

# Colby natives named

Three different Sterling College men's basketball players received All-Conference honors.

Earning First Team All-KCAC was Sterling College senior guard Landon Stover.

Stover was selected as a Unanimous First-Team All-KCAC selection after leading the conference in scoring averaging 18.6 ppg. and 5.25 rpg this past season for the Warriors.

Stover, a native of Colby, is majoring in Business Administration at Sterling.

Stover had a career high against Bethel College this season scoring 37 points against the Threshers. Landon also scored 36 points in a game against Sterling's 109-100 win over Missouri Baptist.

"Landon really stepped up when Josh Lavere got hurt," said head coach Dean Jaderston "Night in and night out he competed as hard as he could, becoming both our leader and go-to player every game. He was! the leading scorer in the conference, and did it facing the best defender each team in our conference had every night."

Sophomore Shane Stover was named the KCAC ALL Defensive Team. Shane was second on the team in steals and fifth in the KCAC in steals per game.

Stover averaged 5.3 ppg., 4.1 rpg. and 1.79 steals per game for the Warriors.

"Shane epitomizes what you look for in a great defensive player," said Jaderston. "He anticipates, helps, denies, takes charges, rebounds, and blocks shots...whatever we need, he does. Perhaps the best example was the Bethany game when he took two charges in overtime when he had 4 fouls. Every night, he made an impact on the game in ways that often didn't show up in the scorebook."

Shane, also a native of Colby, is the brother of senior Landon Stover.

Sophomore Jonathan Woods earned Honorable Mention All-KCAC in his first season as a Warrior.

Woods, a 6-10 center, averaged 11.5 ppg. and 7.6 rpg for the Warriors

A native of San Antonio, Texas, Woods shot 52 percent from the floor this season and is lead in blocked shots with 66.

# Trojans win at Pratt

The Colby Community College league baseball team swept Pratt Community College Saturday. The Trojans won 1-0 and 6-1.

Dan April pitched his second consecutive shutout in game one, allowing just five baserunners (two hits, three walks) while striking out seven batters in seven innings.

The Trojans scored the game's lone run in the top of the seventh inning on a single by shortstop Grant Gering. The Trojans had seven hits in the game, led by Aaron Dunsmore who was 2-2 and Patrick Farrell who was 2-3.

The Trojans managed a little more offense in game two and won 6-1.

Josh Turner turned in a solid performance on the mound, going 6 innings and allowed just one run on one hit. Chris Gordon was 2-3 at the plate with one RBI and Marshall McDonald was 1-4 with two RBIs.

Colby plays 1 p.m. Wednesday at Garden City.

## SportsBriefs

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Defending champion Florida, Ohio State, Kansas and North Carolina drew No. 1 seeds in the NCAA men's basketball tournament, earning their spots Sunday by winning their conference championships.

The 65-team tournament begins Tuesday night in Dayton, Ohio.



Colby's Lissa Mazanec (center, with ball) tried to look for the basket during the Eagles win over Tonganoxie Friday in the semifinal round of the 4A state high school basketball tournament in Salina. Colby's 73-67 win over Tonganoxie advanced them to the state finals against Augusta.

# Kansas State left out of field

MANHATTAN (AP) — Despite a turnaround season under first-year coach Bob Huggins, Kansas State made dubious Big 12 Conference history when the Wildcats were snubbed by the NCAA tournament on Sunday.

The Wildcats were the first Big 12 team to win at least 20 games overall and earn a first-round bye in the conference tournament, yet fail to make the NCAA field.

The Wildcats (22-11) placed fourth in the Big 12 with a 10-6 record, their best finish since the league began play in 1996-97. It still wasn't good enough to land their first NCAA bid since 1996.

The Wildcats were chosen as the second seed in the NIT's west regional and will host seventh-seeded Vermont (25-7) at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Kansas State last played in the NIT in 1998.

In a telephone interview with ESPN, Huggins said the Wildcats

can't put all the blame on the selection committee for its NCAA snub.

"The reality is, we should have won more games," Huggins said. "If we win more games, we don't have to worry about any of this."

The committee bypassed Kansas State for the Big 12's fifth-place team, Texas Tech. The Red Raiders likely got in based on regular-season victories over Kansas and Texas A&M, while Kansas State's only quality win in the Big 12 was against Texas.

Kansas State had hoped its quarterfinal rout of Texas Tech in the Big 12 tournament would cement its NCAA berth. Now, the Wildcats can only hope for a momentum-building NIT run.

Texas Tech also had to play the Longhorns, Aggies and Oklahoma State — all ranked at some point this season — twice in Big 12 South play, while Kansas was the only ranked team in the North Division.

Still, Kansas coach Bill Self said, the Wildcats deserved a bid and the Big 12 should have had more than four teams in the tournament.

"Every coach in our league would say we don't like it," said Self, whose team swept Kansas State in three games this season. "It also happened two years ago when Colorado was 10-6 in the league and didn't get in."

Big 12 Commissioner Kevin Weiberg also said the Wildcats had made their case for an NCAA bid, but stopped short of criticizing the committee.

"I really think when you compare them against some of the teams that were from other — not necessarily the so-called mid-major group, just the other major conferences — you could make a very good case for Kansas State," Weiberg said. "A head-to-head win over Southern Cal, some of those kinds of things."

"I know it had to be a hard call for the committee. It always is."

## State basketball

# Oakley girls beat Minneapolis for title

MANHATTAN (AP) - Oakley held Minneapolis to just 21 percent shooting in its 48-29 win in the Kansas Class 2A girls championship Saturday.

