

College basketball loses in El Dorado

Trojan comeback thwarted

EL DORADO — The Colby Community College Trojan men's basketball team fell to 14-6 overall and 3-3 in the Jayhawk West with an 81-67 loss to Butler County Community College in El Dorado Wednesday.

The Trojans were hammered in the first half and trailed 45-26. They came out in the second and outscored Butler 41-36, but it just wasn't enough.



Keyon Williams had 24 points. Eric Fowlkes had 15 and four assists. Dedric Spooner had 10. Pierre Tucker had nine points and 14 rebounds. Joe Williams had four points. Mike Wolters had three. Billy Williams had two.

The Trojans will host the Hutchinson Blue Dragons Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Colby Community Building.

Ladies downed by Butler

EL DORADO — The Colby Community College Lady Trojans lost 53-37 to Butler County Community College in El Dorado Wednesday.

The Lady Trojans were down 31-15 at half-time and were outscored 22-12 in the second period.

Colby out-rebounded Butler County 38-30, but the Lady Trojans had only

have the assists, seven verses 15. Serra Sangar led the team with nine points and 11 rebounds. Irem Akman had eight points. Andrea Stephens had three. Amanda Ansel, Desiree Bacchus and Alex Kwiecinska had two each. Kim Desmond had one point.

Ashley Stull and Kwiecinska had two assists each.

Wrestling team puts three in tourney finals

WORTHINGTON, Minn. — The Colby Community College Trojans put three wrestlers in the finals of the Bluejay Open Wrestling Tournament in Worthington, Minn. Saturday.

On Friday night, the Trojans, still without the services of Bryan Miller at 133, still sick, and Matt Murray, who had a death in the family, fell 27-23 to Itasca Community College (Grand Rapids, Minn.) in Worthington.

Murray was back for the tournament and, along with Derek Jones, was a champion in his weight. Shannon Ford was second at 197.

Murray again dominated the 141-pound weight class. He scored two falls, a technical fall and "totally dominated" Nebraska's Dusty Spalding in a 3-1 final match, according to coach Steve Lampe.

Spalding, a four-time Kansas State champion in high school, had beaten Brandon Lehman, the Trojan's national champion, 4-3 at the Central Missouri State Open in Warrensburg, Mo. last year.

Along with his sixth tournament championship of the season, Murray won his third outstanding wrestler award for the year and improved to 31-1.

Jones also "walked through the tournament," according to coach Steve Lampe.

He won by fall and major decision to get to the finals, where he scored a first round fall.

Shannon Ford was the third medalist for the Trojans. He pinned Nick Doehling from Minnesota West in the quarter-finals and faced Jalon Crowley from Labette in the semi-finals.

Crowley had beaten Ford three times this season, but this wasn't going to be

the fourth as Ford came away with an 11-5 win.

Ford fell to Nebraska's Justin Ruiz, who beat Colby's two-time national champion Daniel Cormier in 1997 for the high school championship, 25-7 in the finals.

"It was Ford's best performance," said Lampe. "He's coming on strong. Here are the other performances: 149 - O.T. Johnson, 1-2. 157 - Antonio Sepulveda, 2-2. 165 - Henry Martinez, 0-2. 174 - Justin Schiffner, 2-2. 184 - Rafael Ruiz, 2-2.

The Trojans are off until Feb. 2 when they will be in Chanute at the National Junior College Athletic Association qualifying tournament.

Itasca, Minn. 27, Colby 23
"It was a gallant effort, but too many forfeits," said Lampe of the 27-23 loss to Itasca Community College in Worthington, Minn. Friday.

The Trojans forfeited at 133 and 141 due to Bryan Miller's illness and Matt Murray having a death in the family and the 285 has been open since semester with the academic ineligibility of Derek Daugherty.

The Trojans won all but two matches and one of those was a close 6-5 loss at 165 by Henry Martinez.

Derek Jones won an 11-2 major decision over Desmond Radunz at 125.

O.T. Johnson won by fall in 2:40 over Mike Childers at 149.

Antonio Sepulveda won a 17-3 major decision over Pat Olsen at 157.

Justin Schiffner lot by fall in 1:44 to Pat Romero at 174.

Rafael Ruiz won an 11-6 decision over Tom Wallace at 184.

