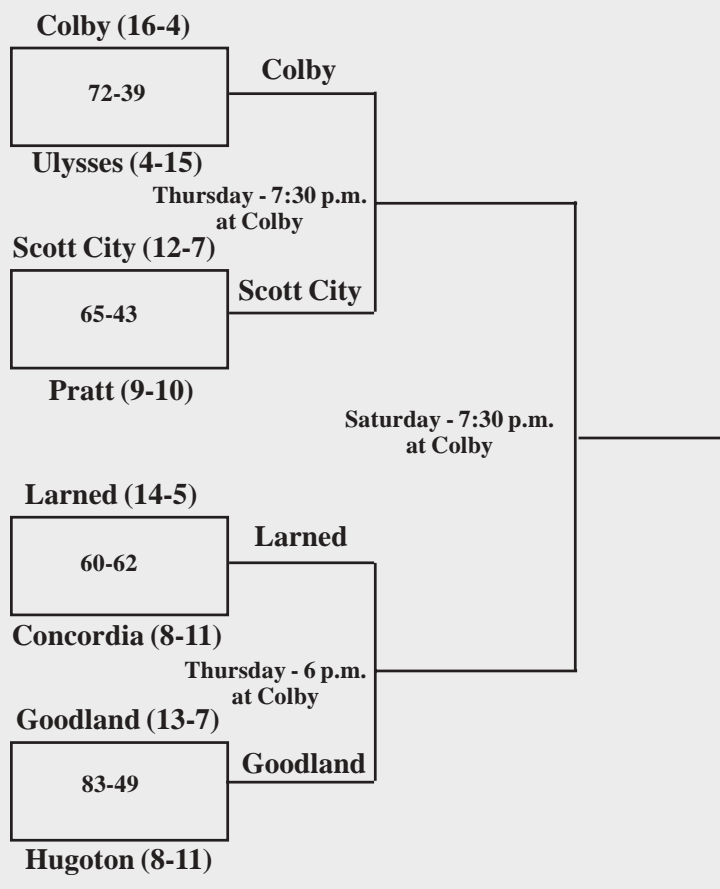
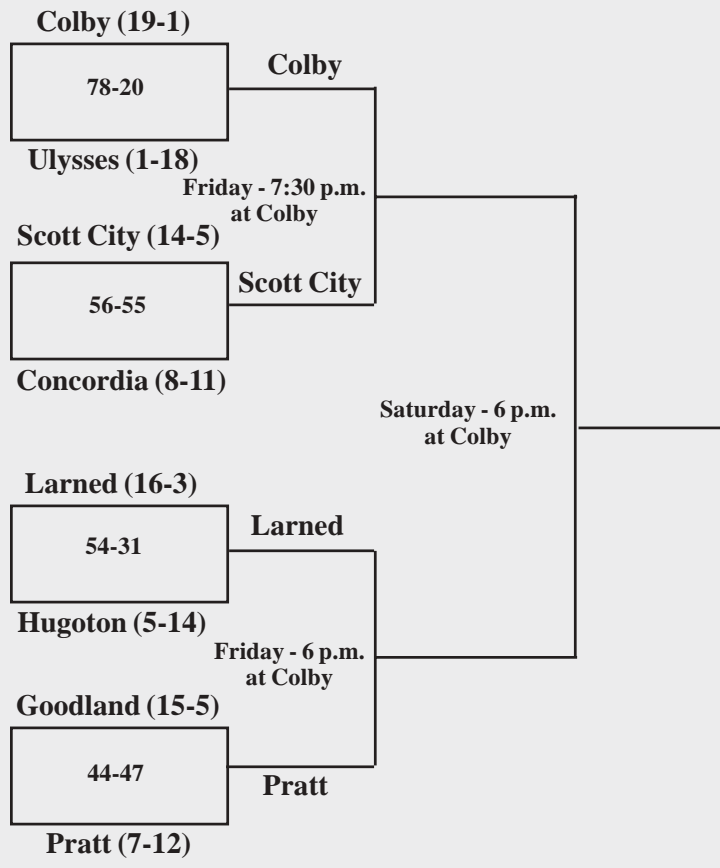


Boys Class 4A Sub-State Tournament



Girls Class 4A Sub-State Tournament



Trojan men advance in Region VI play-offs

By TOM (TD) DREILING

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The Colby Community College men's basketball team could easily use the words of a song popular years past in describing their victory over the Labette County Community College Cardinals here Wednesday night.

"Me and My Shadow" pretty much sums up the Region VI play-off game that found the Trojans posting a 95-86 triumph in the Colby Community Building before a packed house. The win, their 25th of the season, earns them a berth in the region's quarterfinals on Sunday at the BiCentennial Center at Salina. Colby, 25-6 overall, will battle Neosho County at 6 p.m.

The Trojans never held more than a 9-point lead and were just unable

to shake the visitors, who brought a 17-13 record onto the court. They, the visitors, were determined to make a game of it and they succeeded.

The game was tied 10 times and Labette managed to take the lead only twice.

