



Colby College sophomore Alfredo Arellano, pictured here at an event this season, recently signed to run track and field and cross country at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.

## Sophomore runner headed to Texas school

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Colby Community College sophomore Freddy Arellano signed a letter of intent and scholarship papers on Wednesday, Feb. 23, in the All-American room in the student union to run for the track and field and the cross country team at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.

Arellano, a native of El Paso, Texas, said he was also offered scholarships from Texas State from San Marcos and the University of Texas El Paso. He said the coach at Sam Houston really talk-

ed to him and it was a good education school. Arellano is majoring in history and hopes to become a coach or a teacher.

Coach James Ortiz said he knew Jesse Parker, Sam Houston's assistant coach and regional track and field/cross country regional coordinator. He said he really cared about Freddy and he was glad he was in good hands.

Arellano is a co-captain of the Trojans track and field team and he ran for the cross country team this past fall. He said being voted a co-captain by his teammates helped build his confidence. Ortiz said Sam Houston is a Division 1 university with an enrollment of

about 17,000 students.

Arellano is currently ranked 5th in the nation in the 1,000-meter run and is a two-time regional champion in that event. He holds the second fastest time in school history in the 1,000 with a time of 2 minutes and 30 seconds. He said he would be running the 1,500 meters at Sam Houston.

Arellano is also the anchor of the Trojans Distant Medley team who finished first at this year's regional championships. He said during his two years at Colby he has learned to be a team leader and to be more intense.

## Colby C girls team wins four consecutive games to end year

The Colby High girls C team finished their season with four straight victories.

The girls squad picked up wins over Dodge City, Scott City, Ulysses and Goodland.

The young Eagles trounced Dodge City 45-27 in a road game on Feb. 10.

Freshman Haileigh Shull led Colby with 12 points and freshman Andrea Barton added 10. Freshmen Morgan Mengel and Paige Armbruster added 6 points each; junior Paige Roopchan and freshman Katie Elias, 4 each; freshman Kaylin Wiens, 2; and freshman Abby Friesen, 1.

The Lady Eagles jumped out to an 11-8 lead by the end of the first. Colby led 23-19 at halftime. The girls outscored Dodge 10-4 in the third and led 33-23 at the end of the third. They dominated the fourth 12-4 and took home a 45-27 victory.

The young Lady Eagles team beat Goodland the next day 28-18. Morgan Mengel, Barton and Shull had 6 points each and Roopchan, freshman Tatym Rundel, Haley Mengel, Morgan's twin; Kaylin Wiens and Katie Elias each had 2.

Colby led 8-6 at the end of the first quarter and trailed 14-10 at the half. They outscored the Cowgirls 12-4 in the third and blanked Goodland 6-0 in the fourth.

The girls hammered Ulysses 40-22 on Feb. 18.

Shull had a team-high 17 points and Morgan Mengel added 5. Roopchan, Barton and Rogers finished with 4 each and Friesen, Wiens and Elias each had 2.

The first quarter was a low-scoring affair with Colby leading 3-2. The Lady Eagles exploded offensively, outscoring the Lady Tigers 21-6 in the second quarter, giving them a 24-8 halftime lead. Ulysses won the third quarter 6-3, cutting

Colby's lead to 27-14. Colby outscored Ulysses 13-8 in the fourth and won the game 40-22.

The girls won their last game of the season at Scott City 27-15 in a game that only lasted one half.

Morgan Mengel finished with 10 points and Shull added 9. Roopchan, Barton, Armbruster and Elias each had 2.

With the wins, the girls finished 8-3. Coach Kacie Goetz said although things were a little rough during the first week of practice, the team came together and good things happen when teams come together. She said the team improved fundamentally in all areas.

## Trojans get first wins against division rival

The Colby College baseball team finally broke into the win column this past weekend, splitting a doubleheader with Seward County in Liberal.

The Trojans, who were 0-5, had a chance to win all four games, but let a lead slip in the final inning of game one and lost 6-5 on Saturday and lost game four 10-9 in the eleventh inning on Sunday. The team won game two 12-8 and game three 16-15.

The Trojans were to play Otero Junior College from Colorado in their home opening doubleheader starting at 1 p.m. The game was originally supposed to take place on Wednesday, but was rescheduled due to cold weather.

