

# Trojans at home with 9-2 record

Our five game road trip is over and it's great to be back home. We managed to go 3-2 over the past two weekends, bringing our overall record to 9-2.



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This is the best start we have had in my three seasons. We have played pretty well despite several players missing games, mostly due to injuries. Three times out of twelve games we have dressed out our entire team. I sure look forward to watching this team play with a full squad.

I watched all the other Jayhawk West teams play at the shoot-out. There are several very good ball clubs. I think we should be competitive with all of them. The games will be much like last season, down to the wire! Barton County has perhaps the most talent of any team in the Jayhawk, but after the Cougars it could be up for grabs. I know we must have everyone healthy and ready to go to challenge for a top four spot. Winning at home will be very important and stealing a victory or two on the road is a must for a top four finish.

Your next chance to see the Trojans will be Wednesday at the community building as we take on McCook. Game time is 8 p.m. and our game sponsor is Taco John's. The Lady Trojans play at 6 p.m. Bring your loudest cheers!

### Jottings

The Ostermanns are having a baby. Most of you knew we are having a baby but we just found out we are having a baby. We had a sonogram Monday morning and found out. When the technician said this is baby A, I about fell over and Julie's face just dropped. That's right, folks, we are having twins. Easy way to double the family fast! Robbie (4) and John (2) don't quite understand but they are excited!

I had a great chat with former Trojan Spencer McKee at the shoot-out. He was their brother Parker and also checked out the Trojans. Spencer is one of my all-time favorite players. He played with great intensity and toughness. Spencer helped lay a foundation in 1999-2000 for this program.

Parker McKee plays for Independence and scored 10 points in both games at the shoot-out. Indy currently has a 4-6 record. A very good friend of mine, Mick Wilson, coaches them. Mick will get them going in the east and I would expect them to finish in the top four in the Eastern Division.

We have won three road games al-

ready this season. Last season we won just two all year! We have one remaining true road game prior to the Jayhawk Conference season. Our game against the Kansas Wesleyan jayvee on Dec. 8 has been postponed until Saturday, Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. There was a gym conflict and the game had to be moved.

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 9-2 with three games to play.

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

Johnson County has won 8 in a row and defeated Butler and us. They are the best team we have faced thus far this season.

Jayhawk West teams are a combined 73-24 at this time. WOW!

Thank you Pepsi and Phil Ledou for providing some drinks for our road trips.

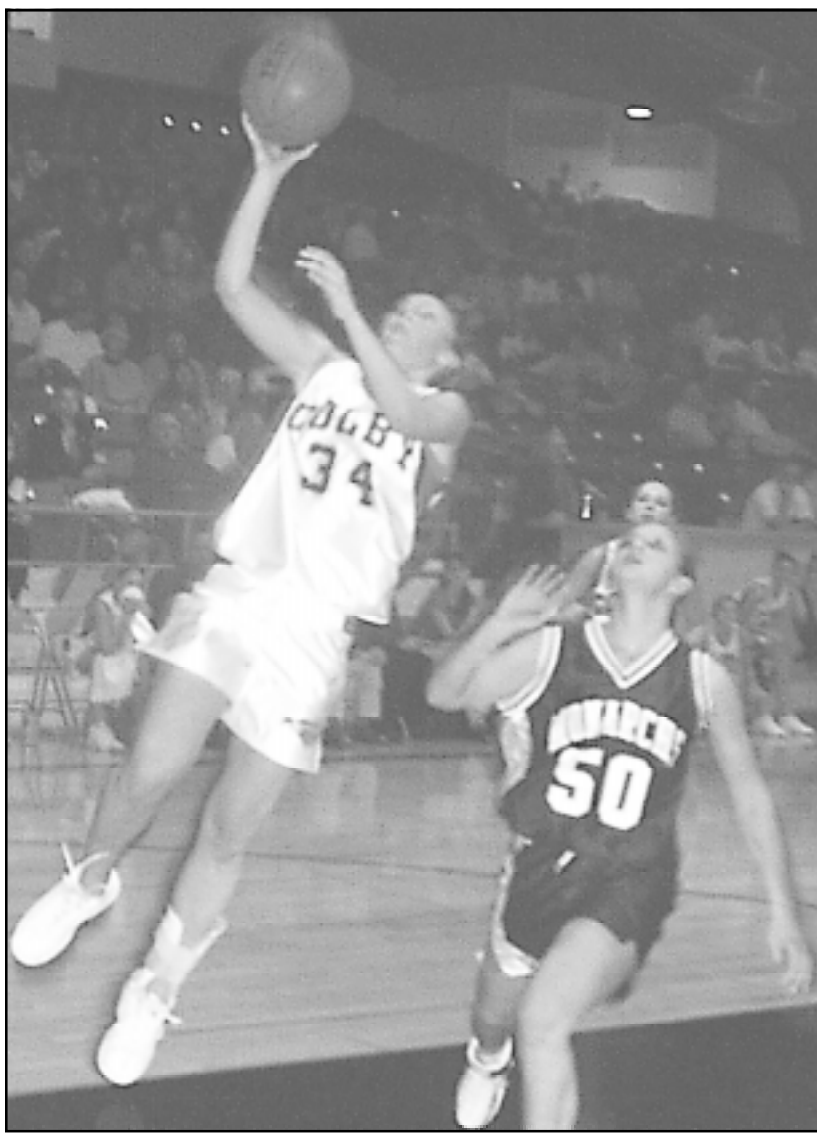
We have invited all area high school teams to be our guests at a Trojan home game of their choice. We continue to try and promote our basketball program and the great game of basketball to everyone in Northwest Kansas.

