

# Big bang at Barton

## Trojan men get first win in Great Bend

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That noise you heard Saturday night was a long, long time in the making.

It was the first time Colby College's Trojan basketball men were able to beat Barton County on their home court.

Explosive!

And how long has that been?

Put it this way: going into Saturday night's game at Great Bend, Colby's record down there was 0-17.

That's right, goose egg vs 17. Does that tell ya' something?

Head coach Brian Ostermann simply called it "a great college basketball game."

"Memorable" and "history-making" can be added to that description.

The win gives the Trojans a 23-4 overall mark.

In a game that was tied 17 times and the lead exchanged 31 times, the #13-ranked Colby Community College Trojans defeated #20 Barton County in Great Bend Saturday night, 84-81. Colby's head coach Brian Ostermann said, "This was a great college basketball game and a great win for us. This win keeps us alive for the conference championship."

Colby led by as many as 7 in the first half, while Barton County held a 6-point lead in the opening frame. After trailing by 6 with 12:54 left in the opening period, Colby responded with a 28-15 run over the course of 8 minutes to gain their 7-point cushion. Barton County was able to cut the deficit to 42-37 at the break.

Barton County came out in the

second half storming as they reeled off a quick 10-2 run to gain a three-point lead. From the 16 minute mark to the final horn, Colby and Barton County would be locked in a see-saw contest. After a 3-pointer by Barton County's Aubrey Bruner put Barton County up 76-74 with 3:11 left, Colby answered with a tip-in by Dillion Sneed. Rone Smith would put Barton County back up 2 with a basket with 1:47 left, but again Colby answered with two free throws from Sneed.

After JP Batista made one of two free throws with 1:10 remaining, Colby's Ontario McKee was fouled on a drive to the basket. McKee made the first of two free throws, but was able to corral the missed second free throw and was fouled again. This time McKee made both foul shots to put Colby up 81-79 with 58 seconds left in the game. Barton County would answer with a driving lay-up by Justin Rose, who was also fouled on the play. Rose missed the go ahead free throw with 45 seconds left. The Trojans ran just 10 seconds off the clock before Zane Davis's (Garden City) open 3-point shot rimmed out. Colby's EJ Drayton was able to get what was the most important offensive rebound of the game after the Davis missed.

After a time-out by Colby, Branden Miller drove to his left and spotted Zane Davis open again, and this time Davis connected on his 3-point shot with 3.9 seconds remaining to give Colby the win 84-81. Barton County desperation shot as the buzzer sounded was off target.

The Win at Barton County was the first in school history for Colby. The Trojans had previously lost all 17 meetings between the teams in

