

Mid-Plains to be Trojan final exam



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●Power Sports

The basketball Trojans have their first final exam of the semester on Wednesday. We host Mid-Plains (North Platte, Neb.) at the Colby Community Building. Tip-off is set for 8 p.m. This is our last ball game prior to the break. The players will then focus on their academic final exams that begin Tuesday, Dec. 18.

Our record stands at 9-3 and all things considered (only three games played with entire roster) everyone should be pleased, including myself. This final test will make a huge difference in how I grade our team at the end of the semester.

A year ago we got off to a slow start (1-3) and finished 9-5 at the break including a 6 game winning streak. This season we started with a 6-game win streak and have since encountered a few bumps in the road, most notably the loss of point guard (ankle) Keyon Williams (26.8 points-per-game).

We have had some very impressive wins. Road wins over McCook, Mid-Plains, and Casper. Our three losses have come to the hands of winning teams: Ricks, Idaho (7-2), Johnson County (9-2) and McCook (9-5). Only against Johnson County did we not have a chance to win in the last minute.

I will await the outcome of our game tomorrow night with Mid-Plains before grading this team. But, I will say 10 wins would be a lot better grade than 9 wins. We have been a very typical young team (only one sophomore in our top 10) playing very well at times and then playing very suspect at times. In order for us to have a strong conference season we must become more consistent. Obviously, playing without certain guys in the line-up from one game to the next makes it even more difficult to establish consistency. Player roles have been constantly changing due to injuries and the positive thing is that other players have been given the opportunity to step up. Those experiences should help us in the league.

Jottings
• My staff and I have had the chance to see several high school basketball games in the past two weeks. Some of the top players we have seen in northwest Kansas include: seniors Andrew Bohme 6'5", Atwood; Mike Shannon 6'6", Atwood; Rusty Grafel 6'1", Oberlin; Devan Weiser 6'1", Grinnell; K.J. Wilkens 6'1", Dighton; Tyler Kippes 6'5", Thomas More Prep; Trent Peter 6'2", Tribune; juniors; Kevin Schoendaler 6'2" (Grinnell), Casey Shaw 6'0" (Golden Plains), Ryan Ruff 6'2", Oberlin; Jordan Harris 6', Colby, Landon Stover 5'11", Colby; Chris Lamb 5'9", Atwood. This is a short list. We will see several more teams play in the next few months.

Perhaps the two best collegiate basketball prospects in northwest Kansas are sophomores. Egan Grafel, 6'4", Oberlin, is already an impact player at the 2A/3A level. He has great size, very good hands, and is very skilled. I was told he grew about four inches since last season and I would say looking at his feet and hands he could grow another four.

The second is Colby's Shane Stover 5'11". Shane is a very good athlete and has a good feel for the game. He made a major contribution in Colby's win at Russell. As the season goes along look for Shane to perhaps become Colby's go-to guy.

• Speaking of the young Colby Eagles. They are a very young team and may go through some periods of inconsistency (much like my young team). This Eagle team will be scrappy and will improve. If Harris and the Stover boys can take their games up a notch this will be a tough team come playoff time. Good Luck Eagles!

• Back to northwest Kansas hoops. It continues to be our goal to recruit and sign the best players in the area. We plan on signing at least 2 in-state kids from the area. Our in-state freshman class is strong on guards so our primary focus is on kids 6'4" and up.

• Our game vs. Kansas Wesleyan jayvee on Dec. 8 is postponed until Saturday, Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Colby Community Building.

• This is the sixth season in Colby Community College basketball history as a member of the Jayhawk Conference. We call it the "new era" of Trojan basketball. The record for non-conference wins for a season in the new era is 10. We are 9-3 with 2 games to play.

• The second season (Jayhawk Conference play) begins at home Jan. 9 vs. Pratt. It will be \$1 night so don't miss out!