Shannon Ford won by fall in 2:41 over Nate Blair at 197.

High school basketball sites moved for Ulysses games

The Colby High School Eagle basketball teams will be hosting Ulysses at the Colby Community Building and high school gyms Friday night instead of the high school and elementary gyms as previously reported.

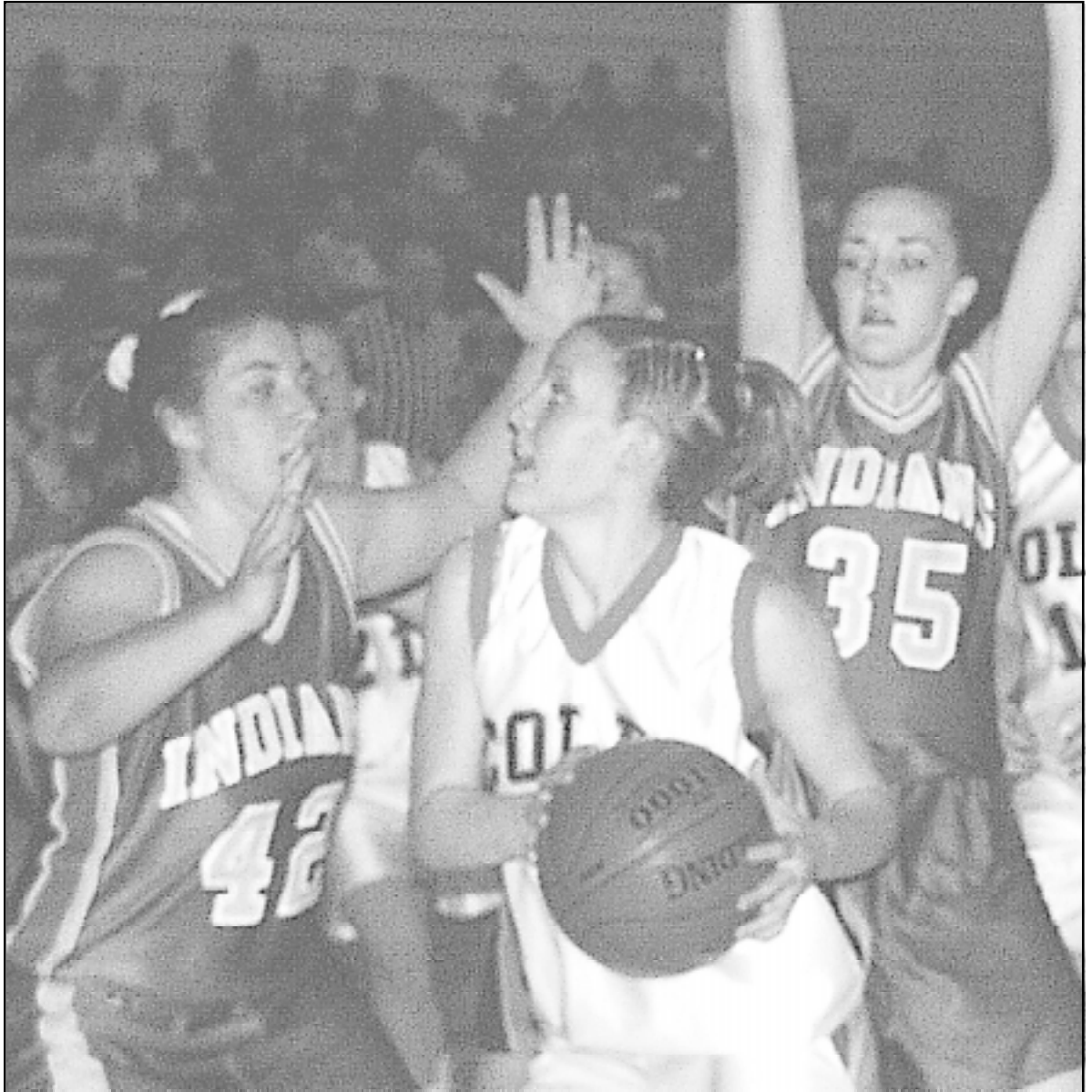
Here is the schedule for Friday's games:

4:30 p.m. - C-team boys followed by jayvee boys and jayvee girls at the high school gym.

