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Colby Lady Trojans coach Tom Stephens (kneeling, center) talked strategy with his team during one of their games this week at the NJCAA National Tournament in Salina. Colby's season came to a close Thursday losing to Trinity Valley in the consolation bracket.

KSU hires Huggins as coach

MANHATTAN (AP) — A decade removed from its last NCAA tournament appearance, Kansas State is putting its hopes for a basketball revival into the hands of a coach with a reputation for winning — and trouble off the court.

Wildcats fans, eager for a return to the glory days of the '70s and '80s when Kansas State regularly competed for the Big Eight championship, greeted Bob Huggins with standing ovations Thursday as he was introduced as the team's new coach.

The reception brought a wry smile to the face of the man who turned the Cincinnati Bearcats into a national powerhouse during his sometimes-tumultuous 16 seasons there.

"I don't think I'm a bad guy," he said, prompting laughter and more applause from the several hundred who streamed into Bramlage Coliseum for Huggins' introductory

news conference. Huggins, 52, signed a five-year contract with Kansas State in perhaps the most controversial hire in college basketball since Texas Tech hired Bob Knight five years ago. Knight, ironically, was one of several people Kansas State consulted before offering Huggins the job.

Although one of the winningest active coaches, Huggins had been out of work for a year after Cincinnati president Nancy Zimpher refused to extend his four-year contract rollover following his arrest for drunken driving.

Zimpher had made clear the DUI was only the culmination of a number of things, including low graduation rates and several off-the-court incidents involving players. The NCAA had also levied a two-year probation in 1998 for lack of institutional control.

But Huggins, wearing a necktie that was bright Kansas State purple,

was offering no apologies. "I don't know many people who got to know me who want me to change a bunch," he said. "I'm not perfect. I don't think anybody is. I try to fix it. When you've got something you need to fix, you try to fix it." Huggins replaces Jim Wooldridge, who was 15-13 this past season.

Huggins is 567-199 in 24 seasons as head coach at Walsh, Akron and Cincinnati.

Colby grad places in track

Colby High School graduate and Fort Hays State track runner Zach Brown placed eighth in the 400-meter dash at the NCAA II Indoor Championships March 11, in Boston.

Brown's time was 48.80 seconds to earn All-American honors.

Trinity Valley sends Lady Trojans home

By John Van Nostrand
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Trinity Valley Community College ended the Colby Lady Trojans' basketball season with a 76-66 victory Thursday in the consolation bracket of the NJCAA National tournament in Salina.

Trinity Valley, from Athens, Texas, goes on to play for fifth place Saturday against the loser of Chattanooga State, Tenn., vs. Southeastern Illinois Community College. Those two teams play today.

Trinity Valley went into the tournament with a 30-1 record and seeded second.

The Cardinals started the tournament with a record setting 123-64 win over Northeast Mississippi. Seventh seed Chipola, Fla., defeated Trinity Valley 85-80 in the second round.

Stephens was curious about how the sixth seeded Trojans would matchup against Trinity Valley.

"It was one team I wanted to play," said Colby coach Tom Stephens. "I wanted to push the ball on them."

Colby's chances of advancing in the consolation bracket started to fade late in the second half.

Trojan's Rita Kollo basket cut the Cardinal lead to 59-54. Trinity Valley answered with a two-point and a three-point shot to extend the lead to 64-54 with 6:43 remaining.

Trojan Ivana Stojadinov ended Trinity's Valley run wit a basket, but Trinity Valley again responded

with a three-point basket of their own to create a 13-point lead. The closest Colby would get would be nine points, thanks to another Kollo three-point shot.

Trinity Valley led 35-31 at half-time. The Cardinals' lead was as much as eight, four minutes into the second half. One reason for Trinity Valley's lead was Colby committed 19 turnovers during the game.

Trinity Valley scored 15 points off of those turnovers.

"They got some easy shots," Stephens said. "Our kids played hard, they were just jittery, nervous."

Three Trojans scored in double figures. Kollo led Colby with 18 points. Suzana Sormaz scored 16 points and made 4-11 three-point shots. Jamie Schroeder contributed 12 points.

Colby made 24-61 field goals and Trinity Valley made 31-73.

Ivana Mijalcevic and Schroeder each had eight rebounds for Colby.