• Julie and I are taking advice on raising twins. It's been one week since we found out and both of us are still in a little shock. We are excited but realize it will be a great challenge raising two babies at the same time. We continue to hope and pray that everything will go well for Julie and the babies. We decided that it would be best for her to discontinue her day care. She loves all the kids (she wanted eight of her own, but will settle for four) and enjoyed the day care but she needs her rest and strength (my orders as well as Doc's). Due date is just 12 weeks away or less as I have been told twins rarely go to term.

• The Lady Trojans have a 6-8 record and their non-conference schedule is complete.

• It's getting close to the holidays and I want to thank Gambino's, Taco John's, Subway, and Thomas County Feeders for donating food to feed the guys! We appreciate their support and want everyone to know how important these people are to our program.

• Our final home game before Christmas break is Wednesday vs. Mid-Plains. I know this group has a passion for playing the game and it's fun to watch. Everyone is invited!

• Jayhawk Western Division men's basketball standings as of Dec. 10: 1. #2 Barton County, 11-0; 2. Seward County, 12-2; 3. Garden City, 12-2; 4. Hutchinson, 8-2; 5. Colby, 9-3; 6. Butler County, 9-3; 7. Dodge City 9-5; 8. Pratt, 7-5; 9. Cloud County, 6-5.

Broncos quarterback situation up in the air

DENVER (AP) — Brian Griese remained woozy on Monday after suffering a concussion against Seattle, and his availability for next Sunday's game at Kansas City is uncertain.

The Denver quarterback was hit by Seattle linebacker Levon Kirkland at the end of a 9-yard scramble early in the third quarter. He had to be helped to the sideline and didn't return.

Although Griese was confident in the locker room after the 20-7 win that he would be recovered the Kansas City game, coach Mike Shanahan and the Broncos' medical staff were taking a more cautious approach.

Griese was examined on Monday by a specialist, who put the quarterback through some tests.

"The specialist said Brian is not fully recovered, that he's lethargic," Shanahan said. "He will evaluate Brian

on a day-to-day basis and let us know what improvement there is."

At 7-6, the Broncos' playoff chances are shaky, but Shanahan insisted there would be no attempt to push Griese.

"If the doctors don't feel good about it, then obviously he won't play," Shanahan said. "We'll think about what's best for Brian first and then what's best for the Denver Broncos."

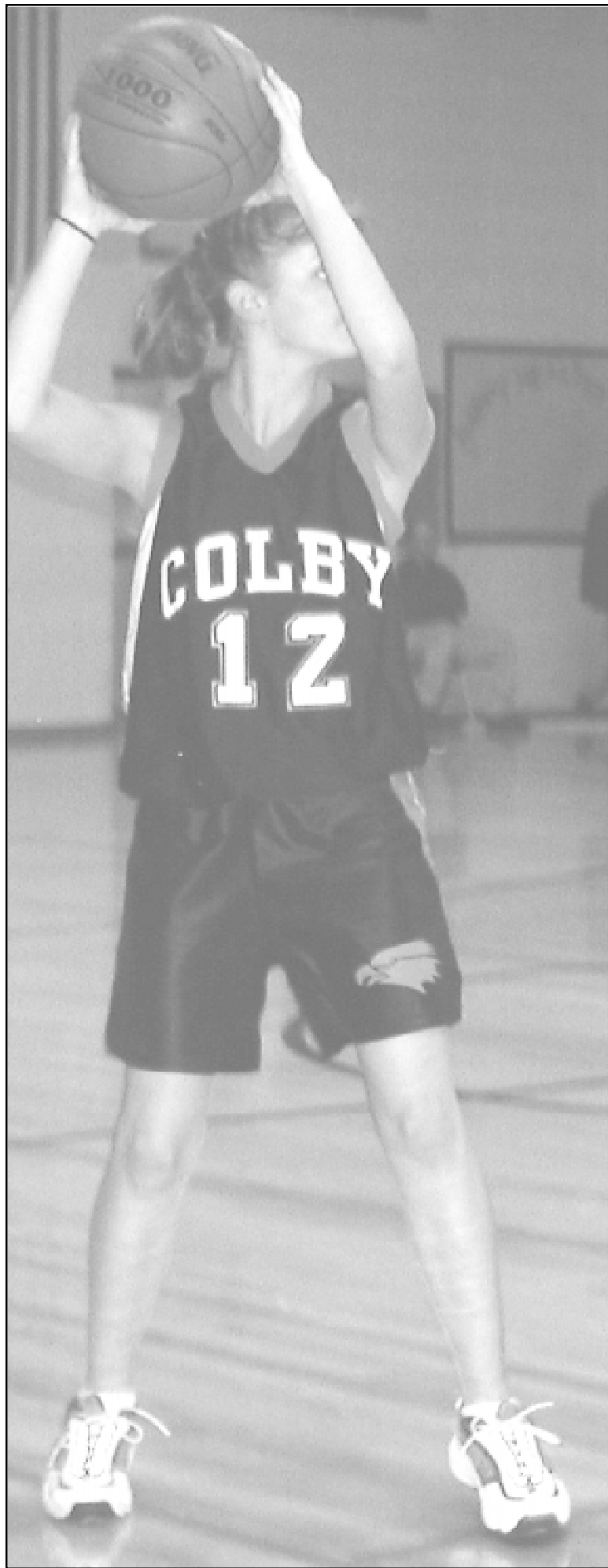
Griese was hurt when he dived in an attempt to make a first down and was hit by Kirkland.