4:45 p.m. - C-team girls at the Community Building.

6:30 p.m. - Varsity girls followed by the varsity boys at the Community Building.

Looking for an opening



Bethanie Linden looked for a shot as the Colby Lady Eagles high school basketball team dismantled the St. Francis Indians 77-28 Tuesday. The Colby girls will be at home again Friday against Ulysses. Varsity action starts at 6:30 p.m.

Former Eagle honored

PUEBLO, Colo. — Former Colby Lady Eagle standout Nadia Fercha has been named the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference player of the week for the west division.

The 6' Fercha, a center for the University of Southern Colorado (Pueblo) had back to back double-doubles in 1-1 Thunderwolves road trip. She scored 12 points on 5-for-13 shooting and had 13 rebounds in a 74-56 at Mesa State (Mesa, Ariz.)

She then came up with a career high 19 rebounds, along with 23 points on 9-for-17 shooting in an 81-76 win over Western State in overtime.

for the week, she averaged 17.5 points and 16 rebounds per game, shooting better than 46 percent from the floor and 50 percent from the free-throw line.

She also added three assists, four steals and a blocked shot.

The Timberwolves are 2-7 in the conference and 8-8 overall.

Parent's team formed

By JAY KELLEY

The "all-star" team of band parents and Colby High School faculty that will face the Harlem Nights Monday night has been announced.

The Nights consist of former college and European League players who provide entertainment for fundraisers. The money made at the game will go for band equipment and activities.

"We're all in shape and ready to play," said Doug Finley, tongue-in-cheek. Other team members are: Kevin Cox, player/coach, Dewey Augustine, Donna Kulhanek, Don Balluch, Rob Ross, Mike Sprenkel, Steve Juenemann, Liz Gottsch, Bill Miller, Duane Custer, Norm Behring, Randy Decker, Leslie Wagoner and Bill Weber.

Tiger football to feature area talent

HAYS — Three former northwestern Kansas players will be wearing Fort Hays State football uniforms next season according to Tim O'Connor, Tiger football coach.

Former Brewster quarterback Jay Reid will be playing linebacker.

Reid was a four year letterman in football and basketball and was part of two state championship basketball teams.

Also signing from the area were St.

Francis fullback Brett Peterson and Norton's Dustin Robison. All are freshmen.

Other signings include Garden City Community College transfer Shawn Steiner, a Clafin native who was first-team all-Jayhawk Conference and all-Region

VI at center.

Safety Kendall McVay, another Garden City product, will join Steiner. McVay is a native of Plains.

Coffeyville Community College defensive lineman Matt Burghart and Arizona Western Community College quarterback Josh Todd will also join the team.

The Tigers were 3-8 overall and 3-6 in the Rocky Mountain Athletic conference last season.

Mid-America Youth Basketball is hosting a basketball tournament in Newton on March 22-24 for 3-8th

grade boys and girls. 150 teams are expected. Call 316-284-0354 for more information.

Region Briefs

February tournaments

For more information on Mid-America Youth Basketball, call the national office at 316-284-0354 or e-mail busy@southwind.net.

Mid-America Youth Basketball is hosting tournaments in Overland Park, Kingman and Lindsborg on Feb. 2-3 with a three game guarantee. Call 316-284-0354 or 913-383-3480 (Overland Park) for more information

Mid-America Youth Basketball is hosting tournament for girls and boys, grades 3-8 in Salina and Lawrence on Feb. 9-10. Call 785-823-8053 (Salina) or 785-843-4263 (Lawrence) for more information.

Junction City tournament

Junction City will sponsor a boys and girls basketball tournament in Junction City for grades 4-7 on Feb. 9-10. There is a three game guarantee and cost is \$125. Contact Deb Lumb at (785)762-6722 or e-mail lumbd@usd475.k12.ks.us for more information.

March tournaments

Mid-America Youth Basketball is hosting basketball tournaments for girls and boys 3-8th grades in Colby, Winfield, Osawatomie and McPherson, March 16-17. Call the local directors at 462-4440 (Colby), 316-229-9113 (Winfield), 913-755-6443 (Osawatomie) or 620-241-5718 (McPherson.)

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