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The Colby Community College Lady Trojans said their farewells Friday during send-off held at the college. They were scheduled to play Cloud County 3 p.m. today.

Trojan women advance

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The Colby Community College Lady Trojan Basketball team tore apart Cowley County Saturday 79-61 at Wichita in the first round of the Region 6 Tournament. The Trojans advanced to the semifinal game 3 p.m. today against Cloud County. Barton faces Labette in the other game as three of the top four Jayhawk West teams are in the finals. The match-up for Colby should

be interesting as the Trojans won both meetings this season, 79-77 and 85-76. Colby jumped out to an early lead Saturday as Cowley struggled to find an answer to Colby's bench points. Jacci Tinkel poured in four three-pointers for 12 points as Suzana Sormaz had an off night going 3-9 from beyond the arc. Center Ivana Stojadinov came off the bench for 14 points and her counterpart Ivana Mijalcevic finished the game with 15 rebounds.

Cowley had not seen a team as deep as the Trojans this year and it showed in the second half as Colby outscored their opponents 42-28. Cowley's bright spot was Tehani Goldsmith who led all scorers with 25 points. If the Lady Trojans win today's game, they will play on Tuesday at the Koch Arena against the winner of the Barton County Community College/Labette Community College game. Tip-off is 6 p.m. for the championship game.

2A state championship

Belleville ousts Hoxie girls

MANHATTAN (AP) — Nicki Kasl scored 27 points and triggered a 17-1 run to lead Belleville to a 61-43 victory over Hoxie in the Class 2A state championship on Saturday. Kasl hit three 3-pointers during the run, while the inside tandem of

Amanda Peirson and Ashley Junker combined for 21 points for Belleville (26-0). Danielle Pratt scored nine points in the first half and kept Hoxie (21-5) close early on. But when Pratt,

who finished with a team-high 16 points, picked up her third foul, Belleville began pulling away. In the consolation game, Garden Plain (21-5) beat Minneapolis (15-10) 67-59.

Clafin girls win 1A state title

HAYS (AP) — Kayla Klug and Roxanne Stiles scored 13 points each to lead Clafin to a 47-35 victory over Greensburg in the Class 1A State Championship on Friday. Amanda Prosser added 12 points for the Wildcats (27-1), who captured their second straight state title. Clafin defeated Golden Plains in the semifinal round.

Clafin built a 20-9 halftime lead, thanks to a 2-3 zone defense that held Greensburg to 4-of-25 shooting early in the game. After Kelsey Heft hit three 3-

pointers to get Greensburg (26-2) within four late in the third quarter, Clafin hit six of seven free throws in the final 1:26 to seal the win. **1A Boys** Kyle Loomis scored 12 points and James Hudson had 10 to lead Macksville to a 55-45 victory over Clafin in the Class 1A state championship Friday night. After finishing second in 2003 and third a year ago, the Mustangs (28-0) captured their first state title by knocking off their Central Prairie League rival for the third time this year. Lance Hoffman scored 18 points to lead Clafin (20-8), which trailed 23-19 at halftime but fell behind as many as 12 early in the third quarter. Sophomore Layton Hicckel added 11. Clafin defeated Brewster in the semifinal round. Macksville never trailed in the game, despite early foul trouble that allowed Clafin — which scored 12 of its 19 first-half points at the free throw line — to stay close.

Iola girls take top spot in 4A

SALINA (AP) — Emily Middleton scored 22 points to lead Iola to a 46-40 victory over Andover Central in the Class 4A championship on Saturday. Emily Larson added 14 points and Marissa Scott had 10 rebounds for the Fillies (24-2), who scored the

first eight points of the game and built a 20-17 halftime lead. Andover Central (21-5) went on a run of its own early in the third quarter, taking its only lead of the game when Jill Anderson hit a 3-pointer to make it 23-22.

But the Fillies ran off the next eight points to put the game away. Kari Kincaid, who will play college basketball at Kansas State, led Andover Central with 12 points. Andover Central defeated Goodland in the first round.

