

Colby College runner runner up at nationals

Colby College sophomore Scarla Nero took second in the 5,000 meters in the National Junior College Athletic Association Indoor Track and Field Nationals last Friday in Charleston, Ill., with a personal best time of 17 minutes, 48.56 seconds.

"She's a natural-born runner," said coach Crystal Berndt. Berndt said Nero beat her former best time by 13 seconds. "She missed first place by a few seconds," she added.

The Lady Trojans took 15th out of 30 teams with 13 points.

Nero took seventh in the 3,000 meters with 10:38.57 and 10th in the mile with 5:23. Her 3,000-meter time beat her previous best by two seconds and her mile time was four seconds faster than her past personal record.

Freshman Lisa Faimon took ninth place in the indoor pentathlon with 2,786 points. Berndt said she was pleased with Faimon's performance. The coach said she went into the pentathlon ranked 13, but she finished better. Faimon took sixth in the high jump portion of the pentathlon with a leap of 1.55 meters.

The team of Nero, freshmen Kedra Marcotte and Jackie Robledo and sophomore Hifiti Kahssay finished 12th in the 4-by-800-meter relay with 10:47.27. Kahssay took 12th in the 5,000 meters with 19:20.55 and 16th in the 3,000 meters with 11:08.57.

On the men's side, sophomore Charmant Ollivierre took seventh in the 600-meter run finals with 1:21.88. The men were 28th out of 30 teams with two points.



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
Trojan runner Scarla Nero, seen here at a cross-country meet in October, took second in the 5,000-meter race at indoor track nationals last Friday.

Freshman Colby Elliot took first in the 1,000-meter-run portion of the heptathlon with 2:44.58. He finished fifth overall with 4.205 points.

Freshman Freddy Arellano took 16th in the 1,000 meters with 2:40.63 and freshman Stevorn Richards finished 15th in the 600 meters with 1:25.70.

Bulldogs end season 9-13

By Judy Rogers

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The Golden Plains High boys basketball varsity team ended its season with a loss in the second round of the regional tournament.

The team, coached for the second year by Ryan Brantley and assistant Dave Brantley, had big batch of boys, including seven seniors, which enabled them to play varsity, junior varsity and C-team games.

"We had a lot more responsibility as seniors" said Dylan Moss. "I learned to drive a lot more and I enjoyed playing with my classmates."

The varsity ended its season with a 9-13 record with wins over Wheatland/Grinnell, Healy, Logan, Triplains twice, Weskan, Oberlin and Cheylin twice. The boys finished their season seventh in the Western Kansas Liberty League ahead of Triplains, Healy and Cheylin.

The team scored 1,079 points, an average of 49 per game.

"We had a lot of fun this season," said junior Tate Preston. "We worked through injury with Rilee (Spresser) and finished our season with the best team in Class 1A. It was always fun to see who the high scorer was each week because every

week it was different."

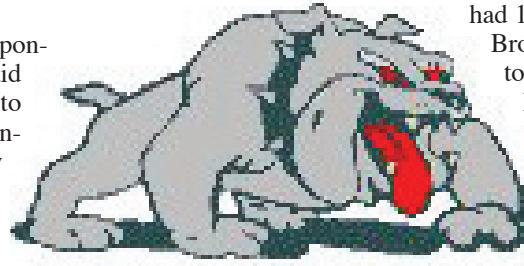
Moss was the team's leading scorer with 225 points and senior Jordan Spresser was right behind with 223. Senior Corey Shaw had 171, Preston 153, sophomore Cole Christensen 100, senior Jonathan Broeckelman 71, sophomore Issac Broeckelman 56, junior Rilee Spresser 39, senior Jarrett Marker 32, junior Aaron Emigh 11 and senior Drake Moss six.

The boys grabbed 581 rebounds, 187 on offense and 394 on defense. Jordan Spresser had 137, Christensen 90, Jonathan Broeckelman 79, Shaw 73, Preston 67, Dylan Moss 40, Issac Broeckelman 28, Marker 24, Riley Spresser 24, Emigh 12, Ritter five and Drake Moss one.

