

# Lady Trojans pick up big win

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It has been a tough year for the Lady Trojans. They have been hampered by defections and nagging injuries that have deprived them of size and numbers in many games.

But on Monday night, Colby strung together a solid game and beat Pratt 50-43 at the Community Building. Sophomore Tasha Wagoner returned from a concussion and had a terrific game scoring a team-high 15 and grabbing 12 rebounds. Wagoner was active on both ends of the court throughout the game pulling down rebounds, blocking shots and getting to loose balls.

"Tasha played a good game tonight," said coach Brady Jasper. "She was very effective."

Sophomore Hannah Thornton also played a big role in the victory. She scored 12 points, grabbed 8 rebounds and dished out 4 assists. It was Thornton's second game back from a kidney-related injury stemming from a bad reaction to a medication that has sidelined her for most of the season.

"Just having her on the interior draws defenders and gives us more space around the perimeter," said Jasper. "She makes things easier for everyone around her. Her size helps her rebound better."

Sophomore Danisha Cole had 10 points and 4 steals.

Pratt jumped out to a 5-0 lead early in the first half. Thornton scored a bucket inside and Wagoner hit two free throws to make it 5-4. The Lady Beavers' Whitney Slater nailed a baseline jumper to extend Pratt's lead to 7-4. The

Lady Beavers stretched their lead to 13-4 before Colby mounted a rally.

Wagoner scored inside while drawing contact from a defender. She made her foul shots to complete the old fashioned three-point play cutting Pratt's lead to 13-7. Moments later, Wagoner hit a three-pointer from the left baseline to make it 13-10. Colby's defense forced the Lady Beavers to turn the ball over, which led to Cole getting fouled while trying to score off a fast break.

Cole made both her free throws to bring her team within one.

Later on in the half, freshman Alecia Palm buried a three-pointer to give Colby a 17-15 lead. The Lady Trojans maintained their lead and led 22-19 at the end of the first half.

Colby go off to a strong start to start the second half. Freshman Destiny Stewart drilled a three-pointer to give Colby a 25-19 lead. Later in the half, Wagoner penetrated down the middle of the lane drawing several defenders which allowed her to dish it to Thornton near the basket for an easy layup. Then Cole scored on two tough drives to the basket. Moments later, Wagoner nailed a three-pointer to make it 38-27 Colby.

"We knew we had to put them away," said Wagoner.

Wagoner relentlessly attacked the glass in the second half pulling down rebound after rebound. With 5:42 left in the half, she let out a yell after blocking her opponents shot out of bounds.

The Lady Beavers were still not willing to concede the game to Colby. Pratt's Corinna Hoyt and Phylicia Freeman both hit three-pointers to narrow the gap to 39-



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press  
Colby College freshman Crystal Kinderknecht looked to score during the Lady Trojans' game against Pratt Community College Monday at the Community Building.

35. Palm responded by hitting a huge three pointer to give Colby a 42-35 lead with 1:53 left.

"It was the biggest basket of the game," said Jasper. The Lady Trojans went on to win 50-43.

"Everybody contributed well," said Wagoner.

In a positive deviation from the

norm, Colby outrebounded Pratt 33-28.

With the win the Lady Trojans improved to 3-20 and 1-8 in the Kansas Jayhawks Community College Conference.

They play Seward County at 6 p.m. Saturday in Liberal.

# Brewster boy's team bests Weskan 54-49

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In an exciting game that was tied at halftime, the Brewster boys had a strong second half that gave them the 54-49 win over the visiting Weskan Coyotes in Western Kansas Liberty League action Friday night.

Both teams started strong offensively, and the Coyotes led the 'Dawgs 13-12 at the end of the first quarter. Senior Seth Ackerman was unstoppable under the basket, and scored 12 points in the first half. At halftime, the score was tied at 25.

