

Taking a long shot



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Colby College freshman Morgan Rickwartz took a three-pointer during the Lady Trojans game against Barton County Community College on sophomore night Wednesday at the Community Building. The Cougars from Great Bend beat Colby 65-49.

Junior varsity rips two

The Lady Eagles junior varsity team continues to dominate their opponents, crushing Ulysses 55-31 in a road game on Friday 5-31 and overwhelming Norton's junior varsity 60-13 on Tuesday in the Colby High School gymnasium.

Junior Emilea Finley was the high scorer against Ulysses, finishing with 12 points, and sophomore McKenna Ortner added 10. Sophomore Karly Kriss and freshman Haileigh Shull had 8 each, senior Caitlyn Wark 7, sophomore Kenzie Curry 4; and juniors Brenna McKee and Paige Roopchan and sophomore Lauren Bell, 2 each.

Coach Jack Elliot said the Ulysses game was the most points the girls have given up since their third game of the season against Garden City, but aside from that, his team just continues to get better

in all areas of the game. He said the junior varsity's communication, teamwork and basketball IQ all have improved. The coach said the team is headed in the right direction.

Shull led the attack against Norton with 18 points and Ortner finished with 8. Freshman Andrea Barton and Kriss added 6 each, Curry, 5; Bell and freshman Haley Mengel, 4 each; McKee, 3; and Wark, Roopchan, and Finley all had 2. The Lady Eagles sank 11 of 14 from the foul line.

The coach said his team played really together and made things uncomfortable for the Lady Bluejays.

With the win, the younger girls improved to 16-1. They will play their last game of the season at 8 p.m. Thursday at Scott City Middle School.

Opener disappoints Trojans

The Colby Community College baseball team was swept by the home team in its opening series against Odessa College in Texas.

The team lost to the Texas school 6-5 and 5-1 on Feb. 12 and 7-5 on Feb. 13.

The Trojans once again have been unable to practice outside during the winter or in the weeks leading up to the season. This put

the team at a disadvantage, but they were able to compete against a tough Odessa team.

Freshmen Nick Bata and Austin Russell started the season well at the plate, as each player batted .500 in the three games. Brandon Wilson drove in four runs in the three games to lead the team.

The Trojans dropped a double-header to Otero Junior College in

Lamar, Colo., 6-5 and 5-3, on Friday in Colorado. The team has a lost four of its opening five games by a combined six runs.

The Trojans were to face Lamar Community College today in Colorado.

Colby will take on Otero in a double header in its home opener at noon Wednesday at the college diamond.

Western riders qualify for nationals

Colby Community College Equestrian Team members earned several firsts at two western shows at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis.

"It was another successful day for our team," Coach Shanda Mattix said. "Elizabeth Kennedy in Open Horsemanship, Devon Felts in Intermediate Horsemanship and Morgan Harms in Intermediate Horsemanship qualified for the regional horse show."

The shows were held Feb. 12. Here are the results:

Show 1

Reining: Kennedy, Topeka, first; Rachael Kruse, Ellsworth, fifth.

Open Horsemanship: Kruse, first; Kennedy, fourth.

Advanced: Jessica Fuson, King City, Mo., sixth.

Novice: Mariah Woolsoncroft Salina, first; Savannah Isely, Bird City, first; Jessica Koeppel, Russell, third.

Intermediate 2: Felts, Manhattan, first; Megan Sitz, Holton, fourth; Harms, Franklin, Neb., fourth.

Intermediate 1: Anna Schurter, Valley Center, first.

Beginner: Tracie Huffman, Baldwin City, reserve.

Show 2

Reining: Kruse, third; Kennedy, fourth.

Open Horsemanship: Kruse, second; Kennedy, third.

Advanced: Fuson, first.

Novice: Koeppel, second; Isely, third; Woolsoncroft, fourth.

Intermediate 2: Felts, first; Harms, first; Brittany



SHANDA MATTIX/Colby Community College

Liz Kennedy entered the arena to compete in reining.

