Big 12 title would get them the league's guaranteed Bowl Championship Series bid.

"I'm real proud of where this team is," Colorado coach Gary Barnett said. "We finally are in position for a big game and it will be a big game. We've been shooting for it for 50 weeks."

Defending-national champion Oklahoma (9-1, 5-1 Big 12) also has a good shot at the Rose Bowl. With wins over Texas Tech (6-3, 4-3) next weekend and Oklahoma State (2-7, 0-6) on Nov. 24, the Sooners would clinch the Big 12 South.

Meanwhile there's Texas (9-1, 6-1), which has been hovering just behind Oklahoma since losing to the Sooners on Oct. 6.

The Longhorns shut out Kansas 59-0 Saturday and have only Texas A&M (7-3) remaining on Nov. 23.

Texas was No. 5 in the BCS standings last week and could also be in the Rose Bowl with a league title, but that seems unlikely unless Tech or Oklahoma State shock the Sooners.

# Butler County wins battle of juco football powers

GARDEN CITY (AP) — Cedric Stevens hit James Terry with a 13-yard touchdown pass with 3:57 left to play as Butler County beat defending champion Garden City 15-14 in the championship game of the Jayhawk Community College Conference playoffs Sunday.

Butler County moved its season record to 10-1, while Garden City fell

to 8-2. Garden City took a 14-0 lead on touchdown runs of 55 yards by Anthony Sullivan with 12:23 left in the first half and 25 yards by Tyler Thompson early in the third period.

Butler gained its first points as well as some momentum with a safety with 57 seconds left in the third quarter, and never looked back.

# Chiefs fall to New York

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — A strong defense and dependable running game are the keys to late-season success in the NFL. The New York Jets showed both Sunday in routing the Kansas City Chiefs 27-7.

Curtis Martin, the NFL's top rusher, ran for 113 yards and three touchdowns. He also moved into 16th place on the career rushing list with 8,671 yards, passing Hall of Famer Jim Taylor.

The Jets (6-3) also had three interceptions and a fumble recovery in winning their third straight. They showed all the elements a team needs on a blustery, chilly day in manhandling the Chiefs (2-7).

For Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil, it was a disappointing reunion with one of his proteges.

It was Vermeil who signed undrafted cornerback Herman Edwards in 1977 for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Edwards, now the Jets coach, said

he "owes everything I have achieved in football" to Vermeil, but he and his team hardly were charitable Sunday.

After a slow start, the Jets turned to their old reliables to grab a 14-0 halftime lead.

Vinny Testaverde, Wayne Chrebet and Martin keyed both scoring drives, with safety Victor Green's 13-yard interception return setting up the second score.

Chrebet caught two 14-yard passes and a 19-yarder on a 96-yard drive that was New York's longest this season. Martin gained 30 yards on the march, including a 1-yard dive for the score.

Martin got his ninth touchdown of the season on a 25-yard jaunt with 24 seconds left in the half. On fourth-and-1, the Jets opted not to go for a field goal into a heavy, gusting wind.

With both teams packed in tightly, Martin broke left, put a sensational move on safety Greg Wesley and scooted into the end zone.

# Broncos overcome Chargers

DENVER (AP) — Eyeing a wounded San Diego defense, Brian Griese showed no mercy.

Griese threw two touchdown passes just 39 seconds apart late in the first half, and the Denver Broncos overcame moments of generosity in the second half to beat the Chargers 26-16 on Sunday.

Denver (5-4), moving into a second-place tie with San Diego (5-4) in the AFC West, capitalized on a sprained left knee sustained by San Diego's leading tackler, safety Rodney Harrison, and injuries to linebacker Orlando Ruff (stinger) and cornerback Alex Molden (left ankle).

The Broncos built a 26-3 lead midway through the third quarter. San Diego rallied with a long touchdown pass

and a fumble recovery for a touchdown, but Doug Flutie subsequently threw three interceptions.

Jason Elam kicked four field goals for the Broncos, who took a 20-0 halftime lead on Griese's two TD throws — in the final 1:07 of the first half.

Both passes were to tight ends as Denver was short-handed at wide receiver when Eddie Kennison was declared inactive for the game after reportedly telling coach Mike Shanahan he was retiring. Receiver Scottie Montgomery was sidelined with a twisted left knee in the first half.

The Broncos marched 62 yards on their first possession for Elam's 25-yard field goal.



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