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Colby College sophomore Jess Cooper got ready to receive a possible throw from the picture during the Trojans' game against Lamar Community College from Colorado on Tuesday afternoon at the baseball diamond.

Lady Trojans team finishes in top eight at Midwest Classic

The Colby College Lady Trojans finished in the top eight in the Midwest Classic tournament in Tulsa this weekend.

Colby went 3-3 in the tourney, competing in pool play Saturday and bracket play on Sunday.

They lost their first pool game to Connors State College 8-0 in six innings. (If a team leads by eight or more runs after five innings, that team is declared the winner.) Freshman pitcher Courtney Bloiski gave up five runs to the Cowgirls from Warner, Okla. She walked seven and struck out one in four innings.

Freshman Holly Denny relieved Bloiski during the fifth. She struck out four, walked four and gave up three runs in 1 1/3rd inning. Bloiski and freshman Kali Brester both went two for three at the plate.

The women rebounded to beat Iowa Western from Council Bluffs 2-1 in their second game Saturday. Denny was heroine both on the mound and at the plate. She allowed one run in seven innings, while striking out seven Lady Reivers. She also bashed a two-run homer to give her team the win.

Colby eked out a 5-4 win against Independence, Kan., in its last pool game. Sophomore pitcher Jamie Main gave up four runs on eight hits in seven innings while striking out four. Sophomore Peggy Nichols went two for three and drove in two runs. Freshman Chelsea Kinnett also went two for three.

"I was pleased with how we played during pool play," said coach Ryan Sturdy. "We ended up second in our pool."

"We were a little rusty in all areas, since we couldn't be outside for the previous 10 days. We found a way to win games, though."

The Lady Trojans fell to Northern Oklahoma College 11-6 in bracket play on Sunday. Main gave up 13 hits and eight runs in three innings to the Lady Mavericks from Stillwater. Denny relieved Main, giving up five hits, three runs, one of them earned, in 2 1/3rd innings. Sophomores Ashley Primm and Main both went two for three at the plate. The game lasted six innings.

Colby lost to North Central Texas from Gainesville 9-1 in the second game Sunday. Bloiski allowed nine runs on 13 hits to the Lady Lions in three innings pitched, striking out two batters. Denny struck out two in two innings.

Brester went one for two and drove in the one run.

The Trojans slipped by Labette Community College from Parsons

6-5 in their last game on Sunday to take seventh place.

Denny gave up six hits and five runs, while striking out 11 in eight innings pitched. Sophomore Logan Wark went two for two against the Lady Cardinals, driving in two runs.

Sturdy said the teams Colby faced on Sunday were some of the best in the nation.

"The scores were a little misleading," he said. "We were in each of the games against Northern Oklahoma and North Central. We just couldn't get a hit with runners in scoring position. We still need to improve on our intensity."

"I think this was a good test for our team. It should have proved to our team that we can hang with some of the best teams in the nation."

Sturdy said he hopes his team takes what they learned from the tournament into conference play, which starts on Wednesday.

The Lady Trojans record is now 9-7 overall and 2-0 against the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference West Division.

The women will play Central Community College from Columbus, Neb., in a doubleheader starting at 5 p.m. Friday at Carl Adams Field. Then they will hold — and play in — the Colby Classic tournament on Saturday and Sunday. It is the first of two tourneys the Lady Trojans will put on this season.

Trojans lose big to Lamar

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The Trojans baseball team got thumped 25-5 by Lamar Community College from Colorado on Tuesday afternoon at the college baseball diamond in a game that lasted just seven innings.

The Antelope outthit the Trojans 23-4. Lamar jumped out to a five-run lead in the top of the first inning, including a two-run homer by Max Milot. Colby responded by scoring two runs.

Sophomore Aritz Garcia led off the bottom

of the first with a home run. Sophomore Jon Cotter drew a walk and then stole second and third. He scored on a sacrifice line drive to left field, butting Lamar's lead to 5-2. Kurtis Baker drove sophomore Jess Cooper in with a double later in the inning to make it 5-3.

The Antelope scored seven more points in the top of the third to extend Lamar's lead to 14-3, including a grand slam by Logan Lipert. Lamar's Travis Hayes homered in the top of the fourth to make it 15-3.

Lamar tacked on 10 more runs on eight hits in the bottom of the sixth to go up 25-4. Cotter homered in top of the seventh to cut the Lamar lead to 25-5, but the game was called because

of the 10-run rule.

The Trojans used four pitchers. Sophomore Keith Carey started the game, giving up nine runs on eight hits in two innings. He was relieved by sophomore Griffin Campbell, who allowed five runs on six hits in an inning. He was replaced by sophomore Steff deDroog, who allowed nine hits in three innings.

Freshman Jeff Jurado pitched a scoreless seventh.

With the win, the Trojans' record dropped to 9-7. They will play at 1 p.m. Saturday at Barton County Community College in Garden City.

Golden Plains High girls squad has most successful season in years

By Judy Rogers

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The Golden Plains High School girls' basketball team posted its best record of the past three seasons with seven wins and 16 losses this season.

The girls had three wins over Cheylin, Triplains (twice), Quinter and Healy. The team improved considerably from a four-win 2009 season and three in 2008. They took seventh games in the league,

putting them ahead of Triplains, Healy, and Cheylin.

Nine girls made up the roster, including four seniors, four juniors and a freshman. In a year filled with illnesses and injuries, the girls had to work hard in every game.

As a team, they scored a total of 902 points. Junior Jacy Moss had a team-high 231 and junior Melissa Ritter added 184. Freshman Angela Ritter had 159, senior Jessica Luna, 142, senior Aisha Walter 112; senior Karly Miller 45;

junior Avery Spresser 22, senior Alyssa Babcock five and junior Brandy Gilbert 2.

The girls grabbed nearly as many rebounds as they earned points, pulling down a total of 661 for an average of 28.7 per game. Melissa Ritter had a team-high 161, while Luna pulled down 128. Moss had 100 rebounds, Miller 93, Walter 86, Angela Ritter 66, Spresser 17 and Gilbert 3.

The team totalled 132 steals. Moss led the team with 36 and Angela Ritter had 31. Walter had

22, while Melissa Ritter and Luna both had 13, Miller eight, Babcock and Viri Beltran four, and Spresser and Gilbert three.

"This has been my most enjoyable season so far," said Moss. "I enjoyed playing with the girls. We really appreciate the C-team boys practicing with us to help us scrimmage."

"We look forward to having more girls play basketball next year. We have plans to work hard this summer so we can continue to improve our record."

Kansas City Chiefs sign former Colts left guard

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — With one move, the Kansas City Chiefs took a big step toward bolstering a shaky offensive line and making up for a gamble six years ago that came back to haunt them.

The Chiefs on Tuesday announced the signing of free agent left guard Ryan Lilja, a 59-game starter for the Indianapolis Colts who was claimed off waivers from Kansas City in 2004. Terms were not disclosed.

The 6-foot-2, 290-pound Kansas City native is considered a solid performer when healthy, but knee injuries kept him out of part of the 2006 season and all of 2008.

Signed by the Chiefs as an undrafted free agent out of Kansas

State in 2004, Lilja was picked up by the Colts one day after Kansas City cut him. The move was a major disappointment for the Chiefs, who had hoped that nobody would pick him up and he would then join Kansas City's practice squad.

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