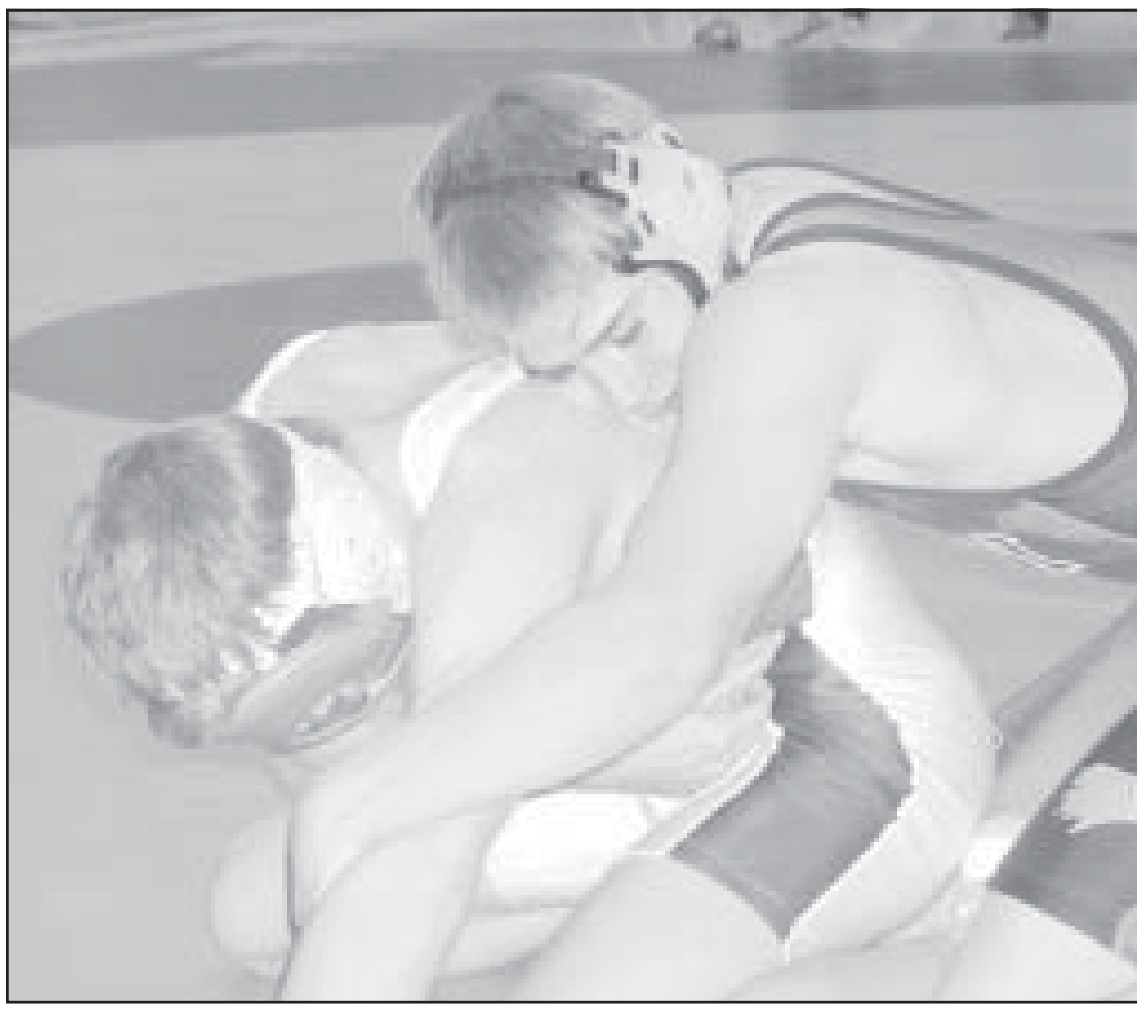
Great Bend. Colby has now won 3 of the past 4 meetings overall against Barton County. "Barton County is a tough place to play. Our program was 0 for 17 in Great Bend. I'm just proud for our players and proud to be part of the first-ever win at Barton County," said Ostermann.

Colby was led by freshman Ontario McKee with 22 points. McKee connected on 7 of 15 shots and dished out 4 assists. EJ Drayton had 21 points and 10 rebounds, while Branden Miller came off the bench and contributed 18 points, 7 rebounds and 3 assists. Zane Davis added 9 points, while Dillion Sneed added 8 points and 8 rebounds. Colby connected on just 41.9 percent of their shots, but hit 24 of 29 free throws. The Trojans outrebounded Barton County 44-38 and held Barton County to just 4 of 16 from three-point range. Colby made 8 of 20 three-point shots.

Colby is now 23-4 overall and 9-4 in Jayhawk West Conference action. Currently, Colby is a 1/2-game back from first place in the Jayhawk West. They will host current leader and #10-ranked Hutchinson Saturday at the Community Building. The much anticipated match-up is set for 8 p.m.

Ostermann said Hutchinson will be a difficult challenge. "Down the stretch every game is a playoff game. Hutchinson is a very good team and this will be another great Jayhawk West battle. I encourage the fans to get to the Community Building early. It's going to be a great atmosphere," he said.

All games are live on 100.3 FM (KQLS) or 790 AM (KXXX) and also on the world wide web at www.j-rmarketing.net. Follow-up reports appear in the *Free Press*.



