

Trojan men dominate in annual classic

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The Colby Community College men's basketball team stomped on both of their opponents at the Western Sprinklers Classic on Friday and Saturday at the Community Building.

On Friday night, Colby defeated Kansas Wesleyan University's

junior varsity with a score of 107-64. Sophomore Vincent Dillard, Sanford, Fla., led the Trojans with 16 total points. He finished the game with 6 field goals out of 8 attempts, 1 three-point field goal, and made 3 out of 6 free throws. Dillard also had 2 rebounds and 1 steal.

Sophomore Scott Ochs, Quinter, scored 13 points against Kansas Wesleyan. He also had 6 field

goals out of 8 attempts and made 1 out of 3 free throws. He finished the game with 3 rebounds, 1 block and 1 steal.

Sophomore James Davenport, Kansas City, had 11 total points on the night, scored 4 field goals out of 7 attempts and made 3 out of 8 free throws. He rebounded the ball 6 times and had 2 blocks and 2 steals.

Sophomore Carson Konrade, Spearville, also finished the game with 11 points. He completed 4 field goals out of 12 attempts, 1 three-point field goal out of 5 attempts, and 2 out of 3 free throws. He rebounded the ball 4 times and had 2 steals.

The team as a whole completed 57.3 percent of its field goals and 48.5 percent of its free throws.

"I think that the biggest thing that we learned from (Friday) is that we can't really get complacent," Head Coach Dustin Pfeifer said. "We came out flat against this basketball team and we came out flat against Lamar the other night too, and we need to understand that we've got to be ready to play at all times.

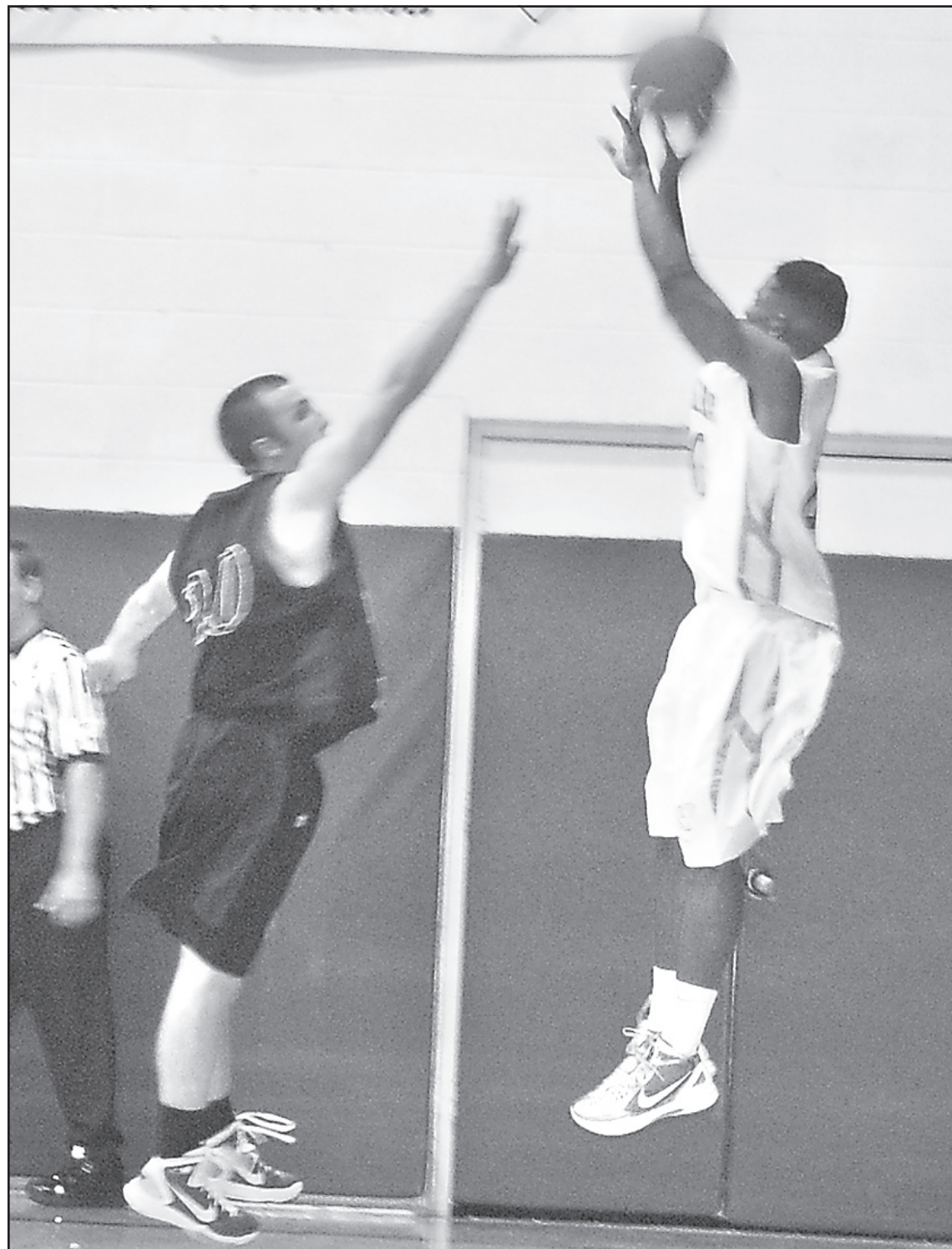
"A team like we played tonight, you pretty much have a good idea of where we're at compared to where they are, and if you don't pay attention to the details of your basketball team and the way you run things, it can kinda get a little sloppy, and we let it do that in the first half so we need work on some of that stuff with complacency," Pfeifer said.