Callie Baalman scored 14 points to help Oakley knock off the Lions, who advanced to the championship game as the tournament's No. 8 seed.

Megan Dennis had 11 points and center Brea Teeter scored 10.

"First quarter, they just came out

and hit shots," Minneapolis coach John Darrow said. "Defensively, they put a lot of pressure on us and forced us to be a little bit quicker on our shots."

Oakley held Minneapolis scoreless for the first 7:21 and jumped out to a 13-1 lead.

None of Minneapolis' players scored more than nine, which was matched by Oakley's uncharacteristic 2-of-12 3-point shooting.

# Scott City boys don't get consecutive championships

HUTCHINSON (AP) — Brett Alexander scored 15 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter to put Wichita Collegiate over Scott City 52-44 in the class 3A boys state championship Saturday.

Alexander brought Wichita back despite the team being behind by eight at halftime and never leading until halfway through the fourth quarter.

"We knew we had to step it up in the second half," Alexander said. "We didn't look back when we got the lead."

Clint Cornejo also was in double

figures for the Spartans, scoring 12 points.

Scott City standout Corbin Kuntzsch, who scored 29 in Friday's semifinal win over Burlington, was able to score 20, but 10 of those came from the line late in the game.

Scott City won the Class 4A state title last season.

"Our seniors are going out 65-11 after the last three years. That's pretty good," Scott City coach Glenn O'Neil said.

Wichita Collegiate's last 3A state championship came in 1996.

# Thomas More Prep boys top Fort Scott for 4A honors

SALINA (AP) — Kyle Hammerschmidt scored 18 points as Thomas More Prep-Marian beat Fort Scott 58-44 Saturday in the Kansas 4A boys state championship.

Nolan Hoffman joined Hammerschmidt in double figures with 10 points. Both were sophomores on the team when Thomas More Prep-Marian won the Class 3A state champions in Hutchinson.

The Monarchs (24-1) never trailed and led 31-24 at halftime, but

repeatedly had to defend Fort Scott rally attempts before breaking away in the fourth quarter.

Fort Scott (21-5), which won back-to-back 4A titles in 2004 and 2005, had a 9-1 run late in the third quarter that cut it to 37-35. Zach Quick lead Fort Scott with 16 points.

The Monarchs shot 76.5 percent from the field in the first half and finished the game at 56.8. Fort Scott shot 48.4 percent for the game and turned the ball over 16 times.

# Sisters help South Haven win

HAYS (AP) — Breanna Bryant's two free throws with 11 seconds left gave South Haven a 45-41 win over Centralia Saturday in the Class 1A state championship.

Bryant's winning shots came af-

ter her older sister, Sara Bryant, had a steal and scored a layup with 36 seconds left to give South Haven the lead and the Cardinals their first state championship in school history.

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## ~ League Bowling Results ~

### March 6th - Early Bird Ladies League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
www.strike	22	6	1
4 4 Fun	18	10	2
Bowlerettes	16	12	3
NW Vacuum	15	13	4
Van's Merry Four	10	18	5

First high Individual game: Sharon Kriss, 194  
First high Individual series: Sharon Kriss, 515

### March 5 - First Nighters League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Woofter Well & Pump	197	139	1
Sparky's Fireworks	191	145	2
Grinnell Furniture	184	152	3
Fire XStrikers	170	166	4
Seismic Land Mgmt.	165	171	5
Frontier Equity	164	172	6
Schlick Construction	160	176	7
7-Up	154	182	8
Parking Lot Maintenance	151	185	9
Discount Repair of Oakley	144	192	10

First high Men Individual game: Danny Carmen, 259  
First high Men Individual series: Tom Benson, 636

### March 9th - Ten Pin League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
CMC	18	10	1
Us & Barton Concrete	17	11	2
Comfort Inn	14	14	3
Cal Williams	13	15	4
Colby Bowl	12	16	5
ChiX w/ Balz	9	19	6

First high Individual game: Deb Norman, 198  
First high Individual series: Mary Hurtt, 501

### March 8 - King Pin League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
5 Pony Men	50	34	1
Colby Bowl & Fun Center	48	36	2
Thunderballs	46	38	3

www.visitcolby.com	42	42	4
Morgan Construction	41	43	5
Colby Automotive	37	47	6
Orschlens	36	48	7
T - J's Tire	36	48	8

First high Individual game: Roger Bliss, 235  
First high Individual series: Cory Crocker, 618

### March 6th - Pinbusters League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
United Commercial Travelers	32	10	1
Killer Bees	26	16	2
Donelan's Jewelry	24	18	3
Colby Automotive	24	18	4
MC Auto	18	24	5
Mufflers Plus	18	24	6
Colby Bowl	16	26	7
Taylor Motors	10	32	8

First high Individual game: Charles Schwanke, 268  
First high Individual Series: Rich Bachman, 759

### March 7th - Ladies Nite Out

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Strike-Outs	24	8	1
Don's Electric	20	12	2
Camouflage Lawn Care	18	14	3
Stock Realty & Auction	16	16	4
Golden Harvest Seeds	15	17	5
Straightline	15	17	6
Twisters	14	18	7
Dbl U Trkn	6	26	8

First high Individual game: Alberta Cameron, 192  
First high Individual series: Missy Lippelmann, 541

### March 7th - Powderpuff League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Weiser	26	6	1
Farm Credit	16	16	2
Service Oil	13	19	3
The B-Hive	7	25	4

First high Individual game: Jennifer Phillips, 187  
First high Individual series: Deb Norman, 519

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