The Lady Trojans have a 5-6 record and they also play host to McCook on Wednesday.

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 two home games before Christmas break are Wednesday vs. McCook, Wednesday Dec. 12 vs. Mid-Plains. I know this group has a passion for playing the game and it's fun to watch. Everyone is invited!

Here are the Jayhawk Western Division men's basketball standings as of Dec. 3: 1. #6 Barton County, 11-0; 2. #27 Seward County, 10-2; 3. Garden City, 10-2; 4. Colby, 9-2; 5. Hutchinson, 8-2; 6. Butler County, 8-3; 7. Dodge City 8-3; 8. Cloud County 5-5; 9. Pratt 6-5.



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Lady Eagle Bethanie Linden went up for a lay-up in an 83-24 Colby High School win over Thomas More Prep in the Colby Community Building on Monday. The Lady Eagles will be at Hays High School on Friday with varsity action starting at 6 p.m.

# Broncbusters winners in Valley of the Sun Bowl

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Kay Jay Harris rushed for 132 yards and a touchdown as 10th-ranked Garden City Community College beat Scottsdale Community 39-31 in the Valley of the Sun Bowl on Saturday.

James Gerald also caught a touchdown pass and opened the scoring on a 65-yard punt return for the Broncbusters (9-2).

The visitors from Kansas, including former Colby High School Eagle Zach Brown at wide receiver, then held off Scottsdale (6-5), which scored three

fourth-quarter touchdowns — the last on Jack Tomco's 38-yard pass to Matt Miller with 47 seconds left in the game.

In the second quarter, Kyle Barkley connected with Sullivan on a 45-yard pass.

Five plays later Cullen Homolka scored from a yard out to put Garden City up 16-0 at halftime. Tomco's 19-yard pass to Shannon Holcombe with 3:07 left cut Scottsdale's deficit to 36-24 but Lacevic kicked a 42-yard field goal with 1:25 left.

# Lady Eagles get lopsided victory

By RALPH WOLF

Colby Free Press

The Colby High School Lady Eagles improved their record to 1-1 with an impressive 83-24 win over the Thomas More Prep Monarchs at the Colby Community Building on Monday night.

The Eagles used an intimidating style of man-to-man defense holding TMP to just two points in the first quarter while scoring 18.

Colby then stretched their lead by 32 as they headed into the locker room at the break. The second half was more of the same for the Lady Eagles as they continued to hit the basket scoring 21 points in the 3rd quarter and 18 points in the final period of action.

Summar Stephens led the team in scoring with 17 points and she hauled down five boards, recorded four steals and had a team high four assists.

Ivy Ramsey followed Stephens in double figures with 16 points. Ramsey also had seven rebounds, eight steals and two assists.

Emily Sloan was also in double figures scoring 12 points in just two quarters of play. She also had three boards.

Amanda Seemann and Bethanie Linden recorded eight points each with Seemann getting credit for three boards and three steals, while Linden had seven rebounds, four steals and an assist.

Samantha Wolf finished the game with seven points and two rebounds. Breann Hart connected for six points, two steals, a rebound and an assist.

Brianna Swafford added five points, five rebounds and two steals. Round-

ing out the scoring for Colby were Desiree Sharp and Marcia Kaus each with two points and a rebound. Freshman Shawna Cox also had a rebound.

As a team, the Eagles hit 24 of 33 free throws for 72 percent. The ladies averaged just over 20 points per quarter while their tenacious defense held TMP to just 6 points per quarter.

Next action is in Hays Friday. Varsity games start at 6 p.m.

### Colby jayvee 52, TMP 39

In jayvee action, the Lady Eagles also improved their record to 1-1 as they defeated the TMP Monarchs 52-39 at the Colby High School gym.

Emily Sloan dominated the court by scoring 18 points, hauling down 12 rebounds, blocking four shots and dishing out five assists.

Desiree Sharp left the game after the third period with a tender ankle, but not before scoring 10 points, recording two boards, a steal and an assist.

Marcia Kaus was credited with seven points, five rebounds and one take-away. Shawna Cox and Crystal Mannenbach each had six points while Mannenbach added five rebounds, two steals and an assist. Cox gathered in three boards, stole the ball once and dished out two assists.

Layla Woodall and Clarissa Unger finished out the scoring with two points and two rebounds each.

Tasha Fromholtz and MacKayla Dougherty each had rebounds. Regina Heier, Kristi Schroeder, and Lydia Leonardis also saw action in the game.

Lori Ziegelmeier was sidelined with an injury but hopes to be ready to face Hays on Friday.

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