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Colby Community College Lady Trojan basketball players and fans could always depend on Jim and Betty Firestone to be in the stands near the front row cheering on the team. The Firestones also served as host parents for many of the Lady Trojan players, inviting them into their home and helping whenever they could. Jim, who died in 2006, was the first recipient to be awarded the Colby College Honorary Degree posthumously in May 2006. He and his wife Betty were honored with the degree in recognition of their commitment to the growth and success of Colby and the college. Betty and her family established the memorial scholarship to be awarded annually to a member of the Lady Trojan basketball team. "Jim would be so pleased that the first scholarship was awarded to Tasha," said Firestone. "We have watched her play sports for many years and she's the perfect recipient." Wagoner is a graduate of Colby High School. She is a freshman majoring in general studies at Colby College. Tasha is the daughter of Jeff and Lesley Wagoner of Colby.

College volleyball team beats Barton

The Colby Community College Lady Trojan volleyball team defeated Barton County three games to one last night at the Community Building.

The win moved the Lady Trojans overall record to 7-9, gave them their first conference win and moved their home record to 6-2 on the season.

Head Coach Valerie Armstrong was pleased with her team's effort

after a slow start.

"The first game we came out slow and tight," Armstrong said.

"Once we passed and ran our faster tempo, things came together and we played well."

Juliana Motta Da Silva led the team with 20 kills and Rexanne Schilowsky added 13 kills and a team-leading six blocks.

"Rex owned the net blocking and everyone played hard," Arm-

strong said. "We are a good team when everyone does their part.

Wednesday night's contest saw the return of sophomore libero Megan Dennis.

Cassie Smatana occupied the role of libero during her absence, but returned to an outside hitter role.

"Cassie stepped up by playing defense and hitting well," Armstrong said. "It was nice to get our first conference win."

Player stats
Juliana Motta da Silva -- 20 kills 1 ace
Rexanne Schilowsky -- 13 kills, 6 blocks, 5 aces
Cassie Smatana -- 9 kills 15 digs 6 aces
Megan Dennis -- 10 digs, 1 ace
Lisa Faimon -- 6 kills 2 blocks
LeAnna Sheaffer -- 5 kills
Priscila Sena -- 40 assists 3 aces 10 digs

Twins go past Kansas City Royals, 7-1

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Twins have stayed in contention all season on the strength of a young, thriving rotation — and their tutelage from pitching coach Rick Anderson.

He's taught them so well, it seems, they hardly need him now.

Kevin Slowey allowed four hits over seven innings and kept Minnesota in step with the Chicago White Sox in the AL Central, pitching the Twins past the Kansas City Royals 7-1 on Wednesday night.

The Twins, who are one game behind Chicago in the division, notched consecutive wins for the first time in nearly three weeks. They had three hits and two RBIs from Jason Kubel, three singles by catalyst Alexi Casilla and another strong start by Slowey (12-9).

"We're able to just kind of go out there and pitch, and enjoy ourselves and enjoy each other's company," Slowey said. "Do our best and not look toward three weeks down the line ... and whether we're going to make the playoffs. Us all being this young is actually probably helping us out a little bit."

Anderson has been impressed by the way Slowey, Glen Perkins, Nick Blackburn, Scott Baker and Francisco Liriano have quickly

identified and self-corrected their mistakes. Slowey was throwing too hard at first, but he reported his problem in the dugout before Anderson could get a word out. He figured it out and slowed his fastball back down to around 88 mph in the subsequent innings.

"They all feed off each other so well. That's the neat thing," Anderson said.

"They talk about what they did right and what they did wrong, their experience and their thoughts. That's a good thing. I just stay out of the way and let 'em pitch."

Four of Minnesota's five RBIs came with two outs, and the Twins (80-65) surpassed last year's victory total.

The Royals fell to 3-11 this season against Minnesota and have lost 13 of their last 15 road games.

"They're a solid team. They have smart guys all around that field," Kansas City's David DeJesus said. "What do you do? That's what they've been doing to us all year." Kyle Davies (6-7) gave up four runs and eight hits over 5 2-3 innings for Kansas City. Delmon Young, Nick Punto and Carlos Gomez also drove in runs for the Twins, who had at least 12 hits for the fourth straight game.

Reliever Leo Nunez let the game get out of hand in the seventh, when Gomez singled, Denard Span walked, and Casilla bunted to the right of the mound. Nunez threw the ball short of first base, and it skipped all the way to the bullpen while two runs scored.

But the damage was done a lot earlier.

"A couple bad pitches, and they hit some balls pretty good up the

middle," Davies said.

Royals manager Trey Hillman reorganized his lineup as a response to what he deemed a lethargic effort in Tuesday's 7-2 defeat to Minnesota, after he vowed his team would not roll over for the Twins or White Sox — who account for seven of their final 18 matchups.

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