



## Sophomore pitcher throws a shut-out

The Colby Community College softball team (now 7-8 overall) split a doubleheader against Lamar Community College in Colorado on Tuesday.

The Trojans struggled in a 10-1 loss in game 1, but recovered to win game 2 by 2-0.

"It was the tale of two teams today," said Coach Ryan Sturdy. "In game 1, we struggled in every area of the game."

The Trojans fell behind early, as the Lady Antelopes scored five runs in the first inning. The Lady Trojans managed just one run, in the fourth inning after falling into a 10-0 hole.

Charley Stabb was 1-for-3 with a run scored, and freshmen Kali Brester and Peggy Nichols collected one hit apiece. Freshman Jaylen Reed started for the Lady Trojans, allowing 7 hits in four innings. With the loss, Reed is now

2-1 for the season.

In the second game, sophomore Marissa Elsberry picked up her third win of the season, shutting down Lamar on just two hits in seven innings. She struck out seven, and while she allowed 10 walks, she was virtually unhittable.

"Marissa threw a good game," Sturdy said. "We strung hits together in game 2 and our defense got us out of several situations."

Freshman Tiffany Allen was 3-for-4 at the plate with a run scored and Brester was 2-for-4 with a run scored to lead Colby. Sophomore Kat Nickel and Nichols each had a run batted in.

The Lady Trojans will face Western Nebraska Community College of Scottsbluff in a doubleheader at noon Sunday at Carl Adams Field in Colby.

## Coach leads Jayhawks to another solid season

LAWRENCE. (AP) — During his first year as a head coach, Bill Self's Oral Roberts team lost 18 games in a row and he recalls thinking, "Maybe this isn't going to be as easy as I thought."

He won only 10 games the next year. Then he stumbled to a 1-3 start the year after that.

"I'd been thinking we would find ways to trick people and win games," he said. "I realized real fast that players win games. That's when the light went on."

It hasn't dimmed since.

In the next 13 years, Self's teams at ORU, Tulsa, Illinois and Kansas have captured 10 conference championships and finished second twice.

After winning last year's NCAA championship, all five starters and the top seven scorers departed. The Jayhawks were picked no higher than third and as low as fifth.

But with guard Sherron Collins and center Cole Aldrich reaching star status and the others finding their roles, the Jayhawks brought home a fifth consecutive Big 12 regular-season title. Now they're back in the round of 16 for the third straight year. Tall and good-looking and brimming with folksy, disarming charm, Self is an imposing presence on the recruiting trail.

Illinois and four at Kansas as Self's assistant.

"He has a natural way about him, a humbleness that is not fake," he said.

The fact that Kansas lost at Michigan State by 13 points on Jan. 10 should perhaps alarm Spartans fans as they prepare to meet the Jayhawks on Friday night in Indianapolis.

Since he arrived at Kansas, Self is 7-1 in rematch games against teams that beat him the first time in a season.

## Gearing up for action



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press  
Assistant Coach Matt Dickson strapped on some baseball gear during the Trojans' baseball practice Wednesday afternoon. The team will play Butler County Community College at 1 p.m. on Saturday in El Dorado.

## Oberlin tourney to start in late April

The annual Sappa Valley Shoot-out youth three-on-three basketball tournament will be held at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 25, at Decatur Community High School.

The entry fee of \$30 per team is due by Friday, April 17. Entry forms are available at area schools or on the Internet at sappavalley-shootout.com.

There will be both boys and girls teams and T-shirts and medals will be awarded to winning teams in

each age division. Second-place teams will get medals.

The event is sponsored by Boys Basketball 2015 as a fund-raiser for summer activities. The public is invited. Admission will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Players and those under 5 will be admitted free. Concessions will be available all day.

For information, call Angie Erickson at (785) 322-5338.

## Wildcats women's team loses tournament game

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Too bad Vanderbilt can't play the entire NCAA tournament at The Pit.

Jennifer Risper scored a career-high 27 points and Christina Wirth added 24 as fourth-seeded Vanderbilt beat fifth-seeded Kansas State 74-61 in the NCAA's second round on Monday night.

"I have a lot more guard skills than post skills," Risper said. "I just tried to take advantage and use the skills I do well — driving, getting to the hole ... just trying to be stronger, be physical."

The Commodores advanced to the semifinals of the Raleigh regional.

Ashley Sweat led the Wildcats with 17 points while Marlies Gipson scored 16 and Shalee Lehning had 10.

Vanderbilt won twice at The Pit in last season's NCAA tournament. Now, the Commodores are 4-0 over the past two years in Albuquerque.

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