

Trojans sweep Pratt in conference play

Colby softball team took a doubleheader Thursday at Pratt. Colby won game one 9-4.

Amanda Bell was the winning pitcher. She gave up nine hits and gave up three earned runs in seven innings.

Leading hitters were Lindsey Marsh and Hannah Liming. They each went 2-3 with a home run and had two RBIs.

In game two, Colby won 4-2. Jere Ebert earned the win for Colby. She threw five strike outs going the distance.

Heather Ebert led Colby at the plate going 2-3 2B. As a team,

Colby had seven hits.

"We had solid defense both games and good offense in the first game," said coach Carl Adams. "The second game we got some hits to drive in runs in key innings. Amanda and Jere threw very well today. If we continue to play hard and improve we have a good chance to advance deep into the tournament this weekend."

The Trojans played at Independence today.

Colby plays Cowley in the first game of the Tulsa tournament at 9 a.m. Saturday. Colby is 11-6 overall and 4-0 in conference.

Colby's young wrestlers compete at Hays

Colby's young wrestlers competed in the Western Kansas Classic Saturday in Hays.

More than 1,000 wrestlers competed.

Colby results are as follows:
16 and younger: 245 pounds, Taylor Brown, 1st; 155 pounds, Mikel Landenburger, did not place; 185 pounds, Nick Kriss, 1st; 150 pounds, Jared Flanagan, first; 125 pounds, Daren Sporing, 1st; 120 pounds, Dalen Schlagek, 2nd.

14 and younger: 160 pounds, Tanner Kriss, 1st; 140 pounds, Breck Arnerberger, 1st; 135 pounds, Ethan Stickle, 2nd; 130 pounds, Jonathan Griffith, did not place; 120 pounds, George Smollock, did not place; 95 pounds, Bob Schroeder, 3rd; 110 pounds, Torey Taylor, 2nd; 115 pounds, Andrew Flagin, 2nd; 95 pounds, Nathan Reed, 2nd; 70 pounds, Seth Dehart, did not place.

12 and younger: 150 pounds, Nathan Quagliano, did not place; 100 pounds, Dalton Snyder, first; 88 pounds, Kale Arnerberger, fourth; 84 pounds, Konner Kriss, first; 80 pounds, Keegan Strange, did not

place.

10 and younger: 130 pounds, Dustin Burleigh, 2nd; 130 pounds, Zell Bierberle, 1st; 100 pounds, Trek Keck, 2nd; 95 pounds, Andrew Taylor, did not place; 61 pounds, Kyle Finley, did not place; 58 pounds, Dustin Reed, 1st, Josh Barnhart, did not place.

8 and younger: Hwt, Keegan Morgan, 3rd; 88 pounds, Casey Quaglino, 3rd, Brady Slinger, 4th; 80 pounds, Lucas Coulter, did not place; 73 pounds, Conner Edmundson, did not place; 70 pounds, Andrew Voss, did not place, Colter Miller, did not place; 64 pounds, Brady Holzmeister, 4th; 64 pounds, Travis Finely, did not place; 49 pounds, Tate Carney, did not place.

6 and younger: 76 pounds, Lucas Taylor, 4th; 61 pounds, Jeron Schutte; 52 pounds, Kory Finley, did not place, Rex Branum, 1st; 49 pounds, Tucker Branum, Tanner Reed, did not place; 46 pounds, Tate Siruta, did not place, Sean Rall, 4th; 37 pounds, Braiden Lynn, 1st, Austin Reed, did not place.

Texas tech stops 'Cats

DALLAS (AP) — Bob Knight managed to salvage at least one milestone from the worst season since his West Point days.

Despite poor shooting by scoring star Jarrius Jackson, Texas Tech beat Kansas State 73-65 Thursday in the opening round of the Big 12

tournament.

Tech (15-16) next plays No. 8 Texas, the tournament's top seed, in the quarterfinals Friday. The Red Raiders must reach the final to avoid Knight's first losing season since 1970-71, when his Army squad went 11-13.