Intermediate 2: Normand, fourth; Nickelson, fourth.

Hunt Seat riders will compete Saturday and Sunday at the University of Wyoming in the final English regular season show of the semester.

Normand, Fort Scott, second.

Intermediate 1: Schurter, third.

Beginner: Huffman, reserve.

At the final show of the regular season Saturday and Sunday at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, the team ended the season in third for the region. Kruse topped out the first show Saturday as reserve high point rider, and Savannah Isely qualified for regionals March 12 in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Individual results were:

Show 1

Reining: Kruse, first, reserve high point rider; Kennedy, sixth.

Advanced Horsemanship: Fuson, fourth.

Novice: Isely, second; Woolsoncroft, fifth; Koeppel, fifth.

Intermediate 2: Normand, second; Sitz, fifth; Ariel Nickelson, Tribune, Reserve.

Intermediate 1: Schurter, first.

Beginner: Huffman, fourth.

Show 2

Reining: Kruse, fourth; Kennedy, fourth.

Open Horsemanship: Kennedy, fifth.

Advanced Horsemanship: Fuson, fourth.

Novice: Isely, fourth; Woolsoncroft, sixth; Koeppel, Reserve.

Intermediate 2: Normand, fourth; Nickelson,

Titans drop two road games

The Triplains-Brewster boys basketball team suffered two losses over the last week, falling to Dighton 42-28 on the road on Friday and losing at St. Francis 58-47 on Tuesday.

Coach Dustin Quenzer said his team didn't show up to play in the first half against Dighton, adding that the Titans committed too many turnovers. The coach said the Titans played a decent second half, adding that if they would have played that well in both halves, they would have won the game.

The Hornets jumped out to a 15-4 lead in the first quarter and they won the second quarter 12-8. The two teams scored 7 each in the third and Triplains-Brewster won the final quarter 9-8, but lost the contest 42-28.

Nathan Jorgensen had 11 points and Michael Schmidt added 6. Edoardo Broggi finished with 5, Seth Smith scored 4 and Gus Lamb chipped in 2.

The boys fell to St. Francis despite winning the second half 31-29. In fact, if the second quarter

wasn't included, the game would have been tied at 41 and headed into overtime. Unfortunately for the Titans, the quarter did count and the boys were never able to recover from being outscored 17-6. The Indians dominating quarter gave them a 29-16 lead at the half.

"The second quarter really hurt us," Quenzer said.

The coach said the Titans turned the ball over too many times during the quarter.

The Titans had a solid third on both ends of the floor, outscoring the Indians 14-9. St. Francis won the fourth 20-17 and the game 58-47.

Dan Brown had a team-high 13 points and Schmidt added 12. Lamb finished with 10, Jorgensen put in 8, and Smith and Broggi scored 2 each. The boys out-rebounded their opponents 29-23.

With the loss, the Titans dropped to 1-15. They will return home to play Weskan at 8 p.m. Friday in Winona.

Cats 'Pullen' for victory in Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The guy who made waves a month ago when he said he wouldn't play in the NIT keeps doing all he can to make Kansas State worthy of an NCAA tournament bid.

Jacob Pullen scored 20 of his 27 points in the second half and the Wildcats held off Nebraska's late comeback attempt to win 61-57 Wednesday night.

The Wildcats (19-9, 7-6) won

for the fifth time in six games and took sole possession of fifth place in the Big 12. Nebraska (18-9, 6-7), coming off its weekend upset of No. 5 Texas, lost for the first time in four games and had a dent put in its NCAA hopes.

"I feel like the way we've played lately, we can beat most of the teams in the Big 12," Pullen said. "We want to play like this through February because it gives us a

head of steam going into the Big 12 tournament. That tournament is three days and up for grabs. We can still win a Big 12 (tournament) championship and then go to the (NCAA) tournament."

Eshaunte Jones' 3-pointer pulled the Cornhuskers within 58-56 with 7.1 seconds left. Martavious Irving made one of two free throws on the other end to give the Wildcats a three-point lead.

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