

Biggest game ever Saturday

Several locals may be calling our game last Saturday at Great Bend the best ever. I believe it was the best ever in my five years as head coach. But, our game this Saturday at the community building vs. Hutchinson is perhaps the biggest game EVER in our school's history. We are just one game behind Hutch in the Jayhawk West championship race. There are only three games remaining. Hutch defeated us in Hutchinson 77-75 a month ago.



Brian Ostermann

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and support both of the nationally-ranked basketball programs at Colby Community College.

Jottings

Several boosters have joined forces and ordered the popular "thunder sticks." The first 500-700 fans will receive a set of "thunder sticks" at our next home game. Be sure to make as much noise as possible all game long! Everyone is asked to turn them in after the game allowing fans to use them for our final regular season game vs. Dodge City on Wednesday the 25th and for the home playoff game on Wednesday March 3. I would like to thank Bryce & Amber Barton for their work on the "thunder sticks."

The Lady Trojans are 24-3 and ranked #10 this week. The school record for the ladies is 24-8.

This is the best women's team in Colby Community College history. The Ladies have locked up a home playoff game for the second straight year!

The men are 23-4 and ranked #13 in this week's NJCAA Division I poll. The men currently are one game in the loss column out of first place and one game out of sixth place.

This is one of the tightest Jayhawk West races ever. The top four teams host a first round play-

off game. There are three games remaining and two wins will clinch a home game for us. Three wins will give us a conference regular season title— The first ever!

Hutchinson is coached by Colby native Chad Wintz. This should be a great game. Hutch is ranked #11 in the country. Colby has only beat Hutch once in 23 tries.

We have not lost a home game this season. A year ago we went 14-2 at the Community Building, including a win in each of our final six games. Combine those six with our 12-in-a-row this season we have now won 18 straight home games. The school record is 19. Hutchinson and Dodge City The Trojan Dunk-O-Meter is at 94 after 27 games. Just in Williams is the team leader with 57 slams!

Last season the Trojans recorded 107 dunks. Colby Canvas sponsors the Dunk-O-Meter!

All Trojan basketball games can be heard on 100.3 FM. Also, via Internet at j-marketing.net Thanks to the voice of the Trojans Rich Bpp. Be sure to read the follow up game reports in your *Colby Free Press*, proud backers of the Trojans.

Ostermann is head coach of the men's basketball program at Colby Community College.

Game change for Friday announced

Colby High today faxed the *Free Press* a note relative to a change for Friday's games vs. Atwood here. The fax reads:

The only change will be that the C-boys and C-girls will start at 5:15 p.m. (boys at the high school gym and girls at the Community Building) and only play 2 quarters.

Here is the evening's schedule:
• 5:15 p.m. — C-boys/Atwood at

the high school gym, followed by jayvee boys, then jayvee girls (after varsity girls' game is completed).

• 6:30 p.m. — Varsity girls/Atwood at the Community Building, followed by "Senior Recognition of Basketball Players, Pep Band Members and Parents," followed by the varsity boys/Atwood game.

Lady Eagles thump Cowgirls, 68-44; ranked #3 in one poll, #4 in another

By RALPH WOLF

Free Press Contributor

Victory #17 was tacked on the board for the Colby Eagle varsity girls following their 68-44 thrashing of the Goodland Cowgirls in the Colby Community Building Tuesday night.

The win improves the Eagles' record to 17-1 as they continue to hold onto the #4 spot in this week's Kansas Basketball Coaches Association poll. A "consensus poll" circulating through the media has Colby ranked #3. The loss puts the Cowgirls at 9-9 on the season.

Colby held a 3-point advantage — 14-11 — at the end of the first quarter, and 31-26 at half-time.

Brewster girls win big 64-34

BREWSTER — The Brewster High School girls' basketball team made short work of Weskan in Brewster Friday night, winning 64-34 in a game never in doubt.

Brewster, coming off a loss at Oakley Tuesday night, took a little time to get started, but led 15-9 at the end of the first quarter and was solidly in control. Both teams played aggressive defense in the second quarter and each got some good looks from steals. It was

The Eagles opened the third quarter with a 13-0 run and outscored the visitors 34-7 in that period.

Amanda Seemann led the way for Colby with a career-high 22 points. She also had 2 rebounds, 3 steals and 6 assists. Ivy Ramsey scored 17 of her 19 points in the third quarter. Ramsey also had 5 rebounds, 5 steals and a team-high 8 assists to her credit. Jessica Stephens tallied 12 points and dished out 2 assists. Emily Sloan contributed 11 points, 6 rebounds, 1 steal and 1 assist. Rounding out the scoring was Ashley Barnes with 4 points.

Contributing to the win, but not breaking into the scoring column, were Zanae Baird, Marcia Kaus,

Brittany Kersenbrock, Rishonna Martin and Lauren Cox.

Bedore with 17 points, Koehler with 13 and Archer with 10 led the way for the Cowgirls. Osborn and Leonard scored 2 points each.

The Eagles connected on 50 percent of their shots from 2-point range, 62 percent from 3-point land and 72 percent from the charity stripe.

The Eagles host Atwood Friday night in the Community Building at 6:30.

Jayvee game

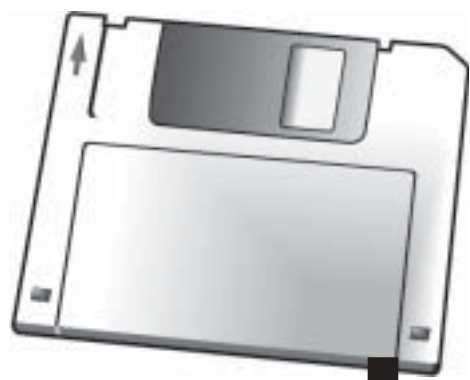
Colby picked up their 18th victory with a lopsided 55-30 win over the Cowgirls. Scoring for Colby were: Kersenbrock 9, Martin 9; Lauren Cox 8; Barnes 6; April Weaver 6; Jenna Johnson 6; Kaus 5; Tisha Bieker 2; Nikole Schroeder 2; and Rashaun Wilson 2. Kristin Cox, Caitie Henry, Michelle Kaus and Carleigh Dempewolf also saw action.

C-team

In two quarters of action, Colby won 20-8, their 9th win against 5 losses on the season.

Scoring for Colby were: Nikole Schroeder 5; Tisha Bieker 4; Jenna Johnson 4; Rashaun Wilson 4; April Weaver 2; and Michelle Kaus added 1 point.

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