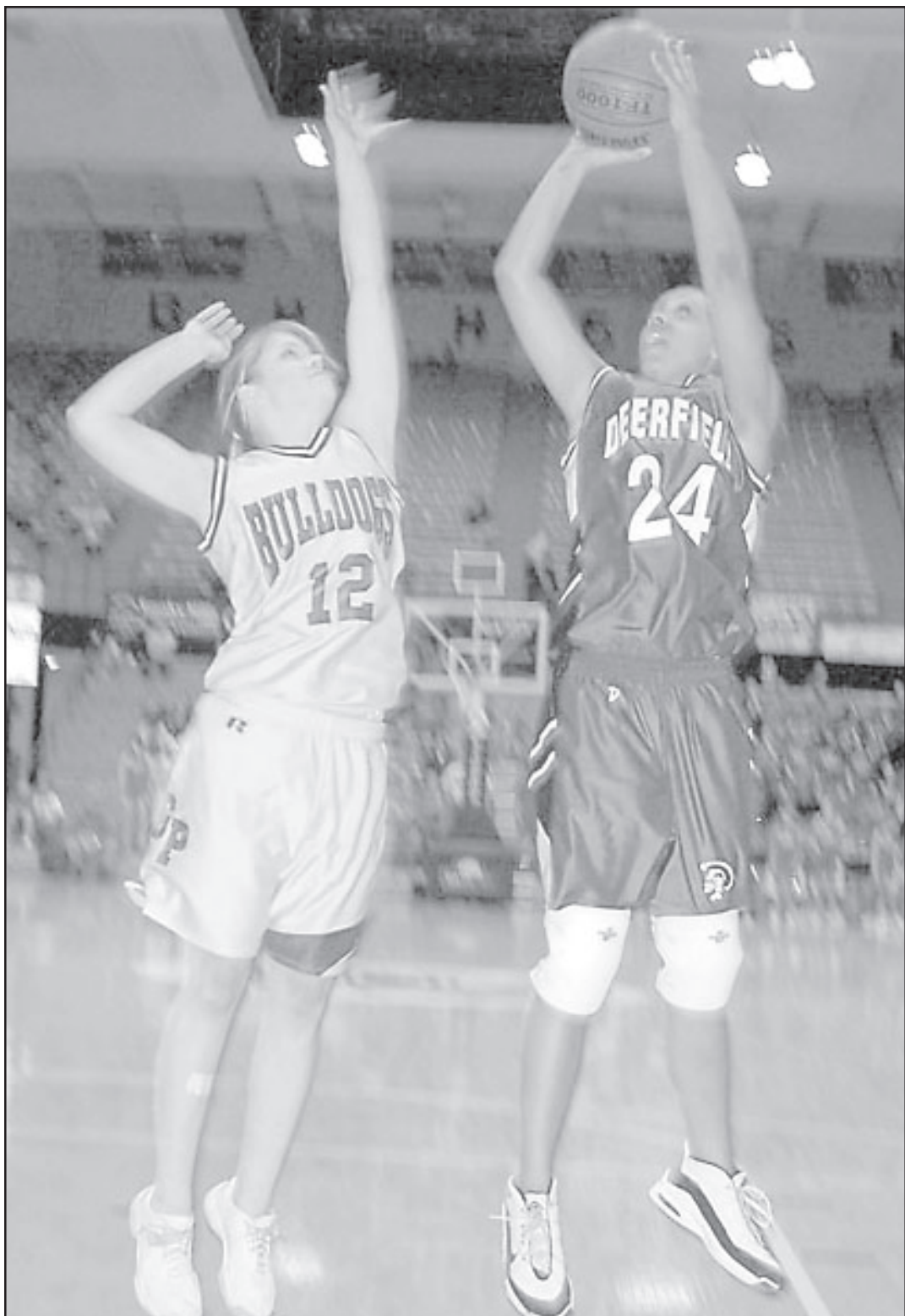


Photo courtesy of JUDY ROGERS
Golden Plains' Ashley Albers, left, defended a Deerfield player in Golden Plains' first round game Tuesday at the state tournament. Claflin defeated Golden Plains Thursday in semifinal action. Golden Plains plays today for third place.

Brewster, Golden Plains falls

Brewster boys and Golden Plains girls basketball teams were both defeated Thursday in semifinal action of the Kansas High School State Basketball Tournament.

Hoxie girls are the lone team left from northwest Kansas in the tournament.

Results of games Thursday night:
CLASS 1A Boys
Gross Memorial Coliseum, Hays

Claflin 70, Brewster 55
Macksville 81, Baileyville 65
CLASS 1A Girls
Gross Memorial Coliseum, Hays
Claflin 54, Golden Plains 45
Greensburg 62, Olpe 61, OT
Class 2A Girls
At Bramlage Coliseum, Manhattan


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Minneapolis 54, Southwestern Heights 42
Hoxie 52, Berean Academy 43
Belleville 54, St. Marys 35
Hoxie plays Minneapolis 3 p.m. in the semifinal round.

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Wooldridge out at KSU

DALLAS (AP) — Kansas State fired basketball coach Jim Wooldridge on Thursday shortly after the Wildcats' season ended with a loss in the first round of the Big 12 tournament.

Athletic director Tim Weiser said Wooldridge needed to get the team into the NCAA tournament to keep his job. By finishing 15-13 after a 73-65 loss to Texas Tech, that wasn't going to happen, so he was let go.

"The expectations were pretty clear," Weiser said. "We wanted to be in the NCAA tournament. We thought the prospects were very good. That's why I continued saying until our season was over we weren't going to make any decisions."

Weiser broke the news to Wooldridge after the game, then told the team at its hotel. He returned to the arena to discuss the decision at a news conference.

Wooldridge went 83-90 over six seasons. He took over a club coming off a 9-19 season, got it to 14-14 in his fourth season, then had winning records each of the last two seasons. Although this year's club won two fewer games, it beat top rival Kansas for the first time since 1994 and lost nine games by five points or less, including consecutive one-point losses to Texas and Oklahoma.

Wooldridge never got the Wildcats higher than seventh in the Big 12, never won more than one game at the league tournament and never made the NCAA tournament or even the NIT.

K-State hasn't been in the NCAA field since 1996 and hasn't won an NCAA tournament game since reaching the regional finals in 1988.

"We appreciate what Jim and his staff have done," Weiser said. "But, as most of you know, this is a bottom-line profession. We have high expectations for all of our programs."

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