Just when the fans felt a little comfortable when the Trojans posted leads of 9 points on several occasions, those pesky Cardinals would exit their nest and swarm all over the home gang.

But it made for an interesting evening, one that included nail-biting, hand-wringing and everything else that goes into a contest that wasn't really decided until the final minute.

The Trojans out-rebounded the Cardinals 45-40, but the offensive

boards battle was won by Labette, 25-19.

From 3-point land, the Trojans were 7 of 17, with Brandon Miller getting 5 and Joseph Williams 2. Things didn't go all that great at the free throw line. Early on, it looked as though the Trojans were in a divorce court and lost custody of the charity stripe, going 0 for 6. Things did pick up a little after that and for the game Colby managed 26 of 47.

Colby shot 53.4 percent from the field, while holding Labette to 43.4 percent.

Brandon Miller was the Trojans' top scorer with 26. EJ Drayton scored 18; Justin Williams, 17, along with 14 rebounds and 6 blocks; Dedric Spooner, 13 and 10 rebounds and 5 blocks; and Joseph Williams, 14.

Box Score

Labette County 86 (17-14)
Victor Cox 10-20 8-12 29; Lee Reliford 10-16 1-1 21; Joseph Ison 3-18 3-6 9; Lance Scott 3-5 0-0 9; Cue Doyle 3-7 1-2 7; Jermaine Boykins 2-5 0-0 6; Julian Bohanon 2-4 1-2 5; Tyson Barnes 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-76 14-23 86.

Colby 95 (25-6)
Brandon Miller 7-13 7-9 26; EJ Drayton 7-13 4-6 18; Justin Williams 7-12 3-11 17; Joseph Williams 3-4 6-10 14; Dedric Spooner 6-9 1-2 13; Eric Fowlkes 1-5 5-8 7; Michael Wolters 0-2 0-1 0. Totals 31-58 26-47 95.

Labette County — 40 46 - 86
Colby — 44 51 - 95

3-point goals — Labette County, 6-18 (Lance Scott 3-5; Jermaine Boykins 2-2; Victor Cox 1-6; Julian Bohanon 0-1; Tyson Barnes 0-1; Joseph Ison 0-3), Colby 7-17 (Brandon Miller 5-10; Joseph Williams 2-2; Eric Fowlkes 0-1; Michael Wolters 0-2; EJ Drayton 0-2). Fouled out — Labette County, Lee Reliford, Colby, None. Rebounds — Labette County, 40 (Cue Doyle 7; Lee Reliford 7); Colby, 45 (Justin Williams 14). Assists — Labette County, 7 (Victor Cox 3), Colby, 15 (Eric Fowlkes 7). Total fouls — Labette County 34, Colby 20. A — 1,509

Lady Trojans trample Labette

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The Colby Community College Lady Trojans scored enough points in Wednesday night's Region VI playoff game in the community building to win a couple of games.

Colby fans loved every minute of the 101-51 victory over the Labette County Community College Cardinals, and they are now looking forward to the region's quarterfinals action on Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Salina BiCentennial Center when the Trojans (18-13) take on Cowley County.

Colby shot at a 50 percent clip from the field Wednesday evening while holding the visitors to just 32.8 percent. Not only was the score lopsided, but the rebounding also fell into that category — 53-25. The Trojans were guilty of committing just 12 turnovers and were whistled down 13 times, while Labette committed 33 fouls.

All five of the Trojans' starters scored in double figures, with Bojana Samrdziska and Andrea Stephens leading the way, both with 19 points. Samrdziska also pulled down 14 rebounds and blocked 9 shots. Stephens claimed 7 rebounds. Buba Kovacevic scored 18 points, Louis McLean scored 10 (and had 8 assists) and Ivana Drmanac ripped the nets for 16

points (grabbed 8 rebounds and had 7 assists).

Box Score

Labette County (51)
Brittaney Gooch 5-14 2-2 14; Holly Bushong 5-9 0-0 10; Laney Burkdoll 3-10 1-2 7; Shana Bryant 3-9 0-0 6; Toni Kennedy 2-10 0-0 5; Kandi Taylor 2-5 1-5 5; Johnna Ellis 2-5 0-0 4; Jeanise Clyburn 0-1 0-0 0; Jennifer McDaniel 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 22-67 4-9 51.

Colby (101)
Bojana Samrdziska 4-8 11-14 19; Andrea Stephens 6-13 7-8 19; Buba Kovacevic 6-9 3-4 18; Ivana Drmanac 6-12 2-2 16; Louis McLean 4-6 2-10; Lindsay Hager 0-1 2-4 2; Amy Green 1-3 0-0 2; Karli Sherwood 0-2 1-2 1. Totals 27-54 42-54 101.

