

# College team faces Butler County

Conference play continues this Wednesday for the Trojans, as we will attempt to set a college game attendance record at the Colby Community Building.

We face defending conference Champion, Butler County. The game is sponsored by Western Sprinklers and all tickets will be \$1. Women's tip-off is set for 6p.m. and the men's game will follow at 8 p.m.

In order to set such a record we need you and all your friends to turn out at the game. Wear your blue and show your spirit. We also can set a season record for wins. Our 16th win will be a record for our program since joining the league six seasons ago. Our record set last season and currently tied is 15 overall wins.

Butler County enters Wednesday's game with a 16-10 record. The Grizzlies lost Saturday night at home to Barton County. Their conference mark stands at 5-7. They feature University of Nevada-Las Vegas signee James Peters (6'8") as well as the third leading scorer in the conference, Derek Cline, 19 points per game.

Colby enters the game with a 15-12 overall mark. The young Trojans have been tough at home. In two previous home games the Trojans defeated then #16 Seward County 78-76 and then Garden City 77-76. The Trojans lost the last meeting between the teams played in El Dorado. Colby is 8-4 at home on the year and 5-5 on the road. The Trojans are 2-2 on a neutral floor.

The Colby Trojans have been on the short of the stick several times in conference play. The young Trojans have lost games by one, one, three, four and six points, five very narrow defeats. Billy Williams is the only starter that will graduate and move onto a four-year school.

The Jayhawk West Conference is so tough every year. Our young basket-

ball team is really struggling in league play right now. Our confidence probably hit a season low after the loss at Garden City.

A few days earlier we suffered our toughest loss of the season to Dodge City. Dodge scored with just two seconds left in the game to hand us a very tough defeat. We were unable to come back and perform at Garden City. Close losses take their toll on a team mentally.

Last night our kids really bounced back and played very hard at Seward County. Seward is the league leader and we trailed by just three at the half and lost by 10. We had a handful of opportunities to close with five in the last 10 minutes. We just couldn't get over the hump. We played without Keyon Williams. I was proud of our effort and ability to follow the game plan against a big time opponent on the road. Our goal is to finish the final three regular season games in a positive and first class fashion. Your support Wednesday nigh will go a long way to helping our spirit!

We have four freshman currently starting including two northwest Kansas products, Stuart Keltner, Hays and Mike Wolters, St. Francis. This team is knocking on the door and our freshmen are learning each time out.. This young group continues to really need your support as we attempt to break last season's mark of 15 wins, the most in a season since joining the Jayhawk Conference six seasons ago.

We haven't been able to win as many games in the last four weeks as we would have liked but we still can have a season of which to be proud. We are still very much in the hunt for a play-off spot. Our magic number is one.



Brian Ostermann

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## An outside shot



PATTY DECKER/Colby Free Press

Breann Hart took a shot in a 59-29 Colby High School girls basketball win over Atwood at the Colby High School gym Friday. The girls ended their season 18-2 and will start sub-state play next week.

## Area Schedule

### Wednesday, Feb. 20

Colby Community College men's and women's basketball hosts Butler County at the Colby Community Building at 6 and 8 p.m.

Call in your sports news to 462-3963 or e-mail colbysports@nwkanas.com. Jay Kelley is sports coordinator

# Lady Trojans fall to Garden City

GARDEN CITY — The Colby Community College Lady Trojan basketball team fell to the Lady Broncbusters 73-55 in Garden City Saturday night.

The ladies fell behind early, trailing 36-20 at half-time. They matched up better in the second half, but weren't able to close the gap.

Colby's only three assists came from Kim Desmond, Andrea Stephens and Amanda Ansel with one each.

Serra Sanger had 21 points and eight rebounds. Stephens had 11. Desmond and Desiree Bacchus had nine each. Irem Akman had three. Ansel had two.

The Lady Trojans host Butler County at the Community Building on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

### Box Score

GARDEN CITY 73, COLBY 55

### COLBY

Serra Sangar 8-21 5-7 21; Andrea Stephens 4-7 2-11; Kim Desmond 4-

5 0-3 9; Desiree Bacchus 2-7 4-5 9; Irem Akman 0-7 3-5 3; Amanda Ansel 1-4 0-0 2; Alex Kwiecinska 0-5 0-0 0. Totals 19-56 14-22 55.

Colby..... 20 35 - 55  
Garden City..... 36 37 - 73

3-point goals-Colby 3-13 (Andrea Stephens 1-4; Kim Desmond 1-2; Desiree Bacchus 1-2; Amanda Ansel 0-2; Irem Akman 0-1; Serra Sangar 0-2), Garden City 6-17 (Kelley Kramer 3-6; Laura Banda 2-6; Racquel Gilford 1-1; Krystle Jim 0-3; Micah Jones 0-1).

Fouled out—Colby-Alex Kwiecinska; Irem Akman, Garden City-None.

Rebounds-Colby 46 (Serra Sangar 8), Garden City 51 (Monica Sanders 10). Assists-Colby 3 (Kim Desmond 1; Andrea Stephens 1; Amanda Ansel 1), Garden City 3 (Racquel Gilford 1; Kelley Kramer 1; Laura Banda 1). Total fouls-Colby 25, Garden City 23.

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