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Trojans sophomore Taylor Puttgerill drove in for a shot during the Lady Trojans' game against the Kansas Wesleyan junior varsity team from Salina on Tuesday at the Community Building.

## Lady Trojans win 70-55; snap six-game losing streak

By Andy Heintz

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Colby College sophomore Hannah Thornton and freshman Liga Vente led the Lady Trojans to a 70-55 win over the Kansas Wesleyan University junior varsity team on Tuesday at the Community Building, snapping the team's six game losing streak.

The women's teams premier post players combined for 39 points against the Lady Coyotes from Salina.

Thornton posted a double-double, scoring a team-high 20 points and grabbing 13 rebounds, including eight on offense. Vente added 19 points on seven of 11 shooting.

"We have good players underneath," assistant coach Chris Lehecka said.

The Lady Trojans were able to cut down on their turnovers – a problem in past games – committing only 12 turnovers, while forcing the Lady Coyotes to turn the ball over 15 times.

"Our ball handlers stepped up," Lehecka said. "They looked com-

fortable with the ball."

Freshman Christina Anderson said coach Brady Jasper had confidence in them and had been pushing them to cut down on their turnovers. She said the coach had been having them do drills in practice that focused on taking care of the ball. Jasper said the Lady Trojans had been working on head fakes and not throwing the ball to people who are not open.

Freshmen Morgan Rickwartz and Anderson both scored nine. Rickwartz was three for five from the field and Anderson drilled three three-pointers. Anderson hit two of those three pointers in the first half in a short time span that helped Colby create some distance between themselves and their opponents. The freshman guard said Jasper has been encouraging her to shoot more.

Colby out-rebounded the Lady Coyotes 54 to 38. The Lady Trojans large rebounding advantage helped compensate for their poor shooting. Colby only connected on about 32 percent of its shots, going 26 for 82. They were five for 21 from beyond the arc. The Lady Coyotes had an even worst

night, making only 24 percent of their field goals.

The Lady Trojans jumped out to a 9-2 lead early in the first half. Then the Lady Coyotes went on a 6-0 run that ended with a three by Kansas Wesleyan's Madison Coffey. The Lady Coyotes temporarily captured a 14-13 lead before Vente scored inside while drawing a foul. She made her free throw, giving Colby a two-point lead.

Two three pointers by sophomore Crystal Kinderknecht and Anderson stretched Colby's lead to 26-21. Thornton scored inside, giving the women's team a 35-23 lead with 30 seconds left in the half. They led 35-26 at halftime.

A pull-up jump shot by Rickwartz and another bucket by Thornton helped Colby extend its lead to 47-33 with 12:40 left. Colby went up 54-36 after Rickwartz hit a three-pointer from the top of the key. They went on to win 70-55.

With the win, Colby improved to 3-7. The Lady Trojans' next game is at 6 p.m. Saturday at McCook Community College in Nebraska.

## Young Colby squads prevail over Scott City

The Colby eighth grade girls basketball A- and B-teams beat Scott City at the grade school gymnasium on Nov. 18 but lost to Holcomb on the road Nov. 22.

The A-team beat Scott City 17-16 and lost to Holcomb 37-30.

Kelly Sloan scored a team-high five against Scott City and Darby Sager added four. Hailey Schindler had three, Hannah Strange and Courtney Reilley scored two each and Shaile Giebler chipped in one.

Coach Shirley Arnberger named Sloan the player of the game.

"This was a very intense game," Arnberger said. "We were ahead and then we let Scott City come back. It was a very physical game."

"I was impressed with how the girls fought until the end. They just keep improving each week."

Schindler led the Lady Eagles

with eight points in the their 37-30 loss to Holcomb.

Arnberger named her and Cheyenne Ortner co-players of the game. Ortner and Sager both added seven points against the Lady Longhorns and Sager led the team with five rebounds.

Brooklyn Bange and Strange scored four each and Schindler and Giebler both had four rebounds. Sloan had three rebounds and Bange and Ortner each grabbed one.

"The girls really played their hearts out," the coach said. "We are starting to click as a team. I'm very pleased with the way we played."

The Lady Eagles B squad beat Scott City 13-8 but fell to Holcomb 41-18.

Jennilee Gray scored three points against the Lady Beavers. Danielle Foster, Morgan Sangu-

netti, Cayla Carter and Phoebe Pfeiffer all added two.

"I was really impressed with how hard the girls played," Arnberger said. "They really showed a lot of hustle and determination out there."

Carter led Colby with 10 points and a team-high six rebounds at Holcomb. She was also named player of the game by the coach. Helena Romero had four points and Sanguinetti and Olivia Wetter each added two points and three rebounds. Ally O'Neal and Bailey Ellegood each had two rebounds and Bridget Bickner and Gray both had one.

"Our B-team really struggled in this game," said the coach. "We really struggled with playing as a team and knowing how to run the plays. We will keep working to improve our skills."

## Bulldogs varsity squad finishes tough schedule

By Cole Christensen

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains High School football team finished a tough season with a record of 4-5, with four out of the five losses coming to teams that were ranked in the top 10 in the state for most of the season.

The boys kicked off their season with a loss to the Quinter Bulldogs, who were ranked fifth in the state and won the state title a year ago.

The Bulldogs lost their second game to the Dighton Hornets 40-36 and fell to the Greeley County Jackrabbits 72-38 in their third.

The Bulldogs got their first win on the road against the Weskan Coyotes 54-16. The next week was homecoming, and the sixth-ranked Cheylin Cougars came to Rexford and pulled out a 48-30 win. That made the 'Dogs record 1-4.

The Bulldogs went to Brewster and won 52-0 in their next game. That same night, Wallace County defeated Greeley County, giving

the Bulldogs a chance to make it back to the playoffs. Coach Travis Smith said they had to win the rest of their games by over 21 points to make the postseason.

In week seven, the Wallace County Wildcats came to Rexford and left a with a 50-44 win, getting a touchdown with 25 seconds left in the game. The loss ended Golden Plains' playoff aspirations, but the Bulldogs bounced back to crush the Logan Trojans 68-22 at home in their last game of the season.

Riley Spresser, Devinn Ritter, and Tate Preston all were selected for the Western Kansas Liberty League Football All-League first team. Spresser was voted in for his play at kicker/punter, Preston as a wide receiver and Ritter as a defensive nose guard.

Spresser was voted to the all-league second team at quarterback and defensive back and Kaly Weber at running back. Cole Christensen received honorable mention at tight end and Preston

at defensive back.

Season offensive stats included Spresser, 18 touchdown passes and 73 completions for 1,194 yards, nine rushing touchdowns for 768 yards; Preston, 14 touchdowns receptions, 43 catches for 724 yards and one rushing touchdown; Weber, 168 carries for 1,350 yards and 20 rushing touchdowns; Christensen, 21 receptions for 265 yards, including two touchdown catches; Tyler Stevenson, 25 carries for 109 yards and Ethan Walter, 14 carries for 67 yards.

The Bulldogs had strong defensive stats, including tackles: Ritter, 117 total; Spresser, 86; Preston, 93; Weber, 74; Christensen, 63; Andrew Luna, 47; Trey Schwarz, 18; Jose Bermudez, 15; Walter, 11; Casey Gould, 11; and Miguel Navarro, eight.

Spresser led the team in interceptions with four, Preston had two and Weber, one. Tyler Stevenson had two sacks and Christensen and Ritter each had one.



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