Ackerman continued dominating in the paint, adding 14 points to his total in the second half. The 'Dawgs outscored the Coyotes 17-8 in the third to give them a

42-33 lead. The Coyotes mounted a scoring spree in the fourth, narrowing the lead. The 'Dawgs struggled with turnovers, but when senior Spencer Holm took a charge in the paint, the tide turned for the final time in Brewster's favor. With the 'Dawgs in control, senior Ryan Allen hit a three-pointer that iced the game. The 'Dawgs won 54-49.

Leading scorer for the Bulldogs was Ackerman with 26 and Holm added 14.

Allen and senior Devan Selby had 6 each, and senior Troy Albers had 2.

The Bulldogs play a Western Kansas Liberty League game against Wheatland-Grinnell at 8 p.m. Friday at Grainfield. The girls' team will play before them at 6:30 p.m.

# Lady Bulldogs lose to Weskan Coyotes by 17

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The Brewster Lady Bulldogs gave the visiting Weskan Coyotes all they could handle Friday night in Brewster, but they came up short and lost 59-42.

Weskan led 11-10 at the end of the first. Senior Rose Bear was amazing under the basket, racking up 9 points in the first half.

The 'Dawgs only scored 7 to the Lady Coyotes' 13 in the second quarter, and they trailed 24-17 at halftime. In the third, senior

Nichelle Erskine stepped up her game, as she charged into the lane for a couple layups. Weskan also played strong offensively, scoring 18 points to the Bulldogs' 13.

At the beginning of the fourth, the Coyotes led 42-30. The Coyotes maintained their lead in the fourth, pulling away from the Lady 'Dawgs. Weskan ended up winning 59-42.

Leading scorer for the Bulldogs was Erskine with 16.

Bear had 14, junior Nicole Connell scored 9 and sophomore Kasey Hoyt chipped in 3.

# Kansas State Wildcats pound Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — After a heart-wrenching overtime loss to archrival Kansas, Kansas State blew off some steam against Nebraska.

Denis Clemente matched his season high with five 3-pointers and scored 23 points to lead the 10th-ranked Wildcats to a 76-57 victory over the overmatched Cornhuskers on Tuesday night.

It was Kansas State's most lopsided Big 12 road win since the conference's inception in 1996-97 and its most one-sided win in Lincoln since 1973.

The victory took some of the edge off Saturday's 81-79 overtime home loss to a Kansas team that moved from No. 2 to No. 1 in The Associated Press poll.

"It was a tough loss, and we've still got it in our system a little bit," said Kansas State reserve forward Jamar Samuels, who had 15 points and nine rebounds. "We felt we should have won that game, so we came in here and won this one."

The Wildcats (18-4, 5-3) were far superior athletically to the Huskers, who lost their first five Big 12 games before beating Oklahoma on Saturday.

The Wildcats had a double-digit lead 9 minutes into the game and never led by fewer than seven points the rest of the way.

Nebraska made a mini-run at the

Wildcats, scoring seven straight points to pull within 42-35 early in the second half. After coach Frank Martin called a timeout, Clemente hit three straight 3-pointers and K-State rebuilt its lead to 53-37.

"We were tentative a little bit and then we got it back under control," Clemente said. "We controlled the game from the tipoff. We controlled the whole game. That's what we've got to do every game."

Martin said he didn't say much to his players during the timeout, preferring to let them "police themselves."

"You have to trust your team," Martin said. "When you've got upperclassmen who have been through it, they rebound. The best elixir for a loss is another game. Our guys approached it the right way. To their credit, they responded like champs."

Clemente came into the game shooting just 29.6 percent on 3-pointers but went 5 of 9 against the Huskers.

"I've been working hard this whole year," he said. "I don't know why they haven't been falling. I kept believing in myself and doing what I've been doing. Today was the day. I have to keep going this way."

Jacob Pullen had 13 points and Curtis Kelly added 12 for the

Wildcats.

Jorge Brian Diaz had 13 points and Ryan Anderson 10 for Nebraska (13-9, 1-6).

Nebraska lost for the 13th time in 18 games against ranked opponents under fourth-year coach Doc Sadler.



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