The team had 189 steals with Preston grabbing 36. Issac Broeckelman snatched 26, while Jordan Spresser and Dylan Moss pulled down 25 apiece. Shaw had 20 steals, Marker 17, Christensen 12, Jonathan Broeckelman 11 and one apiece from Rilee Spresser, Emigh and Shaw.

"I had a lot of fun playing basketball throughout my high school career," Jonathan Broeckelman said. "I have a lot of memories from this season."

"I hope for a good season next year. We will have a lot of returning varsity players for us, including Rilee, Aaron, Devinn, Cole and myself."



Colby High School graduates named to KU athletic honor roll

Joshua Aaron Baden and Paige Nicole Stephens, both Colby High School graduates, were named to the University of Kansas Athletics Director's Honor Roll for 2009 during halftime of a Kansas men's basketball game against Baylor on Jan. 20 at Allen Fieldhouse.

Baden, son of Leo and Janice Baden of Colby, is a junior in

computer science and mathematics, and a member of the Jayhawks cross country and track teams. He was recognized for his performance in the spring semester.

Stephens, daughter of Jackie and Curt Stephens, is a member of Kansas' rowing team. She is a sophomore studying preoptometry, preprosports science and community

health. Stephens was recognized for her academic achievements in the spring and fall.

Student athletes with a grade average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale are eligible for the honor. 218 qualified in the spring semester and 275 in the fall.

University of Kansas tops Texas Tech; reaches 2,000 wins

By John Marshall

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas reached a major milestone, one just two other programs can claim.

A nice accomplishment, worthy of the trophy case.

There just isn't time for the Jayhawks to enjoy it. Not after struggling against Texas Tech, not with more important goals still out there.

Leaning on stars Cole Aldrich and Sherron Collins, No. 1 Kansas became the third team to reach 2,000 wins by pulling out an 80-68 victory over scrappy Texas Tech on Thursday in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 tournament.

"It means a lot to us right now, but right now we still have a lot of games ahead of us and we don't want to put too much focus on it," Collins said. "It means a lot to people who support us, all the players who played before us and all the people who support the program, so it's more for them than for us."

Kansas (30-2) was upset by Baylor in last year's Big 12 tournament and seemed headed for another with an uneven start. The Jayhawks slogged through a sloppy first half and had to withstand a Texas Tech rally in the second be-

fore pulling away to reach 30 wins for the ninth time, including three of the past four years.

Aldrich had 12 points, 18 rebounds and altered the game defensively, while Collins had 19 points and six assists despite foul trouble. Markieff Morris provided a lift off the bench with 11 points and nine rebounds, and Xavier Henry added 13 points help Kansas join Kentucky and North Carolina in the 2,000-win club.

The milestone behind them, Kansas has some work to do before Friday's semifinals against Texas A&M, then on into the NCAA tournament.

"We can improve on a lot of things," Kansas coach Bill Self said.

Texas Tech (17-15) all but secured a NIT berth by beating Colorado and altered the game defensively, but its only chance at an NCAA berth was to win the Big 12 tournament. The Red Raiders gave themselves at least a shot against the nation's top-ranked team, answering every run but one.

John Roberson had 14 points and eight assists, and Darko Kohadarevic added 14 points to keep Texas Tech within reach until the closing minutes.

"I'm proud of these guys," Texas Tech coach Pat Knight said. "Many kids would have quit after

the three weeks we had, but they came back, won a game we had to have yesterday, then gave Kansas everything we had. I couldn't ask for more from a group of kids."

Ranked as high as No. 19 early in the season, Texas Tech staggered down the stretch behind a struggling defense. The Red Raiders had a few defensive lapses early against Colorado in the first round of the Big 12 before tightening up for a decisive win that ended a seven-game losing streak.

The intensity continued early

against Kansas.

The Jayhawks manhandled Texas Tech inside in the first meeting in January — 14 more points in the paint, 11 more rebounds — and the Red Raiders were determined not to let it happen again, swarming Kansas' post players on every touch.

