Trojan men closer to the top

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The Colby Trojans entered last night's contest with the Pratt Beavers at the bottom of the conference with only two wins.

Afterward they are in the thick of the playoff race in the Jayhawk West with an 89-81 win over Pratt.

Pratt had the opportunity to build a lead atop the West but the Colby upset leaves a wide open race for first place. The Trojans are now 3-3 (10-9) and the former first place Beavers sits at 4-3 (15-6).

Colby grabbed a quick lead in the first half and managed to lead 44-39 by half. The Beavers never let the Trojans out of their sight though and by midway through the second half Colby surrendered their lead by one

A quick three-pointer from Hellion Knight put the Trojans back on top by two and that would be as close as the Beavers could get. A foul-filled second half allowed the Trojans to pull away as they went 28-40 from the line compared to

and Hellion Knight's 21 points continued to supplant themselves as the

top scoring duo in the Jayhawk but the stats were slightly misleading.

The Beaver team played a zone defense for the majority of the game and despite their best efforts the Trojan guards could not get any consistency from their outside shots. Knight went 3-15 from the floor but after a timeout adjustment where coach John Woods told his players to drive hard to the net. The Trojans managed to get the Beavers out of position and, in turn, began to draw fouls.

Knight went 13-18 from the line and Jorge Canedo went 5 -5. The Trojans were aggressive on the boards where they outrebounded Pratt 49-32. Canedo could not be contained as he grabbed 17 boards to go along with his 13 points for a double-double.

The Trojans have made a noticeable turnaround since the Christmas break. The freshman dominated team has become more physical and the sophomores have become leaders. Colby men's and the women's teams travel to Dodge City Sunday to take on the Conquistadors. The Dodge City men are 4-2 (14-6) and Trojans Nate Bowie's 27 points the women are 3-2 (15-4). The women's game begins at 3 p.m. and the men begin at 6 p.m.



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Trojan women breeze by Pratt

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The Lady Trojans improved their record to 6-1 (18-3) overall Wednesday as they handled the Pratt Lady Beavers 101-68.

The win puts them in second place, half a game ahead of Cloud County. Barton County is still atop the Jayhawk West at 5-0 in conference and 18-1 overall. Pratt falls to

The Trojans jumped out to a 15-0 lead before most spectators had found their seats. The transition game for Colby overwhelmed the Beavers and the ability to always get back on defense made it tough for Pratt to amount any sort of

By halftime Colby led 53-33 and the men begin at 6 p.m.

(AP) — Poor free throw shooting

foiled Kansas in both of its Big 12

Conference losses, but on Wednes-

day solid work from the line helped

the Jayhawks get a 83-73 win over

Russell Robinson had a careerhigh 24 points, and made 12-of-13

free throws, to help Kansas improve

to 11-0 all-time against the Aggies.

"We focused on that just because

it haunted us in a couple of losses

early in the season," said Robinson.

"Free throws have been a big em-

Kansas lost to Missouri and Kan-

sas State this season after missing

This time, the Jayhawks shot 75

percent from the line, making 27-

of-36 in the second half and 33-of-

44 overall. Their free throws made and attempted are the most in Big

It helped them maintain a lead that they captured with a big run to

The Jayhawks scored 16 unan-

Game times changed

The scheduled times for Friday's

Colby High School home basket-

ball games against Ulysses have

will start at 5 p.m. with the girls "C"

team game, which will be two quar-

ters only, followed by the junior

varsity boys game at 5:45 p.m., then

the boys "C" team game, two quar-

The junior varsity girls will play

The girls varsity game at the

Colby Community Building has

The boys varsity game will fol-

at approximately 8 p.m.

been moved to 6:30 p.m.

Games at the elementary gym

Texas A&M.

phasis in practice."

key free throws late.

12 play this season.

open the second half.

changed slightly.

ters only.

Jayhawks win with

COLLEGE STATION, Texas swered points, thanks to eight

game on the line

the second half provided more of the relentless Trojan attack. Despite the lead Stephens urged his women to push the ball up the court.

The Lady Trojans featured four scorers in double figures including a double-double from a sore Ivana Mijalcevic with 26 points and 11

"Milch," as she is known, has been battling a sprained ankle and she did not receive much of a break in the game as her 6'2" counterpart Ivana Stojadinov rolled her ankle in the first half.

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Lady Trojan Rita Kollo looked

for an open teammate while

keeping the ball away from

Pratt Community College's

Bonnie Freestone during their

matchup Wednesday at the

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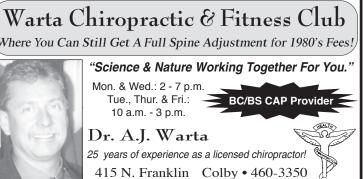
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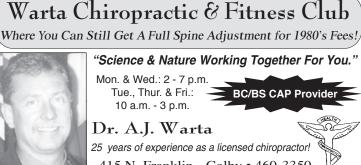
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range, hitting two straight and got within 54-50, but Kansas scored eight straight points and put the game out of reach.

points from Robinson and sloppy

play by the Aggies. Kansas (12-6,

3-2 Big 12) erased a two-point half-

time deficit and had built a 47-33

lead before Texas A&M finally

scored five minutes into the half.

Texas A&M's offense in that span

featured blocked shots, misses from

"They just whipped us in every phase of the game," said Texas A&M coach Billy Gillispie. "We made so many mental mistakes that it is embarrassing to me as a coach."

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