He also said the tournament was a way to get all of his players into the games.

"We play a pretty similar team in Sterling JV and the good thing about these games is we can clear our whole bench and everybody gets playing time," Pfeifer said. "It's valuable so that guys are ready when it comes crunch time if we need to put them in the game. We get to play guys in different situations, so we'll really be working guys in different situations and trying to get everybody minutes."

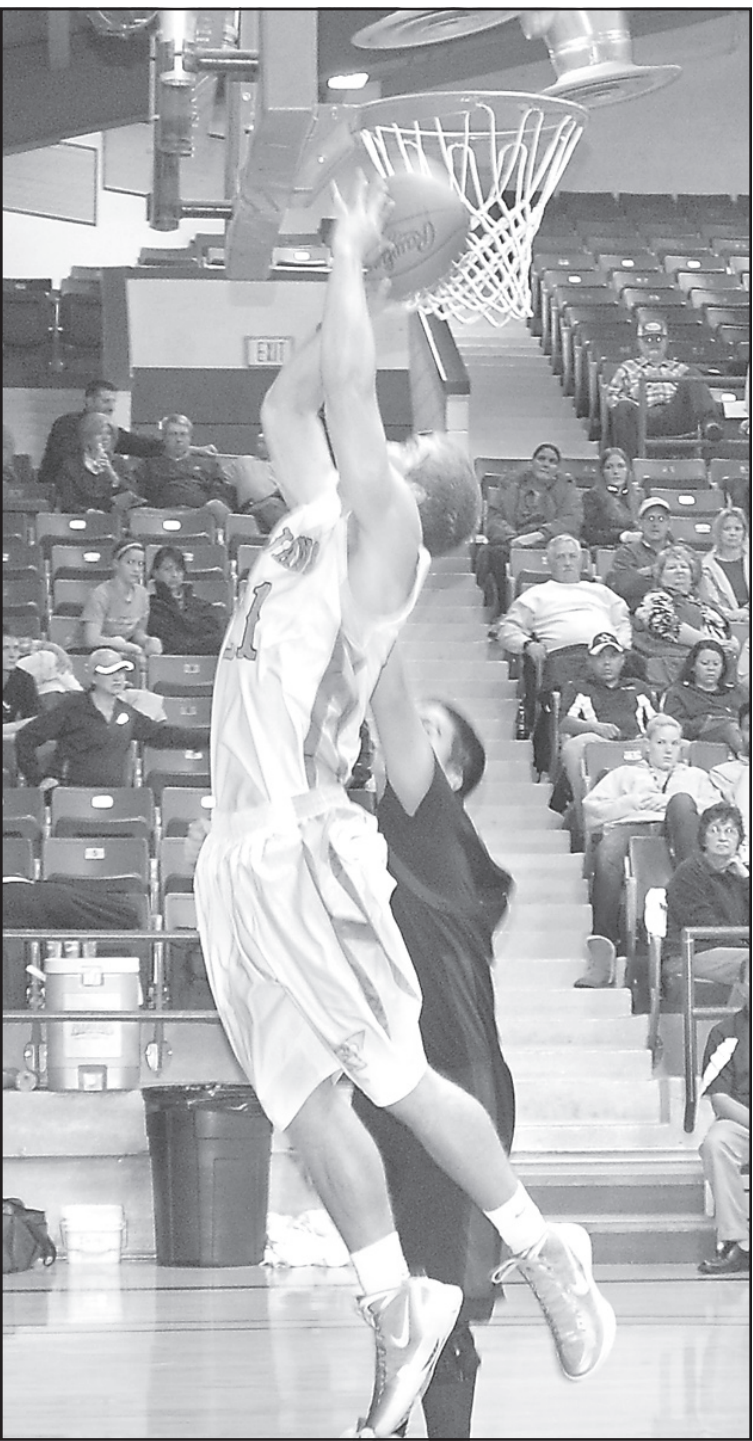
On Saturday night, the Trojans defeated Sterling College's junior varsity 81-54. Colby's offense struggled somewhat with only two players' total points in double-digits.