Dodge City's rally ends Trojan men's season

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Colby Community College's men's basketball team has had disappointment this season. But Sunday's 56-53 loss to Dodge City in the Region 6 Tournament in Wichita would be the last disappointment. The Trojans led the entire game until the two minute point where Dodge City finally took a lead for good. Dodge City tied the game on two free throws by Wade Knapp with 1:52 left in regulation, and took the lead when Coley stole a Colby pass and took the ball coast-to-coast for a dunk with 1:26 left. Coley blocked a shot on Colby's next possession, and his free throw with 12.6 seconds left forced the Trojans to take a desperation three-point attempt to try to send the game into overtime. In the first half the Trojans took a 29-22 lead. The low score was a combination of poor shooting by the Trojans and good defense from both teams. Colby was 2-9 from three point range and 11-29 from the floor. Dodge City was even worse going 9-33 from the floor. In the second half, the Trojans did all they could to clamp down on the Conquistadors. They limited top scorer Wade Knapp to 10 points. Little used Charlie Coley was the difference on the night.

Going into the game the post was averaging eight points a game. When all was said and done, Coley had 22 points and the Trojans did not have answers. "We knew of Coley's rebounding skills but did not expect him to score the way he did tonight," said Colby coach John Wood. Trojan scorers were led by Jorge Canedo with 15 points and 13 rebounds followed by Hellion Knight with 10 points. Trojan basketball will look to replace two guards. Hellion Knight provided 15.3 points per night and Jayhawk leading scorer Nate Bowie averaged 21.3 PPG. Expectations were low for the Colby Community College men's basketball team this year. After losing coach Marso to Garden City, John Woods took over a team that now hired its second head

coach in two years. To make the situation worse, the team was short-handed from the year before when Brian Ostermann left without much notice and took his recruits with him. Woods returned only two players from the year before and created an international team by recruiting three Columbians and one British player. Mid-way through this season, Woods lost his head assistant but quickly replaced him with Vu Phan. When the team started slowly naysayer's were in abundance. So for the Trojans by making it to the quarter-final game in the Jayhawk playoffs, Colby exceeded all expectations this season. Colby finished 15-16 overall. Dodge City advances to the regional semifinals at 5 p.m. today against the Coffeyville Red Ravens.

Trojan softball team places fifth

The Colby Community College Trojan softball team placed fifth in the Midwest Classic over the weekend at Tulsa, Okla. In semifinal play Colby lost to Eastern Oklahoma 8-0 in five innings. Amanda Bell took the loss for Colby with six hits and five earned runs in three innings on the mound. Colby did not have a hit in the game. Colby defeated Cowley 6-2. Amanda Bell was the winning pitcher giving up seven hits and throwing six strikeouts in seven innings. Bell gave up two earned runs. Leading hitters were Jere Ebert and Molly Lagerak. Both went 3-4 at the plate. Heather Ebert had a home run and three RBIs. Colby defeated Muscatine, Iowa, 4-3. Jere Ebert gave up five hits and three earned runs in six innings of pitching for Colby. Lindsey Marsh led the Trojans at the plate going 2-4 with one run. "We played very well today..," said coach Carl Adams. "The game against Eastern we faced a pitcher that had a great rise ball and we didn't make the adjustment to get any hits. They hit the ball and we didn't." Adams liked the production at the plate. "The other two games we hit the ball and drove in runs. If we continue to improve and play at a high level of intensity we will win a majority of our games." Colby plays its first region game 3 p.m. Tuesday against Seward in

Colby. Colby Trojan baseball team split a doubleheader Saturday with Miles City in Colby. Colby won game one 4-1. Adam Hills, Evan Friedland, Paul Roh and Royle Beach each had a hit for the Trojans. Friedland and Roh each had an RBI. Russell West earned the victory for Colby. He gave up two hits and threw five strikeouts over six innings. Miles City won game two 1-0. Colby only had two hits in the game, one from Billy Perry and Damien Schienle. Mike Schmitt took the loss for Colby. He gave up five hits and threw seven strikeouts in seven innings. Colby plays 3 p.m. Tuesday at Garden City.

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