

## Looking to pass



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Colby fifth grader Trista Boehme was seconds away from delivering a pass during a Colby Area Youth Basketball League coed game between Colby and Atwood's fifth and sixth graders on Saturday at the Colby Grade School gym.

# Six Trojans' runners qualify for Nationals

The Trojans indoor track and field team had a sophomore, two freshman and a relay team qualify for Nationals at the University of Kansas Jayhawk Classic on Friday in Lawrence.

Sophomore Freddy Arellano qualified for Nationals for his second straight year by taking second out of 24 runners in the 1,000 meter-run with a time of 2 minutes and 34.84 seconds. Mike Hernandez from Central Methodist in Fayette, Mo., took first in the 1,000 for the second year in a row with 2:32.70.

Arellano's teammate, freshman James Leonard also qualified, finishing fourth in the 1,000 with 2:35.71 and freshman Ross Freeman came in sixth, just missing the qualifying time of 2:37.10.

"The 1,000 is a huge race for us," coach James Ortiz said.

Freshman James Carey came in eighth out of 29 runners in the 600 meters with 1:23.12 and qualified for Nationals. He had to run the race in 1:23.78 or under to qualify.

The distance medley team of Leonard and freshmen Devon McCormick, Raymond Velazquez, and Nelson Justiss qualified for Nationals by taking fourth out of 8 teams with 10:36. The team had to have a time of 10:38 or below to qualify.

The 4-by-400 relay team of Carey, Arellano, Free-

man and freshman Chance Moore finished sixth out of 17 teams with 3:25.25, barely missing the 3:23.05 qualifying standard.

Velazquez took eighth out of 32 runners in the mile run with 4:31.12. He would have had to run it in 4:24 or below to qualify for Nationals.

Freshman Carlos Molina finished in a two-way tie for 20th out of more than 60 runners in the 60-meter dash with 7:09 and freshman Charles Miller finished in a three-way tie for 28th with 7:16. Although neither runner qualified for Nationals, Molina's time was the second fastest in the school's history and Miller's was the third fastest. Ortiz said Colby has traditionally had distant-heavy teams, adding that even if someone had run the school record, they wouldn't have qualified.

Ortiz said he was happy with how his team did in comparison to the squad's first two performances this year. He said his team had the potential to be one of the best track and field squads the college has had in a while.

Freshman Edward Limo, an all-conference and all-region cross country runner, and sophomore Sam Mwangi overslept and missed the bus, Ortiz said.

The team will compete in the Texas Tech Open on Saturday in Lubbock.

## Jayhawks coast to easy victory

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Second-ranked Kansas was glad to finally get a win in Lubbock, beating Texas Tech 88-66.

"Against Texas Tech, obviously we've had troubles in Lubbock the past six or seven years," said Brady Morningstar, who finished with 12 points Tuesday night. "It's good to get a win here."

Marcus Morris scored 18 points to lead the Jayhawks, giving them their first win in Lubbock since 2003.

Kansas (21-1, 6-1 Big 12) never trailed and steadily built an insurmountable lead. The Jayhawks were hot from the outset, and though their shooting cooled in the second half, they prevailed with ease.

The Red Raiders (11-12, 3-5) were at a loss to stop the Jay-

hawks, who seemed to score from everywhere. They made 8 of 20 3-point attempts and got 48 points in the paint.

"They got rolling there," Texas Tech coach Pat Knight said of the game's start. "They were on fire. That's as good a start as I've seen. The game was pretty much over after the first 5 minutes."

Morningstar hit a 3 to make it 13-4 in the first 5 minutes of the game.

Kansas coach Bill Self said the early success helped.

"Made so many shots early, it helped our confidence," he said. "Making shots is contagious, too. That's basketball. Sometimes you make them, sometimes you don't."

John Roberson scored 24 points to lead the Red Raiders.

Texas Tech went to the 3 in the second half to try and catch up but made only 6 of 22 for the game.

## Young Lady Bulldogs lose two

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The Golden Plains Middle School girls' basketball team lost two games to the Grinnell/Wheatland Thunderhawks on Thursday in Rexford.

The B team girls lost 25-13 and the A-team suffered a 28-21 defeat.

The B team was the first to play that afternoon. They started off struggling to make their shots as Gabrielle Schiltz scored the only 2 points of the first quarter. Things picked up in the second quarter as Schiltz hit another shot and Brianna Stoll put in two baskets.

Maddy Walz and Tayler Petersen each made a bucket to give the girls a 12-8 halftime lead.

The girls' shots refused to fall in the second half. Arianna Comacho scored the Lady Bulldogs' only point of the half with a free throw in the fourth. The Lady Thunderhawks added 17 to their score in the second half and Golden Plains lost 25-13.

The A-team girls also got off to a slow start with only one free throw in the first quarter from Taylor Todd and one basket in the second from Rachael Ritter.

Trailing 20-3 at the half, coach Travis Smith informed the girls that changes needed to be made in the second half if they wanted to have better results.

The girls took his message to heart and played harder, putting in 8 points during the third quarter and 10 in the fourth. They outscored the Lady Thunderhawks 18-8 in the second half, but it wasn't enough to dig them out of their first-half hole as they fell to the Thunderhawks 28-21.

Ritter and Brooke Wark finished with 6 points each. All of Wark's points came in the fourth. Taylor Todd added another free

throw and basket to finish with 4 points, Kami Miller put in 3 in the third and Tayler Peterson finished with 2.

The girls will play next at 4

p.m. Thursday when they travel to Cheylin as they continue their season working toward the Freedom League Tournament in February.

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