

Basketball season is here



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Levi Schlick (right) protected the ball from defender Chris Crocker at a Colby Eagle's basketball practice on Tuesday afternoon. Practice started Monday, and the boys' first games will be at a tournament Dec. 4 and 5 in Hays.

Nine Eagles make league team

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Nine Colby Eagles football players were named to the All-Northwest Kansas League first teams, two to the first team and seven on the second team.

Senior Tanner Kriss was named to the first team on offense and defense, both as a running back and as a linebacker. He was also named as a second team as a punter. Senior Heath Stephens was named as a first-team defensive back.

Other players named on offense and defense:

- Senior Breck Arnberger, second-team defensive end and offensive tackle.
- Senior Treat Bugbee, second-team guard and defensive end.

Senior Thomas Wieland was named as a second-team defensive back and junior Ethan Stichel was selected as a second-team running back.

Other players who made the second-team included senior Corey Sager as a linebacker, junior Adam Weber as a defensive lineman and sophomore Andrew Flanagan as a specialty player.

"These boys deserve everything they get," Coach Chris Gardner said.

Other players in the league who made the first team:

- Running backs, Drew Basgall, Atwood; Trent Raile, St. Francis; and Fernando Martinez, Good-

land.

- Guards, Ethan Zwegardt, St. Francis, and Ethan Jirak, Oakley.
- Split ends, Brandon Rome, Goodland, and Matt Bird, Quinter.
- Tight ends, Matt Weis, Hoxie, and Toby Peters, Oberlin.
- Quarterback, Travis Angelos, Goodland.
- Tackles, Shawn Warren, St. Francis, and Nathan Simonsson, Oberlin.
- Kicker, Simon Grunfeld, Goodland, and center Clem Felhoelter, Oakley.
- Linebackers, Brad Halbleib, Oakley; Jesse Pacheco, St. Fran-

cis; and Keegan Peckham, Atwood.

- Defensive ends Sam Sowers, St. Francis, and Matt Weis, Hoxie.

- Defensive lineman, Ethan Zwegardt, St. Francis; Jace Mosbarger, Goodland; Cody Pope, Hoxie; Ethan Jirak, Oakley.
- Defensive backs, Drew Basgall, Atwood; Brandon Rome, Goodland; Trent Raile, St. Francis.
- Punter Greg Solko, Atwood, and specialty player, Trent Raile, Goodland.

League coaches selected players for the all-star teams.

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Trojans still looking for a win

The Colby Community College men's basketball team lost Tuesday night at McCook Community College in Nebraska, 83-70, dropping its record to 0-6 for the season.

The Trojans trailed by 11 points at half time, but rallied to take a 63-60 lead in the second half. However, McCook was able to regroup and connect on several outside shots to regain the lead and eventually get the win.

In a post-game interview on the radio, Coach John Woods said his team had come out flat in the first half. Woods said they were unable to match McCook's intensity, which he said was the main reason for the 11-point halftime deficit.

Woods said that he was pleased with his team's second-half effort, even though the players were unable to hold on to for their first victory of the season.

Sophomore Erick Peguero led

the Trojans with 17 points.

The men lost two games over the weekend at the Laramie County Community College Classic in Cheyenne, Wyo.

The Trojans lost to Eastern Wyoming on Friday, 95-81. Colby stayed with their opponents for most of game. They were tied with the Lancers at half time, 44-44. The game stayed tight until midway through the second half, when the Lancers switched from man-to-man defense to a zone, said Coach John Woods.

The Trojans had trouble scoring against the zone, and the Lancers were able to pull away. Peguero led the team in scoring with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

The Trojans faced Laramie Community College on Saturday. They trailed the Golden Eagles 32-26 at half-time, but would rally and tie the game at 68 in the second half.

Unfortunately for Colby, the Golden Eagles recovered and outscored the Trojans 11-2 to claim a 79-70 victory. The Trojans had trouble holding on to the ball throughout the game turning the ball over 21 times.

Freshman Shamar Acuy had a huge game, scoring 36 points, pulling down 13 rebounds and recording five steals. Peguero had 13 points.

Woods said his team needs to quit turning the ball over so much and they need to be more consistent on offense.

"We have guys scoring in double figures one game, and scoring in single digits the next game," he said.

He said the team's defense has improved, pointing to the fact that the Trojans forced Laramie to turn the ball over 22 times.

Rookies essential to Broncos' success

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Some deft draft-day decisions are helping the Denver Broncos win games even as they keep losing players.

The Broncos (6-4) have forged a two-game lead over San Diego in the AFC West thanks to rookies and reinforcements who aren't wasting any time making their mark in the NFL.

John Lynch, who made his retirement official Monday, said he was glad to see the battered Broncos doing so well.

"To be 6-4 with all the injuries that they've had, it's pretty phenomenal," Lynch said.

Denver's top draft pick, left tackle Ryan Clady, is having the kind of season Joe Thomas had in Cleveland last season, when he

was runner-up for Rookie of the Year. Only, Clady's so quiet that hardly anybody has noticed — except for quarterback Jay Cutler, whose jersey is staying clean thanks to the 325-pound Boise State behemoth who was hailed as having fast feet but who's proven a very quick study.

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