Coach Ryan Carter said he has mixed emotions about the season thus far. He said he has been really pleased with the way his team has been playing offensively.

"The whole team has been getting really good at bats," he said.

Carter said he has been a little disappointed by the trouble his pitchers have had finding the strike zone.

The coach noted that 6 of the Trojans 7 losses this season have been by only one run. Colby's 7 losses have been by a combined 12 runs.

The Trojans will play a doubleheader at 1 p.m. Sunday against Brown Mackie College in Salina.

## Class 4A Substate Basketball

At the Colby Community Building

### Boys games tonight

Smoky Valley (17-3) vs. Pratt (8-12) | Ulysses (12-8) vs. Nickerson (9-12)  
6 p.m. | 7:30 p.m.

### Girls games Friday

Colby (18-2) vs. Smoky Valley (8-12) | Pratt /Stafford (17-3) vs. Russell (14-7)  
6 p.m. | 7:30 p.m.

## Lady Eagles to play Friday; Colby holds substate tonight

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The Lady Eagles will take on Smoky Valley High School from Lindsborg at 6 p.m. Friday at the Colby Community Building in the semifinals of the Class 4A substate basketball tournament.

Colby, 18-2 and the first ever champions of the Great West Community College Conference, is ranked No. 1 in their 7-team substate bracket. They will face

a team who defeated No. 4 seed Nickerson in a road game to get to this point. The Lady Vikings, the No. 5 seed in the tourney, are 8-12 this season.

If the girls pick up the victory they will face the winner of a Pratt/Stafford versus Russell game in the championship at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Community Building.

Pratt, No. 2, defeated No. 7 Ulysses to advance to the semifinals and Russell, No. 3, beat Hugoton, No. 6. Pratt/Stafford is

17-3 and Russell is 14-7.

The boys substate semifinals game will take place tonight at the Community Building. Smoky Valley, 17-3 and No. 1 seed, faces Pratt, No. 4, at 6 p.m. and No. 2 Ulysses, who eliminated Colby on Monday, will take on Nickerson, No. 3, at 7:30 p.m. The winners of each game will compete in the championship at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Community Building.

## Trojans fall to powerful team

The Trojans' men's basketball season came to end Tuesday in a 86-65 loss at Coffeyville in the first round of Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference regional basketball tournament.

Colby, the No. 8 team in the conference's Western Division, trailed Coffeyville, No. 1 in Jayhawk Eastern Division, 46-31 at the end of the first half.

The second half was more competitive with the Ravens outscoring the Trojans 40-34.

Coffeyville outrebounded Colby 49-25. The rebounding deficit led to the Trojans taking 24 fewer

shots than the Ravens.

Colby made 44 percent of its shots on 20-of-45 shooting and Coffeyville 29 for 69 or 42 percent. Both teams shot 26 free throws. The Trojans hit 16 (62 percent) and the Ravens 21 (81 percent).

The Trojans went 9 for 20 or 45 percent from three-point range.

With the loss, Colby finished the season with a record of 15-16 and 6-10 in the Jayhawk Western Division.

## Lady Titans lose close playoff game on the road to Palco squad 46-43

The Lady Titans were narrowly defeated at Palco 46-43 in a first-round Class 1A substate playoff game on Monday.

Junior Kasey Hoyt led the Triplains-Brewster team with 20 points on 8-of-17 shooting. Freshman Brittany Plummer added 9; freshman Maddie Mayer, 7; senior Sheena Rall, 6; and sophomore Amber Barrie, 1.

The two teams were knotted at 8 at the end of the first quarter, but the Lady Roosters won the second quarter 18-13 and went into the locker room with a 26-21 lead.

The Lady Titans scored 10 more points in the third, while holding Palco to just 7. The girls trailed 33-31 going into the final quarter. Unfortunately, the Lady Titans lost the fourth 13-12 and the game

46-43. Triplains-Brewster shot about 36 percent or 16 for 45. The Lady Trojans made 11-of-17 free throws and missed all four of their three point attempts.

With the loss, the girls ended their season with a record of 2-18 overall and 1-9 in the Western Kansas Liberty League.

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