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Colby Lady Trojan Andrea Stephens worked against Barton County's Ariel James Saturday night during Colby's 63-48 win at the Community Building.

## Lady Trojans defeat Barton County

By DARREL PATTILLO

*Colby Free Press*  
Sophomore Andrea Stephens got 10 of her 12 points in a big clump Saturday night against Barton County to put a nail in the Lady Cougars coffin, as the Colby College Lady Trojans easily handled Barton County 63-48 at the Community Building.  
Colby had control nearly the entire game, jumping out to a 30-21 lead at the break. The Lady Trojans shot 50 percent in the first half and held the Lady Cougars to just 22.5 percent from the floor.  
"This was a good team win," head coach Tom Stephens said. "We had good production from everyone who played, and everyone was alert and knew what was going on. It was a team win all the way."  
Colby outrebounded Barton 45-41, and the Lady Trojans held Barton County to 28 percent shooting from the field and only 12 percent from beyond the 3-point line.

Louise McLean nearly had her second triple-double of the season, recording 12 rebounds and 8 assists to go along with 14 points. Bojana Samrdziska had 18 points and 14 rebounds.  
Colby is now 15-12 overall and 7-6 in Jayhawk West Conference play. They will have a week off before traveling to Hutchinson next Saturday. Game time is set for 6 p.m.  
Colby 63, Barton County 48  
BARTON COUNTY  
Michelle Deighton 6-14 1-1 13; Sue McIntosh 5-17 0-0 11; Akia Harmon 3-9 0-0 6; Natalie Arndt 2-9 2-2 6; Ariel James 2-6 0-0 5; Heather Nittler 1-7 0-0 3; Ashley Bode 1-6 0-0 2; Christa Wilson 1-6 0-0 2; Briana Harris 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 21-75 3-34 8.  
COLBY LADY TROJANS  
Bojana Samardziska 8-16 2-8 18; Louise McLean 6-11 0-0 14; Andrea Stephens 5-5 0-0 12; Buba Kovacevic 3-7 2-2 9; Amy Green 2-

2-0 0 5; Abbey Keiswetter 0-1 2-2 2; Ashley Blickenstaff 1-2 0-0 2; Ashley Stull 0-1 0-0 0; Ivana Drmanac 0-8 0-0 0. Totals 25-53 7-14 63.  
Barton County..... 21 27 - 48  
Colby Lady Trojans 30 33 - 63  
3-point goals-Barton County 3-25 (Ariel James 1-3; Heather Nittler 1-5; Sue McIntosh 1-8; Christa Wilson 0-2; Natalie Arndt 0-5; Michelle Deighton 0-2), Colby Lady Trojans 6-15 (Louise McLean 2-4; Andrea Stephens 2-2; Amy Green 1-1; Buba Kovacevic 1-2; Ashley Stull 0-1; Ivana Drmanac 0-4; Abbey Keiswetter 0-1). Fouled out—Barton County-None, Colby Lady Trojans-None. Rebounds-Barton County 41 (Briana Harris 9), Colby Lady Trojans 45 (Bojana Samardziska 14). Assists-Barton County 9 (Christa Wilson 2; Michelle Deighton 2; Natalie Arndt 2), Colby Lady Trojans 17 (Louise McLean 8). Total fouls-Barton County 9, Colby Lady Trojans 8.

## Trojans clinch first-ever home playoff game

The 2002-2003 Colby Trojans have clinched the first ever-home basketball playoff game in school history! Your 22-5 Trojans defeated two nationally ranked top 10 teams last week! First, we knocked off the 8th ranked Seward County Saints on Wednesday evening then on Saturday took down the #3 ranked Barton County Cougars. The fan support for both games was awesome! We had around 1700 + for both games and we thank everyone for attending! To thank all you fans we are having Fan Appreciation Night for our final regular season game on March 1 when all tickets will be just \$1. Thank you!  
Now, make sure you mark your calendar for Wednesday March 5. The first ever playoff game will tip-off at 7 p.m. All tickets for the contest must be purchased at the doors.  
Ticket booths will open at 5 p.m. and there will be a tailgate that will begin serving hamburgers etc.  
Also at 5 p.m. Athletic Director Carl Adams and the athletic department will run the tailgate. Make plans to come out early, grab a bite to eat and get your choice of seats! I encourage everyone to come on out to the Community Building for great college basketball action. Bring a friend and bring your loudest voice. We need your support and you are a very important part of our success!  
What a week it was, two great home victories over two top 10 teams. Clinching a home playoff



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game! Just an awesome week for our basketball program! I am so proud for our players and happy for everyone in our community that has supported our program. It is time to enjoy the fruits of our labor! It's hard work for the players to continue to push themselves to improve.  
It's hard for all the fans to provide financial, emotional, and time to support the program! But let me tell you, it's all worth it!  
This week we travel to Hutchinson on Saturday to take on the Blue Dragons. Hutch (21-5) is the last team to defeat your Trojans and we hope to go down there and play our best basketball. We will need a great performance in order to pick up a tough road win.  
Hutch is a very good basketball team, they are well coached and they also have clinched a home playoff game. We are just a half-game apart in the conference standings. It should be a great game. You can listen to Rich Epp's broadcast on the radio.  
We hope to see you Saturday night March 1 for our final regular season Jayhawk West conference game. It is fan appreciation night

and all tickets are just \$1. Game time is set at 8 p.m. The women tip off at 6 p.m. Our game sponsor is Donita & Ed Mildenberger. Don't miss the fun and excitement! I encourage everyone to come on out to the community building for great college basketball action. Bring a friend and bring your loudest voice.  
JOTTINGS  
Congratulations to the Trojan wrestlers and good luck at nationals!  
The Trojan Dunk-O-Meter is up to 93. We especially thank Colby Canvas and Steve Molstad for providing the banner.  
We could not be successful without the support of all our fans and sponsors. Our games sponsors this year are: Stephens Construction, S & T Communications, Western Sprinklers, Pepsi of Colby, Culligan of Colby, McDonald's of Colby, Taco John's of Colby, Nancy & Lyle Saddler, Thomas County Feeders, Gambino's, and Donita & Ed Mildenberger.  
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## Colby Lady Eagles win 14th straight