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Colby High School's Taylor Finley got a 4-3 decision over Garden City's Ryker Carter in the 135-lb. weight class during the dual meet held in the Colby High gymnasium on Friday. Colby's varsity wrestling squad will begin regional action this Friday and Saturday at Abilene.

## Colby wrestlers lose to Buffaloes

The Colby Eagle varsity wrestlers lost 44-25 to the Garden City Buffaloes in dual action Friday night at the high school gym.

The results (Colby mentioned first):

103 lbs. — Daniel Tibbles won 11-2 over Kyle Blackburn.

112 — Travis Powell lost 7-5 to Eric Servin.

119 — Lincoln McClure lost by a fall to Dustin Sullivan.

125 — Doug Hurtt lost by a fall to Dusty Briggs.

130 — Cole Garcia won by a fall over David Gillan.

135 — Taylor Finley won 4-3 over Ryker Carter.

140 — Kyle Withington lost 9-2 to Brett Mesa.

145 — Ben Jurek lost 6-0 to Jeremy Kemp.

152 — Schuyler Sharp won by a fall over Josh Holler.

160 — Ross Wright lost by a 16-0 technical fall to Ryan Kramer.

171 — Tucker Olsen won by a fall over Jacob Gonzales at 1:10 in the first period.

189 — Brady Strange lost by a fall to Dustin Caine.

215 — Theo Kleinsorge lost by a fall to Josh Carr.

275 — John Schmidt lost by a fall to Marcos Ramo.

## Eagle boys lose, details Wednesday; Goodland comes to town Tuesday

### Soccer sign-up set

The American Youth Soccer Organization Region 994 spring season registration is Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at Pioneer Memorial Library, Colby. The registration fee is \$25 and includes uniform, insurance and a soccer magazine.

Boys and girls ages 4 1/2 (born by 1/31/99) and up are eligible to register. Parents can also register to be volunteers.

## Another win for Eagle ladies

By RALPH WOLF

Free Press Contributor

The Colby Lady Eagles are now 16-1, thanks to a 59-33 win over the Quinter Bulldogs on the road Friday night. Colby held on to a one-point (12-11) lead at the end of the first period of play. In the second quarter, the Eagles added 14 points, while limiting the Bulldogs to just 7.

Ivy Ramsey led the way with 19 points, 3 rebounds, 5 steals and 3 assists. Emily Sloan recorded her 8th double-double of the season by pouring in 15 points and hauling down 11 boards. Sloan also had 5 steals, 1 assist and blocked 1 shot. Amanda Seemann contributed 10 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals and 3 assists.

Brittany Kersenbrock came in off the bench and added 8 points, 1 rebound and 1 assist. Jessica Stephens finished the game with 3 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal and 1 assist.

Rounding out the scoring for the Eagles were Zanae Baird and Ashley Barnes with 2 points each. Baird was credited with 2 rebounds and 1 steal and Barnes had 5 rebounds. Marcia Kaus was credited with 2 rebounds. Shea McKee is still sidelined with a severely sprained ankle.

As a team the Eagles shot 42 percent from two-point land, 28 percent from beyond the arc and 73 percent from the free throw line.

Tuesday night the Goodland Cowgirls come to town.

### Jayvee game

The Eagles remain unbeaten with a record of 16-0 with a 57-36 victory over the Quinter squad. Colby led 24-14 after one period and 33-21 at half-time.

Marcia Kaus was unstoppable, scoring 20 points and grabbing 8 rebounds. Rishonna Martin tossed in 11 points, hauled down 2 rebounds, stole the ball away 3 times and dished out a team-high 5 assists.

Brittany Kersenbrock had 10 points, 3 boards and 1 steal. Jenna Johnson added 7 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals and 1 assist. Ashley Barnes recorded 3 points, 1 rebound, 2 steals and 1 assist before leaving the game with a sprained ankle.