Shanahan felt the concussion was a result of a combination of Griese's head hitting the turf and also being hit by Kirkland.

"When he walked off the field, you could see he was dazed and in a little different world," Shanahan said.

Asked if Griese should have been sliding on the play to avoid contact, Shanahan said, "A competitor does what he needs to do to get a first down."

Looking for an opening



RANDY DECKER/Colby Free Press

Regina Heier looked for an opening in a Colby High School C-team girls game against WaKeeney in Hoxie Monday night. The girls are in Norton tonight and will host Oakley on Friday night. C-team action starts at 4 and 4:30 p.m., respectively.

Briefs

Newton basketball tournament

The Mid-America Youth Basketball Winter Kickoff will be in Newton on Dec. 15-16 for boys and girls 3-8th grades. There is a 3-game guarantee and A and B divisions in all age groups. Call 316-284-0354 or e-mail busy@southwind.net.

Christmas tournaments

Mid-America Youth Basketball is sponsoring tournaments for girls and boys grades 3-8 in Topeka, El Dorado and Shawnee on Dec. 22-23. Call 316-

284-0354 or e-mail busy@southwind.net.

Lawrence basketball tournament

The Mid-America Youth Basketball Winter Tournament will be in Lawrence, Dec. 27-30 for grades 3-8 with a four game minimum. Call 316-284-0354 or e-mail busy@southwind.net for more information.

Local Schedule

Wednesday, December 12

Colby Community College men's and women's basketball hosts Mid-Plains (North Platte, Neb.) at the Community Building. Women play at 6 p.m. and men at 8.

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Eagles lose to Hays

By JAY KELLEY

Colby Free Press

The Colby High School Eagle boys' basketball team fell 50-45 on the road against the Hays High Indians Friday night.

The Eagles were able to shut the third-ranked Indians' offense down in the first half, trailing 9-8 at the end of a quarter and leading 25-23 at the half.

The third quarter was the clincher, with Hays outscoring Colby 15-8. The Eagles fought their way back in the fourth, but couldn't close the gap enough.

Jordan Harris led the Eagles in scoring with 19 points, and rebounds with seven. He also had two steals and two assists.

Landon Stover had 16 points and led with four steals. He also had three rebounds and two assists.

Carson McKee had four points a board two steals and a team-leading three assists.

Shane Stover, Tucker Stover and Clayton Kaiser had two points each. Shane had a rebound, a steal and an assist. Tucker had two assists. Kaiser had

three boards and two steals.

Ryan Arensdorf had three rebounds, a steal and an assist.