Labette County — 22 29 - 51
Colby Lady Trojans — 35 66 - 101

3-point goals — Labette County 3-9 (Brittaney Gooch 2-4; Toni Kennedy 1-5), Colby Lady Trojans 5-17 (Buba Kovacevic 3-6; Ivana Drmanac 2-6; Louis McLean 0-1; Amy Green 0-2; Karli Sherwood 0-1; Andrea Stephens 0-1). Fouled out — Labette County — Brittaney Gooch; Johnna Ellis; Shana Bryant; Holly Bushong. Colby Lady Trojans — None. Rebounds — Labette County 25 (Shana Bryant 5), Colby Lady Trojans 53 (Bojana Samrdziska 14). Assists — Labette County 13 (Laney Burkdoll 4), Colby Lady Trojans 20 (Louis McLean 8). Total fouls — Labette County 33, Colby Lady Trojans 13.



Chiefs agree to multi-year contract for cornerback Dexter McCleon

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs and former St. Louis cornerback Dexter McCleon have reached an agreement on a multi-year contract, but no date for McCleon to sign was immediately announced.

"It's not a done deal yet," Chiefs spokesman Bob Moore said Tuesday night, "but you'd be safe in saying that an agreement has been reached."

McCleon's signing would be the Chiefs' second major move to shore up a defense that was among the league's worst in 2002. On Monday, they signed a seven-year deal with former Eagles linebacker Shawn Barber.

The Rams took McCleon, 29, out of Clemson in the second round of the 1997 draft. He was a starting cornerback from 1999, when current Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil coached the Rams to a Super Bowl title, through 2001.

McCleon lost his starting job to Dre' Bly last season, when he was hampered by a hamstring injury early in the year. He played in 13 games, starting four, and made 18 tackles with one interception and two fumble recoveries.

McCleon was among four players cut last week, although Rams' coach Mike Martz had said the team would consider re-signing him at less than the \$3.9 million he was

expected to make.

The Chiefs declined to specify the terms of the agreement, but the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and The Kansas City Star both reported that the deal was for more than \$11 million over five years, including a \$2 million signing bonus.

The Chiefs still have both of their starting cornerbacks from 2002, William Bartee and Eric Warfield.

Quinn has hopes of returning to Royals spring training soon

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Mark Quinn is optimistic he will miss only a few Kansas City Royals' spring training games after hurting his hamstring.

Quinn, who tore his left hamstring last June, aggravated the injury while running to first base in the Royals' 8-7 loss to the Seattle Mariners on Monday.

"It's not feeling too bad," Quinn said Tuesday. "This is good news. I've kind of been through this before. There's a big knot of scar tissue on the back of my hamstring."

Quinn and trainer Nick Swartz said it was likely the aggravation was most likely the result of scar

tissue breaking down. Swartz said it was "very likely" Quinn could return to the lineup by this weekend.

Quinn was scheduled for an MRI Tuesday, but it might be a few days before the Royals have conclusive reports.

Quinn hit .294 with 20 home runs and 78 RBIs as a rookie in 2000, but played only 23 games last season because of injuries.

Carlos Febles, who was hit in the left hand by a pitch to lead off the game Monday, did not play Tuesday against Oakland, but did take part in on-the-field activities, including batting practice.

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Robert Lee won 1st place at the Cimmaron, Kansas 2nd Annual Scratch match play tournament. Lee averaged over 200 for the qualifying rounds and which qualified him in the top twelve receiving buys for the first round of match play. Lee then won his next four games of match play with games averaging 215. Lee is an avid tournament bowler and participates in 12 to 15 tournaments each year.



Team	Won	Lost	Pins
Colby Bowl	42	26	40114
Gold Bank	42	26	39154
J-J Oil	29	39	39064
F&M Bank	27	41	38640

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
Jeans Rollers	18	10	16444
Total Image	18	10	16381
The Pitter Pats	15.5	12.5	16011
Van's Merry Four	15	13	16307
NW Vacuum Center	15	13	16173
Sharons Hallmark	12.5	15.5	16030
Vacant	12	16	0
Bowlerettes	6	22	15919

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
Comfort Inn	12	16	19406
Hurtt Enterprises	11	17	20593
Jays Lawn Service	10	18	20164

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
Colby Bowl	26	6	25232
Cheney Repair	18	14	24603
Colby Fertilizer	17.5	14.5	24865
TJs Tire Repair	17.5	14.5	24537
Wolf Lawn Care	16.5	15.5	24825
Twisters	14	18	24672
Beringer Hardware	14	18	24221
5 Pony Men	13	19	24613
Colby Automotive	13	19	24578
McCarty Dairy	10.5	21.5	21216

Sports this week

Thursday - Colby - Semi-finals of boys 4 A sub-state basketball in Colby, Colby vs. Scott City at 7:30 p.m. **Brewster** - Semi-finals of girls 1A sub-state basketball in Hays, Brewster vs. Grinnell at 6 p.m. at Hays Felton Middle School.
Friday - Colby - Semi-finals of girls 4A sub-state basketball in Colby, Colby vs. Scott City at 7:30 p.m. **Golden Plains** - Semi-finals of boys 1A sub-state in Phillipsburg, Golden Plains vs. Kennington-West Smith County at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday - Colby - boys and girls sub-state basketball finals in Colby.