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Freshman Aireus Stephenson dribbled the ball against Dodge City in the Trojans' game on Wednesday. The Colby team fell to Dodge City 51-47.

## Trojans lose heartbreaker

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The Colby Community Colleges men lost a closely contested game to Dodge City 51-47 at the Community Building on Wednesday.

Sophomore Erick Peguero scored inside to give the Trojans a 2-0 lead in the opening minutes. Dodge City quickly responded, and Rodney Clinkscles buried a three to give his team an 11-6 lead with 14:27 remaining in the half. Later, Chuck Coley finished a Dodge City fast break with a

layup to give his team a 23-16 advantage. Peguero had a nice drive to cut Dodge City's lead to 23-18 with less than five minutes left. The Trojans whittled their deficit to 26-24 by the half.

Freshman Shamar Acuy finally got his game going after a quiet first half by nailing a three in the second half's opening minutes. The game stayed close after that. Acuy scored on a breakaway layup to give Colby a 42-41 lead with less than 5 minutes remaining.

Dodge City scored the next four points, though, and took a 45-42

lead. Colby kept fighting and eventually tied the game at 47 after freshman Aireus Stephenson drained a three from the left side of the court with a little over a minute left. Unfortunately for the Trojans, Dodge City responded by scoring the final four points to take home a victory.

The Trojans dropped to 5-21 for the year and 3-9 in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference West. They will face Garden City at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday in the Community Building.

## Colby Trojans baseball season begins with a loss to Lamar

It was a somewhat rocky start to the baseball season, as the Colby Community College Trojans committed four costly errors in a 7-6 loss at Lamar Community College of Colorado.

All seven of Lamar's runs were unearned.

"We beat them in almost every aspect except the score," said Coach Ryan Carter. "Our coaching staff also thought that some calls went against us, but despite those things, there will still many positive things that happened."

After falling behind 4-0 in the first three innings, the Trojans scored two runs in the top of the

fourth. They trailed 5-2 entering the top of the sixth, but sophomore transfer Jason Huerta smacked a three-run homer to tie the game.

Lamar was the beneficiary of two more unearned runs in the bottom of the sixth, however, and held on for the one-run victory.

Mark Phillips started and took the loss. In four innings, he allowed three hits and three walks while striking out four. Josh Edwards pitched the final four innings in relief, allowing three hits and one walk while striking out two. Huerta was 1-for-3 with the home run and Jerry Hildreth was 3-for-5 with an RBI and a stolen

base. The Trojans begin a week-long trip into Texas this Sunday with a double-header at Ranger Community College in Odessa. Other stops are a doubleheader with Odessa on Monday, a doubleheader on Wednesday with West Texas College, a doubleheader with the Wayland Baptist junior varsity on Friday, Feb. 20, and finally a doubleheader with Clarendon Community College on Feb. 21.

The Trojans will play Lamar here on Wednesday, Feb. 25, in the first home game of the season. This will be just one game, beginning at noon.

## Eagles' big men lead team to victory

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The Colby High boys basketball team defeated Garden City 56-49 on Tuesday.

The Eagles dominated the boards during the game, out-rebounding the Buffaloes 42-21. Colby shot 42.3 percent from the

field, making 22 out of 52 shots.

Senior Brent Arnberger scored a team-high 15 points and pulled down 8 rebounds while senior Levi Schlick added 12 points while pulling down an awe-inspiring 17 boards. Senior Cade Carter scored 11, senior Corey Sager added 6 and senior Stephen Dinkel and sophomore Corbin Stephens each had 5. Senior Kyle Molstad

scored 2. The win improved the team's record to 11-4. The Eagles will take on Dodge City High at 8 p.m. tonight at the Community Building.

## Girls lose close game

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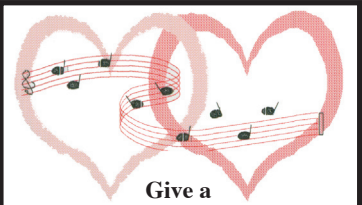
The Colby High School girls basketball team came up a little short on Tuesday, losing to Garden City 40-37 at the Community Building.

The Lady Eagles trailed the Lady Buffaloes 19-10 at the half. They actually won the second half 27-21, but it was not enough to make up for the first-half deficit.

The Colby girls shot poorly, making only 31 percent of their field goals. Their shooting in the first half was particularly bad, as the Lady Eagles only made 2 of 15.

Sophomore Katherine Kaus had a team-high 18 points and senior Taylor Young added 8. Sophomores Kayla Hockersmith and Shelby Terrell each had 4. Freshman Morgan Bell had 2 and sophomore Katrina Kaus had 1.

They will face Dodge City in another home game at 6 p.m. tonight at the Community Building.



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