Shareka Purnell had seven assists.

Shannon Bobbitt led Trinity Valley with 18 points. Jokiera Sneed scored 15 points and had 11 rebounds.

Colby comes home with a program best 32-5 record.

"It was a really good group," Colby coach Tom Stephens said about his team. "In the spring they wanted to get better and this fall they got focused. They had great off the court habits."

Sophomores on this year's team include Ivy Ramsey, Mijalcevic, Purnell, Ivana Stojadinov, Kollo, Val Jackson and Sormaz.

This year's Trojan team had plenty of firsts, not just making the National tournament for the first time in school history. The Trojans also won the Jayhawk West Conference, won at Seward County and won the Region VI Tournament. Despite all of that, nationals was not an objective.


"They never talked about it," Stephens said.
























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~ League Bowling Results ~

March 12 - King & Queen

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Phillips - Finlay	35	17	1
Barton - Kreutzer	32	20	2
Brewer - Schwanke	32	20	3
Sturdy - Branum	29	23	4
Moeder - Lee	26	26	5
Kern - Wark	22	30	6
Schissler - Koehn	17	35	7
Rondeau - Johnson	15	37	8

Men's First high Individual game: Ken Brewer, 222
Men's First high Individual series: ken Brewer, 653
Women's First high Individual game: Misty Finlay, 176
Women's First high Individual series: Misty Finlay, 482

March 7 - Early Bird Ladies League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Jean's Rollers	24.5	11.5	1
www.strike	24	12	2
4 4 Fun	18.5	17.5	3
Bowlerettes	17	19	4
NW Vacuum	15	21	5
Van's Merry Four	9	27	6

First high Individual game: Dee Hovda, 199
First high Individual series: Dee Hovda, 491

March 13 - First Nighters League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
C.C.C. Boys	32	10	1
Frontier Equity	30	12	2
Schlick Construction	28	14	3
Woofert Well & Pump	26	16	4
Colby Implement	22	20	5
Montana Mikes	20	22	6
Grinnell Furniture	16	26	7
Discount Repair of Oakley	14	28	8
XStrikers	12	30	9
Warrior Hunting Supply	10	32	10

First high Men Individual game: Jerry McGuire, 246
First high Men Individual series: Vern Schwanke, 643
First high Women Individual game: Roberta Shipley, 177
First high Women Individual series: Kelly Lee, 485

March 15 - Powderpuff League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Service Oil	23	17	1
Weiser	21	19	2
Farm Credit	19	21	3
Golden Harvest Seed	17	23	4

First high Individual game: Debra Metzler, 224
First high Individual series: Kelly Horinek, 549

March 14 - Pinbusters League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Colby Automotive	106	20	1
Twisters	90	36	2
Colby Bowl	73	53	3
Donelan Jewelry	69	57	4
Mufflers Plus	58	68	5
United Commercial Travelers	40	86	6
Pepsi Cola	35	91	7
Cox Communications	33	93	8

First high Individual game: Kipp Nelson, 278
First high Individual Series: Brent Menges, 722

March 16 - King Pin League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Warks Embroidery	62	22	1
Thunderballs	53	31	2
Colby Automotive	52	32	3
Orschlens	46	38	4
Colby Bowl & Fun Center	38	46	5
5 Pony Men	36	48	6
T - J's Tire	31	53	7
www.visitcolby.com	18	66	8

First high Individual game: Vern Schwanke, 269
First high Individual series: Vern Schwanke, 659

March 15 - Ladies Nite Out

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Lobo Liquor	27	13	1
Who-No's?	27	13	2
Strike-Outs	25	15	3
Don's Electric	21	19	4
Bottle Gallery	21	19	5
Sunflower Bank	20	20	6
Straightline	18	22	7
Camouflage Lawn Care	16	24	8
Twisters	13	27	9

First high Individual game: Lesley Wagoner, 202
First high Individual series: Lesley Wagoner, 524

March 17 - Ten Pin League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Classic Trojans	4	0	1
KNEA/S.P.	4	0	2
Colby Bowl	4	0	3
Comfort Inn	3	1	4
Cal Williams	0	4	5
Hurt Enterprises	0	4	6
Satan Haters	0	4	7

First high Individual game: Alberta Cameron, 229
First high Individual series: Alberta Cameron, 558

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