By RALPH WOLF

*Colby Free Press*  
The Colby High School Lady Eagles picked up their 14th consecutive win this season last Friday night with a 58-33 victory over the Quinter Bulldogs on the road.  
The Eagles got off to a slow start, leading 12-11 at the end of the first period, but out-scored the Lady Bulldogs 11-5 in the second stanza and took a 23-16 lead into the locker room at the break.  
Colby came out in the third quarter and put the game away by scoring 24 points while holding Quinter to just 10 points for the period.  
The Lady Eagles used a well-balanced scoring attack with 3 players scoring in double figures. Bethanie Linden recorded 15 points, 8 rebounds, 2 steals and 2 assists. Emily Sloan and Summar Stephens each came away with 13 points and 9 rebounds apiece. Stephens also had 2 steals and 2 assists.  
Amanda Seemann finished the game with 5 points, 2 boards, and 4 assists. Ivy Ramsey added 4 points, 3 boards and 3 steals. Sam Wolf and Breann Hart both connected on

long-range shots to finish the game with 3 points each. Wolf was also credited with 1 steal and 4 assists. Hart recorded a steal. Brianna Swafford scored 2 points, had 1 rebound, stole the ball 2 times and dished out 4 assists.  
Desiree Sharp recorded 1 rebound in the contest. As a team the Lady Eagles committed 19 turnovers, but were able to connect on 47 percent of their shots from 2-point land, 50 percent from beyond the three-point line and 62 percent from the charity stripe. The varsity Lady Eagles' record now stands at 16-1 on the season.  
In JV action the Lady Eagles have now won 7 straight games and improve their record to 13-3. Colby started out on a fast pace scoring 9 points before Quinter was able to get on the scoreboard.  
The Eagles led 16-6 at the end of the first quarter and 26-10 by halftime. Jessica Stephens led the way with 21 points, 2 boards, 2 steals and 2 assists. Zanae Baird scored a career high 20 points, hauled down 6 rebounds, recorded 4 steals and rejected 2 shots. Marcia Kaus finished

the game with 7 points, 6 rebounds, 1 steal and 2 assists. Crystal Mannebach added 5 points, 6 rebounds and 1 steal. Clarissa Unger contributed 4 points, 3 boards, 2 steals and 1 assist.  
Shea McKee and Tasha Fromholtz both finished the game with 3 points each. McKee recorded 2 rebounds, 5 steals and 3 assists, while Fromholtz was credited with 3 boards.  
The JV as a team committed just 12 turnovers and made 40 percent of their shots from the floor, 31 percent from behind the arc and 54 percent from the free throw line. Final score: Colby JV 63, Quinter JV 28.  
The Eagles next action is Tuesday as they host the Goodland Cowgirls.  
The game will be the last regular season home basketball game, and is slated as Senior Recognition Night.  
Senior basketball players, pep band members and drill team members along with their parents will be recognized between the Varsity girls and Varsity boys games at the Community Building.

## Eagle wrestlers lose dual to Garden City, 42-20

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Theo Kleinsorge had Colby's only win by fall Friday in Garden City, as the Colby wrestling team lost a dual to Garden City 42-20. Jesse Tibbles, Cole Garcia, Eric Luedke, and Schuyler Sharpe were the Eagle's only other winners.  
Eagle varsity: 103 pounds, Daniel Tibbles lost 6-5 to Le. 112, Colby forfeited. 119, Travis Powell lost 18-11 to Maisog. 125, Nolan Hull lost 15-0 to Carter.  
At 130, Jesse Tibbles won 10-5 over Sullivan. 135, Cole Garcia won 5-4 over Hawkins. 140, Justin Bell lost 12-1 to Herrman. 145, Eric Luedke won 13-3 over Waller. 152, Schuyler Sharpe won 12-1 over Alexander.  
In the 160 pound division, Rusty Raymo lost 7-0 to Lappin. 171 Tanner McClure lost by fall to Kromer. 189, Theo Kleinsorge pinned Caine. 215, Cubby Haremza lost by fall to Carr. 275, Brent Diebert lost by injury default to Craig.

In junior varsity wrestling action against Garden City, at 103 pounds, Lincoln McClure won 13-0 over Martinez.  
At 130, Kyle Withington won 4-1 over Jervis, and pinned Boyle. 130, Josh Cersovsky lost by fall to Gillian. 135, Alex Kleinsorge lost by fall to Wells and McVey. 140, Ben Jurek lost 21-6 to Mesa, and pinned Romero.  
In the 145 pound bracket, David Voss lost by fall to Irsik, and pinned McMillan. At 152 pounds, Ross

Wright lost 4-2 to Salais, and lost by fall to Gonzalez. 189, Brady Strange lost by fall to Algrim. 215, Cody Lily lost by fall to Lamp and Schaefer.  
The Eagles are preparing for the regional tournament, which is Friday and Saturday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse in Goodland.  
On Friday, the first round gets underway at 2 p.m.  
Saturday, the wrestling gets underway at 11 a.m. starting with the championship semi-finals.

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