The Jayhawks made careless passes, took poor shots and had one blunder after another in the first half to let Texas Tech stay within two — a 22-point turn-

around from the first meeting.

Kansas, as Texas Tech expected, went on a run, going up 12 early in the second half.

The Jayhawks tried to pull away from there, but Texas Tech wouldn't back down.

The Red Raiders cut the lead to 55-50 on Mike Singletary's three-point play with 11 1/2 minutes left and kept answering Kansas' attempts to stretch the lead. Texas Tech made it 65-61 on Cohadarevic's sweeping hook shot and were

within two when Roberson scored on a tough reverse to set up a potential three-point play.

He missed and Kansas took over.

Collins hit a 3-pointer, Kansas got a stop and Henry added another 3, putting Kansas up 71-63 with five minutes left. Texas Tech didn't have another run after that and will likely head to the NIT while Kansas hopes to sew up the No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA tournament.

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Corona Kids	31.5	8.5	1
Al's Painting	28	12	2
Roofmasters	27	13	3
Colby Bowl	24	16	4
Subway	23.5	16.5	5
Cummins Central Power	16.5	23.5	6
Bargos	13	27	7
Chartwells	12	28	8
Colby Automotive	8.5	31.5	9

First high Individual game: Alvin Koenig, 266
First high Individual series: Cody Crocker, 691

February 15, 2010 - First Nighters League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
Kansas Quickklube	221.5	98.5	1
Sparky's Fireworks	206.5	113.5	2
Parking Lot Maintenance	177	143	3
Woolter Well & Pump	172	148	4
Frontier Ag Inc.	168	152	5
Discount Repair of	162.5	157.5	6
Pepsi	151.5	168.5	7
Grinnell Furniture	147	173	8
McKee	137	183	9
Wild Ride	136	184	10
Fire Xtrikers	130	190	11
NW Refrigeration	111	209	12

First high Men Individual game: J.R. Bargo, 255
First high Men Individual series: Ken Brewer, 666

February 18, 2010 - King Pin League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
5 Pony Men	173	107	1
Colby Automotive	170	110	2
Kurtis Pro	170	110	3
Morgan Construction	158	122	4
Balls Deep	153.5	126.5	5
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Drinkin Mates	136	144	7
Thomas County Feeder	128	152	8
T.J. Tire	127	153	9

First high Individual game: J.R. Bargo, 278
First high Individual series: Brent Menges, 708

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Susie's Circus	16	8	1
Bop Shop Betties	16	8	2
Strike-Outs	15	9	3
Straightline	15	9	4
Service Oil	14	10	5
Minds in the Gutter	12	12	6
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Don's Electric	11	13	9
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Twisters	9	15	11

First high Individual game: Dee Hovda, 213
First high Individual series: Dee Hovda, 554

February 19, 2010 - Ten Pin League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
Once Upon a Sign	50.5	33.5	1
Colby Bowl	44	40	2
Cal Williams	39.5	44.5	3

First high Individual game: Bobbi Barton, 223
First high Individual series: Mary Hurr, 581

February 16, 2010 - Early Bird Ladies League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
NW Vacuum	15	9	1
Van's Merry Four	12	12	2
www.strike	11	13	3
Bowlerettes	10	14	4

First high Individual game: Dee Hovda, 218
First high Individual series: Dee Hovda, 572

January 14, 2010 - King and Queen non-smoking			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
Norman-Mackley	31	17	1
Benson-Schmidtbe	29	19	2
Niermeier-McCarty	28	20	3
Cook-Lanning	27	21	4
Kreutzer-Garrett	26	22	5
Team RB	26	22	6
Schissler-Wolf	25.5	22.5	7
Swartz-Barnett	23	25	8
Pancake-Unruh	23	25	9
Prochazka-Jacobs	22	26	10
Schroeder-Schroeder	16.5	31.5	11

First high Men Individual game: Tom Benson, 289
First high Men individual series: Gary Pancake, 660
First high Women individual game: Tohnna Benson, 213
First high Women individual series: Deb Norman, 558

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