The Eagles are in Norton tonight and will host Oakley Friday night. Varsity action both nights starts at 6:30 p.m.

Hays 42, C-team 41

The C-team boys shot 60 percent from the free-throw line and 43 percent from the field in what coach Jack Elliott described as a "very physical game."

Christopher Finley scored 14 points and hauled down nine rebounds to lead the team. He also had one assist.

Jarod Dinkel had 12 points and two boards. Deke Elliott had four points, four rebounds and a team-leading three assists.

Omar Fercha had four points and three rebounds. Matt Augustine had three points and two rebounds in his first game since recovering from a stress fracture in his foot.

Sean Mengel had two points, a board and an assist.

Joey Melnyk had two points. Jordan Rohr had four boards and an assist and Nick Rohr also saw action.

The boys are in action again tonight in Norton at 4:00 p.m.



Thomas County athletes are All-Stars

Several Thomas County students have made the all-area squad in the *Salina Journal* and the all state team chosen by the *Topeka Capital-Journal*.

Lee Albers, a 220-pound junior running back from Golden Plains High School was named to Salina's All-Area Third 11.

Colby's Brent Deibert, a 210-pound linebacker, was named to the All-Area Class 4-5A first team. Jordan Harris, a standout at defensive back, was named honorable mention.

In addition to Albers, Brewster's J.R. Baird was named to the Eight-Man II team as an offensive lineman. Baird is a 6'1" 200-pound senior.

Seemann and Harris were also named to honorable mention in the

Topeka poll.

Harris was named as an end and Seeman as a linebacker.

In addition to Albers and Baird, who made the Topeka list for his work as a linebacker, Brandon Offutt and Austin Spresser, both of Golden Plains were named honorable mention. Offutt for his work on the line and Spresser as a linebacker.

Golden Plains head coach Travis Smith is also the *Hays Daily News'* coach of the year.

Call in your sports news to the *Colby Free Press* at 462-3963 or e-mail colbysports@nwkansan.com. Jay Kelley is sports coordina-

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Shoe cobbler equip (1 set wooden shoes)
Variety of metal hand bells (Large & small)
Block ice tongs 2 gal. Blue tea kettle
Coal bucket, fork & shovel Old orange crates
Cream cans Cream separator bowls
Old wooden hand com planter
Hand crank com sheller Telephone insulators
Old Dentist Chair Small Oak Secretary Desk
Oak chairs Old typewriters & office machines
Wash boards - 2 metal - 1 glass
2 sq. Tub Maytag wringer washers
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1 kitchen cabinet (top) Old Silvertone tube radio
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Upright Piano by Lagonda Co. (Excellent)
2 brown jug crocks (2 & 3 gal.) Crock butter churn
2 Daisy butter churns Red Wing Crocks (4 & 2 gal.)
Crock (2 gal.) Porcelain bed pan (old)
Qt & pt glass milk bottles - 1 Black & White Dairy Colby
Several old iron bed sets Wicker love seat
Barbecue type chair Karosene lanterns
5 Karosene glass bottles for old stove Sad irons
Boiler pots - Cast iron - 10, 20, 30 gal.
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Serving dishes, platters, trays - Sets of glass stemware
Much Tupperware Cooking & Baking Utensils
Variety Ice Cube Trays, Storage Containers & dishes
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FURNITURE
Sm. Wooden table w/4 chairs Gateleg wooden table
Oval fruitwood dining table w/3 chairs High chairs
Small Dining table w/4 chairs Dining table seats 6-8
Sm round kitchen table Utility tables Kitchen chairs
2 White rod iron bedroom chairs End tables
2 Bathroom vanity chairs Coffee Tables
Several various style lamps Magazine racks
Foot stools 2 Couches (2 pc) 1 set Twin Beds
Bedroom set, 4 pc. Dark 3 pc bedroom set
Blond buffet Waterfall Cedar Chest Fabric Rocker
2 Chests of drawers Entertainment Center, small Singer Sewing Machine w/cabinet & bench

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Wooden step ladders Gunny sacks, new
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