Defensive ace Lauren Cox re-

corded an amazing 9 steals, while adding 2 points, 5 rebounds and 2 assists. Nikole Schroeder scored 2 points and had 1 assist. April Weaver and Rashaun Wilson both had 1 point apiece. Weaver was also credited with 2 boards and 1 steal. Tisha Bieker came away with 2 steals and 2 assists.

Carleigh Dempewolf, Kristin Cox and Caitie Henry all were credited with 2 rebounds each. Henry also had 1 assist. Michelle Kaus saw some action as well.

As a team the Eagles connected on 38 percent of their shots from the field and 33 percent from the charity stripe.

### C-team

The C-team played only 2 quarters and came out on top 24-19. Nikole Schroeder and Caitie Henry led the way with 6 points each. Tisha Bieker and Jenna Johnson both added 5 points apiece and April Weaver scored 2 points. The team's record is now 8-5.

## It's time for baseball



### Ray Nolan

#### ● From the Dugout

Baseball is here again, and we open our season at NJCAA 15th-ranked Lamar (Colo.) on Wednesday. Lamar has won more than 100 games in the last two seasons and is just two seasons removed from a NJCAA World Series appearance.

Last season was a disappointment, but we made it through with spirits high. We ended the year on a high note with an upset victory over 1st-place, and NJCAA 5th-ranked Seward County in the Sub-Region playoffs. We have added another good recruiting class this season and hopefully have the makings of a quality team.

This coming weekend we will be hosting our second annual bowling, pool and dart tournament, the "Trojan Baseball Try-Athlon." This was a great event last season and we think it will once again be successful. The price is just \$40 dollars per person (see accompanying ad this page). We have room for 24, four-person, teams. We already have 18 signed up, so if you want to join the fun call head coach Ryan Carter at the college at 462-3984 x238, or myself at extension 242.

Your entry fee includes a free pizza for your team and two free drinks for each person. We will be giving prizes for individual event winners, as well as the overall champion. All participants will receive free admission to the Hutchinson vs. Colby basketball games that evening at the Commu-

nity Building.

The Try-Athlon will not carry over to Sunday like it did last year. We plan on finishing all events on Saturday the 21st and then concentrating on the auction on Sunday. Registration for the Try-Athlon will start at 8 a.m. and the tournament will get under way at 9 a.m.

The free-will donation chili feed and auction on Sunday the 22nd will start at noon. You do not need to attend the Try-Athlon in order to come to the auction. Among many great items at the auction will be an autographed football by four of the expected top 20 quarterbacks in the up coming NFL draft, Ben Roethlisberger (Miami, Ohio, projected #2 quarterback and top ten draft pick), Jared Lorenzen (Kentucky, projected #10 quarterback), Casey Clausen (Tennessee, projected #17 quarterback), and Casey Bramlet (Wyoming, projected #19 quarterback). Casey Bramlet is the older brother of our freshman pitcher Conner Bramlet.

Please come join us at the Try-Athlon at the Colby Bowl on Saturday, the 21st and the chili feed and auction at City Limits on the 22nd.

Our first home double header will be Saturday, Feb. 28 at noon against Arapahoe Community College of Denver.

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## Colby Community College Trojan Baseball Try-Athlon And Sports Memorabilia Auction

A little bit of try, and a whole lot of fun!!  
Saturday, February 21 and Sunday, February 22

On Saturday compete in our bowling, pool, and dart tournament (our Try-Athlon) at 9:00 am (registration at 8:00) at the Colby Bowl, and then attend the CCC basketball games against Hutchinson CC for free.

On Sunday, join us at City Limits Convention Center for our Chili Feed (free will donation) and Memorabilia Auction at 12:00 p.m.

*You do not need to attend the Try-Athlon in order to attend the auction.*

CCC Baseball Try-Athlon Registration Form  
Saturday, February 21 and Sunday, February 22

Just \$40.00 per person  
Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Bullpen (Optional, if you want more team members) Just \$15.00 per person  
1st Reliever: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Reliever: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Our team will pay when we register Total Entry Fee Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Colby Community College Baseball, Head Coach Ryan Carter  
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