

Men come from behind for big win

For the third time in as many games, the Colby Community College Trojans fell behind in the first half by double digits and for the second time, they came back to win 78-76 over no. 16 Seward County Community College (Liberal) at the Colby Community Building Monday.

This time the Trojans were down by 15, but came back in the second half, led by point guard Keyon Williams' 16 consecutive points.

The Seward Saints shot 65 percent from the field in the first half, but the Trojan defense stiffened in the second half, holding the Saints to 32 percent from the field and outscoring Seward County 46-30.

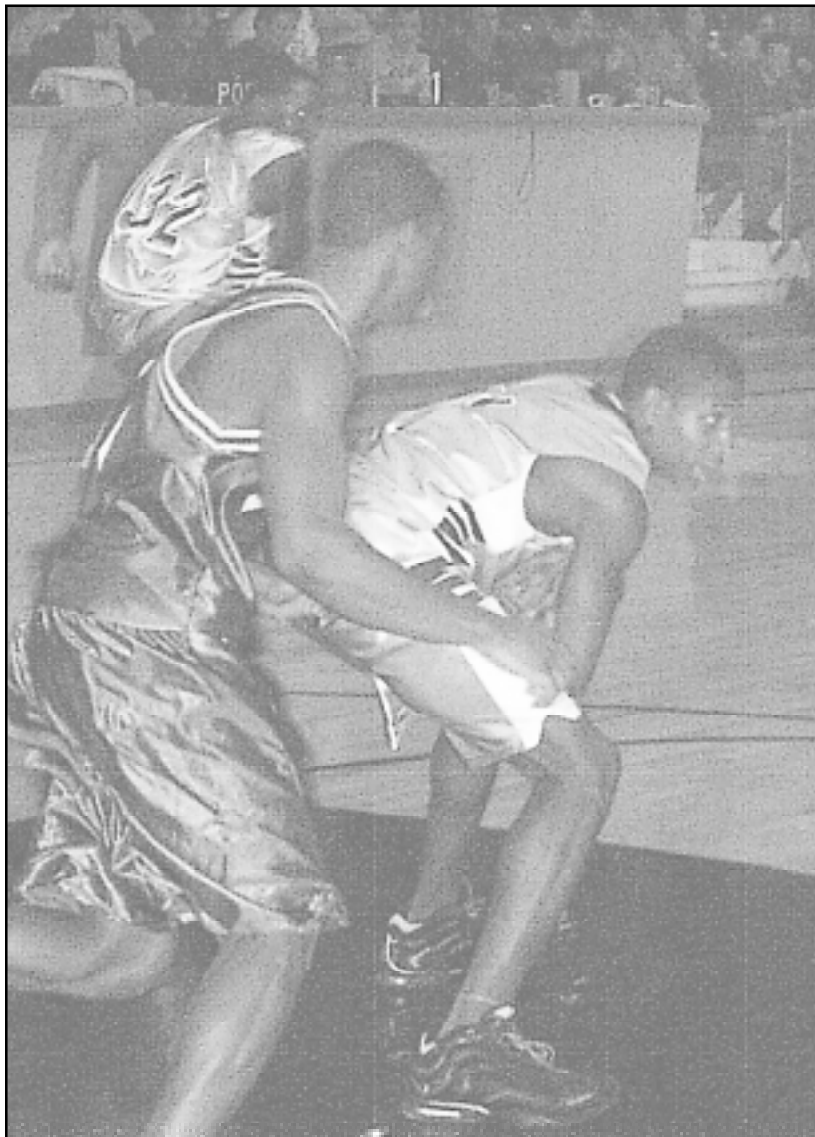
The Trojans took the lead with 5:03

left in the game on a jumper by Dedric Spooner, and never trailed again.

Williams had 32 points and two assists. Dedric Spooner had 17 points and five blocked shots. Pierre Tucker had eight points and five rebounds. Stuart Keltner had six points and four boards.

Eric Fowlkes had five points. Billy Williams had five points and led the team in both rebounds, seven and assists, three. Mike Wolters had three points. Brent Brooks had two.

The Trojans continue conference play at Dodge City on Wednesday. Dodge City is currently 11-6 overall and 3-0 in conference play. Colby is 13-4 overall and 2-1 in conference play. Game time is 8 p.m.



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Joe Williams covered a rebound as the Colby Community College Trojans transitioned to offense against the Seward County Saints at the Colby Community Building Monday night. The Trojans fell behind but came back to win 78-76.

Wrestlers bounce back on Saturday

The Colby Community College Trojan wrestling team followed up a disappointing 23-21 dual loss to Labette County Community College (Parsons) on Thursday with three medalist and an outstanding wrestler award Saturday in Warrensburg, Mo. at the Roger Denker Open

Central Missouri State Open, Saturday

Colby 141-pound wrestler Matt Murray had "another amazing day," said coach Steve Lampe, after the Roger Denker Open in Warrensburg, Mo. on Saturday. Murray went 5-0 with three falls and two technical falls against all four-year college opponents.

He also snared his second Outstanding Wrestler trophy of the season. "Matt was fabulous all day and polished it off with a remarkable finals bout against Steven Esparza (Oklahoma State University)," said Lampe. Esparza was a high school national champion in Murray's weight class in Delaware last season.

Murray was ahead 8-0 when he pinned Esparza in the finals. Bryan Miller took third at 133 with a 6-1 record. He had two pins and two major decisions. He also had a 14-9 win over Labette's Johnny Cortez, who had beaten Miller in their last three meetings.

