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Raenette Martin and Brenda Mazanec neared the finish line of Turkey Trot 5K. They tied for second place at the event.

## Turkey Trot goes on in cold

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Twelve Colby residents braved under 30 degree weather Saturday morning to run the second annual Turkey Trot 5K, starting at the Colby Community Building.

The race was planned by the Colby Recreation Department, which gave awards to those who came in first and second.

The unusual aspect of this race is that the person who finishes with the fastest time might not win anything. Success hinged on

a person's ability to estimate how long it would take them to finish the course. The two people whose times came closest to their estimates got the prizes.

"We organize the race this way so we don't scare people off," said Stacey Lee, director of the recreation department. "You don't have to be in great shape to win the race."

This year's first-place winner was Dawn Stephens, who predicted she would finish the race in 23 minutes, 30 seconds and ended up completing in 23:37.

She won a 20-pound turkey.

Raenette Martin and Brena Mazanec tied for second. Both predicted they would finish in 45:03 and both finished with a time of 45:27.

Their prizes consisted of a glazed ham and a summer sausage.

Lee said the crowd at last year's Turkey Trot was a little larger, but she attributed the smaller crowd to the chilly morning.

"We had over 20 people who participated last year," she said, "but it was 65 degrees and sunny outside that day."

## Lady Trojans lose nail-biters at tournament in Wyoming

The Colby Community College women's basketball team dropped three games last weekend at the Casper Community College tournament in Wyoming.

When the Lady Trojans lost 56-54 to Eastern Utah on Thursday, sophomore Ashley Ming has 11 points and 15 rebounds.

"Ashley Ming played well all weekend," Coach Brady Jasper said.

The team lost another close game on Friday, 66-62 to Casper.

Jasper said the team's free-throw shooting hurt the women's chances of picking up a victory. The Lady Trojans went 9-17 from the line in the second half and they only made three of their last seven. Colby also lost the battle of the boards, as Casper outrebounded

them 53-32.

"That game could have gone either way," Jasper said.

Freshman Danisha Cole led the team in scoring with 20 points and sophomore Nikki Welsh had 13 points and pulled down 10 rebounds.

The women faced Miles Community College of Montana on Saturday. Colby got off to a slow start, and Miles took an early 25-9 lead. The Lady Trojans closed the gap to 11 by halftime, when they trailed 36-25.

The team rallied in the second half, taking a one-point lead, but Miles came back to win 72-62.

"The game was an uphill battle," Jasper said.

Freshman Jaelyn Marshall led the team with 16 points and fresh-

man Jasmine Gardner scored 14. The two freshman each hit three three pointers in the game. Ming had nine points and nine rebounds while Welsh had nine points and eight rebounds.

The three losses left the Lady Trojans with a 2-7 record for the year.

"We played well enough to win in all three games," Jasper said. "There are still improvements we can make."

The Trojans will compete again at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5 against Neosho Community College at the Jayhawk Shootout in Coffeyville. They will play again the following day at 11 a.m. against Highland Community College in Coffeyville.

## Trojans freshman wins medal, finishing fourth with a record of 6-2

The Colby Community College team wrestled at the Central Missouri State in Warrensburg on Sunday, where the Trojans wrestlers faced competition from National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I and Division II and the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Coach Steve Lampe said Freshman Ganbayar Sanjaa finished

fourth overall in the 149-pound class. He was the only Trojan who finished in the top six, however. Ganbayar went 6-2 for the day. His competition included wrestlers from the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Nebraska, the coach said.

Julian Hightower finished with a 3-2 record in the 285-pound class and Timur Abdurakhmanov

posted a 2-2 record at 133 pounds. Bekzod Abdurakhmanov finished 2-2 at 157 pounds and Jernato Harris was 2-2 at 141.

"We had good matches from nearly everybody," Lampe said.

The team will compete again at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in a dual versus Pratt Community College in Colby.

## Broncos rally late to defeat Falcons

ATLANTA (AP) — Matt Ryan rolled to his right and heaved a pass that could've saved the day for the Atlanta Falcons.

Roddy White got a step on the defender, looked back for the ball and readied himself to haul in the winning touchdown.

It went right through his hands. So did Atlanta's hopes of pulling out another win at home.

The Falcons' surprising season hit a bump Sunday when the short-handed Denver Broncos rallied in the fourth quarter for a 24-20 victory. With Carolina and

Tampa Bay both winning, Atlanta lost ground in the NFC South and left itself with a virtual must-win situation next weekend when the first-place Panthers visit the Georgia Dome.

Jay Cutler threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to Daniel Graham with 5½ minutes remaining and the Denver defense held off Atlanta's last-gasp drive — with an assist from White.

After Atlanta (6-4) drove to the Denver 37 at the two-minute warning, a holding penalty on Tyson Clabo knocked the Falcons back.

On third-and-18, Ryan went deep for White in the right corner of the end zone as safety Marquand Manuel slipped trying to keep up.

But the pass bounced off the receiver's hands before he tumbled out of bounds.

Ryan's next throw was incomplete, too, and the Broncos ran out the clock.

"I have to go out there and make those plays," said White, who had five catches for 102 yards but didn't make the biggest one of the game. "I feel responsible for the loss today."

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