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Colby's Suzana Sormaz, left, and Butler's Kelsey Van Sickle get tangled up in Colby's 64-54 win Saturday in El Dorado. Colby plays Kansas City, Kan., Community College Wednesday in Colby in first round action of the postseason.

## Trojan teams finish regular season; prepare for postseason

Both Colby Community College basketball teams finished the regular season Saturday winning at Butler County Community College in El Dorado.

Colby men had a balanced attack with four players in double figures in its 79-71 victory.

Hellion Knight lead the way with 23 points, Camilo Londono

had 19, Nate Bowie 15, and Jorge Canedo scored 12. Corey Bailey lead the Grizzlies with 31 points and six rebounds, but no other Butler player broke double digits.

Colby finished the regular season 14-15 overall and 7-9 in conference play. Colby tied for fourth place in conference play.

Dodge City and Cloud County tied for the conference championship.

The Trojan women defeated Butler County 64-54. No statistics were available before press time. Colby women won the conference with a 15-1 record and 27-3 overall.

Both Trojan teams begin the Region 6 tournament this week. Colby women play Kansas City, Kan. Community College 7 p.m. Wednesday in Colby. Kansas City is 9-21.

Colby men play Wednesday at Kansas City Community College. Kansas City is 20-10.

5'10" freshman guard from Depew, Okla. Their other guard Katrena Richard is their outside shot threat. She has 205 three-point attempts on the year but is only shooting at a 24 percent rate from that range.

The Blue Devils do have an inside defensive threat with 6'3" Mara Hoefer. The sophomore has 23 blocks on the year.

The Trojans finished first in the Western Division of the Jayhawk by going 15-1 in conference and 27-3 overall. They are currently ranked seventh in the country. Their 77.9 points per game is the highest in the Jayhawk.

By only allowing 55.2 points per game they have the third best defense in the entire Conference.

Last season's MVP Rita Kollo leads the offense with 21.1 points per game followed by the best three-point shooter in the Conference Suzana Sormaz with 14.7. The Trojans finished the season on a 14 game winning streak.

## Correction

Rex Branum placed first in the 52 pound weight class and Tucker Branum placed second in the 49 pound class in the

youth wrestling tournament held Feb. 25.

Their names were incorrect in Friday's *Colby Free Press*.

# It's bunches of Bulldogs at state basketball

The Brewster High School boys basketball team beat the Tigers of Natoma High 84-62 in the substate final Saturday in Phillipsburg.

Brewster advances to the state championships which begin Tuesday at Fort Hays State University.

The Bulldogs, seeded No. 4, take on the Panthers of Centralia High at 4:45 p.m. Brewster is 24-1 heading into today's action. The Panthers, seeded No. 5, are 22-3 after they defeated Blue Valley High of Randolph 54-26 Saturday in the substate final in Holton.

Leading the Brewster boys in scoring against Natoma was freshman Jeff Reid with 29 points. Sophomore Jance McKee scored 26 and senior Jonathan Collett had 10 points. Sophomore Michael Collett added seven points, and seniors Karman Selby and Kyle O'Connor both scored four. Senior Branson Gilley and freshman Tyler O'Connor both had two points.

The Lebo Wolves, last year's state runner up, is the tournament's

top seed with a 25-0 record. South Gray High of Montezuma is seeded No. 2 and also is 25-0 for the season. Macksville, which finished third in the state last year, is the No. 3 seed also at 25-0.

Should the Bulldogs defeat Centralia, they will face the winner of the Lebo-Claflin game at 4:45 p.m. Thursday at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays. Brewster and Centralia both advanced to the state championships last year with each losing in the first round.

The Lady Bulldogs quest for the state title was stopped Saturday in Russell with a 50-37 loss to Lady Wildcats of Claflin. Junior Dani Bedore led Brewster with 13 points with both senior Jayln Reid and junior Avery Schultz scoring 11. Senior Caitlin Rush scored the other two points for the Bulldogs.

Claflin, the defending state champion, is the top seed in the girls bracket with a 24-1 record. Brewster was seeded No. 1 with a 25-0 record at the state tournament

last year by lost to Wetmore by one point in the first round. Wetmore lost to Claflin in the championship game.

The Lady Bulldogs of Golden Plains slipped by unbeaten Eastern Heights 63-58 Saturday in the substate finals at Phillipsburg. Golden Plains earned a trip to Hays to play in the 1A state basketball tournament.

Valerie Broeckelman and Katelyn Spresser both pumped in 18 points while Kendra Spresser chipped in with 10. Rounding out the scoring was Jessica Shaw with nine, Megan Juenemann with seven and Ashley Albers with one.

Golden Plains outrebounded the Mustangs 34-17 which proved to be the difference in the game. Golden Plains is 22-2 on the season.

The first round opponent for the Bulldogs will be Deerfield, also 22-2. Game time for 4:45 p.m. Wednesday.

*Goodland Star-News contributed to this story.*

## State basketball dates change

The 1A state basketball tournament at Fort Hays State University in Hays will be this week. The change is because of the increased probability Fort Hays State University will host an NCAA regional tournament game Saturday.

The state tournament date change is final and will not be rescheduled

even if Fort Hays State University not be granted a NCAA regional game.

1A state basketball tournament schedule is:

Tuesday: boys quarterfinal games at 3, 4:45, 6:30 and 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday: girls quarterfinal games at 3, 4:45, 6:30 and 8:15 p.m.

Thursday: semifinal games, girls at 3 and 6:30 p.m.; boys at 4:45 and 8:15 p.m.

Friday: consolation and state championship games, 2 p.m., third place girls game; 3:45 p.m., third place boys game; 5:30 p.m., girls championship; 7:30 p.m., boys championship.

## Big 12 Tourney next for Kansas schools

(AP) — No. 6 Texas cruised past No. 19 Oklahoma late Sunday afternoon and a zany, whacky and sad Big 12 regular season finally came to a close.

Texas and No. 18 Kansas tied for the league title with 13-3 records, with the Longhorns gaining the No. 1 seed in this week's conference tournament by virtue of their 25-point home blowout of the Jayhawks. No. 19 Oklahoma (11-5) is the No. 3 seed.

No. 4 seed Texas A&M is enjoying one of its greatest seasons ever. The Aggies have never won a Big 12 tournament game, but they've locked up a first-round bye on the strength of their seventh victory in a row, a 75-59 conquest of Texas Tech on Saturday that put them at 10-6.

In the first round Thursday, No. 8 seed Texas Tech plays No. 9 seed Kansas State. No. 5 seed Colorado goes against 12th-seeded Baylor. No. 7 seed Oklahoma State goes against No. 10 seed Iowa State and No. 6 seed Nebraska faces No. 11 seed Missouri.

Knight's Red Raiders are 14-16 overall and 6-10 in the league, a historically bad year for the hall-of-fame coach with the three national championships. They could become the first Knight-coached team

to miss the postseason since his 1976-77 Indiana Hoosiers. Knight hasn't had a team finish the regular season below .500 since his Army team of 1970-71.

"We've been a team that's really struggled all year," said Knight, whose team has lost four in a row. "And the struggling hasn't stopped."

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