

Trojans fall again to Lamar ‘Lopes

For the second time this season, Lamar Community College defeated the Trojan men’s basketball team 65-57, Tuesday in Colby.

Jorge Canedo (Medellin, Columbia sophomore) led the Trojans with 27 points and 11 rebounds. John Ortiz (Cali, Columbia sophomore) contributed 10 points and 7 rebounds, while Cedric Dixon (Kansas City, freshman) had 10 points and five rebounds.

Lamar started the game with a 10-4 run, before the Trojans closed within one point at 12-11 on a John Ortiz tip-in.

Lamar again stretched the lead, but the Trojans were able to tie the game at 20 all with just over seven minutes left in the first half.

Lamar outscored the Trojans 17-8 the rest of the half, exploiting the Trojans defense for easy baskets.

In the second half, the Trojans slowly cut into Lamar’s lead and several times closed within four points.

The Trojans pulled with one point with 3:30 left in the game on a Canedo basket, but on the ensuing possession, Lamar’s Brandon Johnson banked-in a forced three-point basket to extend the lead back to four points.

The Trojans didn’t threaten after that.

Colby lost 74-65 at Lamar Nov.

Labette handles Trojans

The Colby Community College wrestling team lost 35-6 at Labette Monday. On Dec. 3, the Trojans narrowly lost to Labette 20-15.

Here are Monday’s match results. (Trojan wrestlers listed first)

125 pounds: AkmaAdilov lost 15-7 to Tim Elliot

133: Tyler Baker lost 6-4 to Josh Baldrige

141: Levi Younkin won 5-3 against Bobby Carroll

149: Cale Farber lost 10-5 to Scott Berens

157: Cole Garcia lost by fall to Joe Yust

165: Taylor Finley lost by fall to Mikey Morgan

174: Scott Miller won 5-3 against Chance Rencountre

184: Tony Santos lost 11-3 to Tommy McCarty

197: Naota Saga lost 7-2 to Elijah Martinez

285: Gabe Walz lost by fall to Willie Weber

The Trojans return to action 7 p.m. Jan. 3 against Lincoln in Colby.

Bulldog girls shoot well

Golden Plains used a strong second quarter upend Healy 65-44 Tuesday in Western Kansas Liberty League action.

The win improved Golden Plains’ record to 5-0. Golden Plains led 14-13 after the first stanza but blew the game wide open by half-time leading 40-22.

Eight players scored for the Lady Bulldogs led by Kendra Spresser’s 21. Katelyn Spresser tossed in 20 while Amanda Rall added eight. Aisha Walter scored six, Angel Lobato, four and Karly Miller, Britt Ritter and Ivonn Vargas each scored two points.

Golden Plains shot a season best 50 percent (27-54) from the floor. The Eagles could only hit 34 percent (17-50). Golden Plains committed only 13 turnovers and forced 27 Healy turnovers.

Golden Plains will face Wheatland/Grinnell Friday in Rexford.

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Colby will not play again until Jan. 3 at Garden City.

The Colby Community College men’s basketball record now stands at 6-8. Previously, there were two more losses.

According to Colby head coach John Woods, the reason for the change is because the Western Nebraska Community College men’s basketball team had to forfeit all games played this season due to using an ineligible player.

The Trojans have played Western Nebraska twice, so two wins were added to their record and two losses

were subtracted.

According to the Scottsbluff, Neb., Star-Herald today, “One of the Cougar players attended school at another junior college in the spring but didn’t play athletics.

That player registered for 12 credit hours but then later decided not to take one of the classes, therefore, dropping him to nine credit hours.

However, the player didn’t officially drop the class until 20 days after the semester began. According to NJCAA rules, if a student registers as a full-time student but then drops to part-time, the student must

drop the class or classes within the first 15 days of the term in order to remain eligible for athletics the next semester.

The player’s transcripts noted the drop, and he cleared WNCC’s eligibility requirements. However, WNCC didn’t receive an authorized letter about the dropped class from the previous institution’s registrar, so WNCC compliance officers couldn’t determine the exact date the student dropped the class since that information is not listed on an official transcript.

‘There was no one at fault for this violation. It was just a strange set of circumstances,’ WNCC athletic director Jen Pedersen said in a press release.

‘This is not a serious violation against WNCC, and while it is tragic that the team had to forfeit their six wins, it was not an intended or malicious violation by members of the men’s basketball team or the administration of WNCC.’”



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Colby Community College Trojan basketball player Cedric Dixon shoots a layup during Colby’s matchup against the Lamar Community College Running ‘Lopes Tuesday at the Colby Community Building.

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