Shannon Ford, who went 2-2 and picked up a fourth place medal at 197, is also "showing promise," Lampe said. Both of Ford's wins were by fall. Lampe singled out some of the wrestlers at higher weights, where Colby has been weak this season, as much improved.

Antonio Sepulveda, 3-2 at 157, "improved dramatically" and Henry Martinez, 1-2 at 165, has found a new spot as a starter.

Next dual competition for the Trojans will be Thursday against third-ranked Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Friday night the Trojans take the mat against the Minnesota West Bluejays and will then conclude their road trip by competing in the Bluejay Open tournament on Saturday.

Here are the individual results:

- 125 - Derek Jones, 2-2, did not place.
- 133 - Bryan Miller, 6-1, 3rd place.
- 141 - Matt Murray, 5-0, 1st place, outstanding wrestler.
- 149 - O.T. Johnson, 2-2, did not place.
- 157 - Antonio Sepulveda, 3-2, did not place.



165 - Toribio Lujan, 0-2, did not place.

165 - Henry Martinez, 1-2, did not place.

174 - Justin Schiffner, 1-2, did not place.

184 - Rafael Ruiz, 0-2, did not place.

197 - Shannon Ford, 2-2, did not place.

285 - Derek Daugherty, 2-2, did not place.

Labette 23, Colby 21, Thursday
The Trojans had "great matches" from Murray, Derek Jones, Toribio Lujan and Derek Daugherty, but also had some let downs, including a surprise 11-2 loss by Bryan Miller at 133-pounds.

Here are the individual results:

- 125 - Derek Jones won by fall.
- 133 - Bryan Miller lost 11-2.
- 141 - Matt Murray, won 15-2.
- 149 - O.T. Johnson lost 11-7.
- 157 - Antonio Sepulveda lost 8-4.
- 165 - Toribio Lujan won by fall.
- 174 - Justin Schiffner lost 11-2.
- 184 - Rafael Ruiz lost 7-0.
- 197 - Shannon Ford lost by fall.
- 285 - Derek Daugherty won 10-0.

Ladies fall to Seward

The Lady Trojans fell to nationally ranked Seward County Monday night 85-49 after a one hour and 15 minute delay to start the game due to the officials ending up in Liberal.

The officials for the men's game were on hand at 7 p.m. and did the women's game as well as the men. The Lady Trojans shot just 36 percent from the field and committed 22 turnovers. Serra Sangar led the ladies with 22

points and six rebounds. Andrea Stephens had seven points. Jami Turley had six points.

Crystal Mears had four points. Ashley Stull had three. Desiree Bacchus had three. Alex Kwiecinska had two, along with Kim Desmond. They also had two assists each.

The Lady Trojans will be in Dodge City at 6 p.m. on Wednesday for another conference game.

College referees end up in Liberal instead of Colby

By JAY KELLEY

Colby Free Press

Colby Community College Athletic Director Carl Adams said Monday's late start of the Colby-Seward County matchups was caused when officials for the women's game went to Liberal instead of Colby.

Adams said the officials apparently hadn't looked at their contract and went to the wrong site.

"I found out at about 5 p.m.," he said. "We tried to find three local officials, and we had two by about 6:15."

The conference commissioner, Bennie Lee, who schedules officials,

said they could play using local officials, but not with just two, so both schools decided to wait until officials for the men's game arrived, about 7 p.m.

"The guys who came out were great," Adams said, "but we just couldn't find a third official."

Those officials then worked both men's and women's games. Adams said Lee told him that it was the first time this had happened in his memory.

"With a conference game, it's better we used the officials we used," Adams said. "We really appreciate all the people who stayed for the games."

Colby High School boys basketball falls to Hoxie Friday

By JAY KELLEY

Colby Free Press

The Colby High School Eagle basketball team suffered a disappointing 83-70 loss to the Hoxie Indians in Hoxie Friday.

"We have to get our offense and defense going at the same time," said coach Derek Bissitt. The Eagles trailed 19-17 in the first quarter, 38-33 at halftime and 56-47 at the end of three periods.

Four Eagles were in double figures and two, Jordan Harris and Shane Stover had double-doubles.

Harris had 16 points and 12 rebounds. He also had three steals and three assists. Stover had 13 points and 10 boards, along with an assist.

Clay Kaiser had 13 points, eight rebounds and an assist. Carson McKee had 12 points, two boards, two steals and a team leading five assists.

Tucker Stover had seven points, three rebounds, two steals and an assist. Wyatt Rundel had five points, a board and an assist.

Jared Cranston and Ryan Arensdorf had two points each. Cranston had two rebounds and Arensdorf had two as-

ists.

Landon Stover had four rebounds, two steals and an assist.

The Eagles will host the 17th Annual Orange & Black Classic on Thursday night. They face Scott City in the Colby Community Building at 7 p.m.

C-team 55, Hoxie 29

The C-team Eagles used a full-court press in the first half and had 40 rebounds, putting the Indians away early. Jared Dinkel had a double-double with 28 points and 10 rebounds, along with one assist.

Christopher Finley had 14 points, six

rebounds and two assists. Joey Melnyk had four points and one rebound.

Sean Mengel had three points, a rebound and four assists. Nic Rohr had three points and four rebounds.

Matt Augustine had two points, six rebounds and led the team with six assists. Omar Fercha had one point, two rebounds and an assist. Deke Elliott had three rebounds and five assists. Tony Brown had three rebounds.

Rusty Helin had two rebounds. Patrick Toth and Luke Rogers had a rebound each. Jordan Sharp had an assist.

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