Once again, Dillard scored 16 total points with 4 field goals out



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Colby Community College men's basketball player Hurley Johnson, Clewiston, Fla., took a three-point shot Friday against Kansas Wesleyan University's junior varsity in the Community Building. The Trojans won the game 107-64.



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Trenton Ptacek, Russell, went for a layup Friday in a game against Kansas Wesleyan University's junior varsity in the Community Building.

of 13 attempts and 8 out of 12 free throws. He had an outstanding 12 rebounds and 1 steal.

Konrade finished the game with 14 points, 4 field goals out of 12 attempts, 2 three-point field goals out of 8 attempts and 4 out of 5 free throws. He also had 1 rebound and 1 steal.

Garden City Community Col-

lege also competed in the tournament and defeated both Sterling College (98-58) and Kansas Wesleyan (131-52).

The men's basketball team along with the women's team will hold another tournament, the Ambassador Classic, on Thursday through Saturday in the Community Building. The women will

tip-off at 5 p.m. followed by the men at 7 p.m. each evening. The college will celebrate Homecoming/Family Weekend during the games. Veterans and their families will be recognized during the games. Colby team members from 1971, 1981, 1991, 2001 and 2011 will also be recognized.

Broncos run past Raiders 38-24

By Josh Dubow
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OAKLAND, Calif. — Tim Tebow is learning how quickly fortunes can change in the NFL.

Just one week after pundits pronounced Denver's hopes were finished and Tebow was incapable of playing quarterback in the NFL, he helped the Broncos get right back into the AFC West race.

Tebow threw two touchdown passes and ran for 117 yards, Willis McGahee added 163 yards rushing and two more scores and the Broncos beat the Oakland Raiders 38-24 Sunday.

"I think the definition of that is NFL," coach John Fox said. "It's just the way it is in this league. That's not going to change."

Even though he looked far from a prototypical NFL quarterback relying on his legs much more than his arm, Tebow frequently used the zone read option play that

helped make him so successful in college to win for the second time in three starts this season.

That moved the Broncos within a game of Oakland, San Diego and Kansas City in the AFC West race.

"Honestly it doesn't necessarily matter too much how you drew it up as long as you get this feeling at the end, because it was pretty special," he said.

It's quite a turnaround from a week ago, when Denver was dismantled 45-10 by Detroit and some of the Lions were questioning Tebow's ability to succeed in the NFL. Broncos coach John Fox was only willing to commit to Tebow for this week's game. But after the coaches made a few tweaks to the offense, Tebow earned himself another start.

He threw touchdown passes to Eric Decker and Eddie Royal early in the game and then expertly ran the option game that helped

the Broncos gain 298 yards on the ground, their highest total since a 300-yard game against Seattle in 2000, and most ever against the Raiders (4-4).

"As long as it worked, that's all I care about," McGahee said.

McGahee had a 60-yard touchdown run that tied the game on the first play after Carson Palmer threw his second interception for the Raiders, then added a 24-yarder to ice it in the closing minutes. Denver took the lead in between those big runs when Royal returned his first punt of the season 85 yards for a touchdown.

Tebow finished 10 for 21 for 124 yards, but took only one sack after taking 13 in his first two starts.

"I thought he improved throwing the ball," Fox said. "I think he's always run the ball pretty effectively. He's very competitive by nature. You see evidence of that. Now it's just learning how to be an NFL quarterback. In my

opinion he's gotten better each time out."

Palmer looked much better in his first start with the Raiders than in his debut two weeks ago in a relief effort against Kansas City. Then, he threw three second-half interceptions, including one returned for a touchdown in a 28-0 loss five days after he joined the team.

With a bye week and this past week to get acclimated to his new team, Palmer showed why Oakland dealt a 2012 first-round draft pick and a conditional 2013 second-rounder to Cincinnati to acquire him after starter Jason Campbell broke his collarbone.

Palmer was 18 for 34 for 312 yards with three touchdowns. But he threw three more interceptions, including one that provided a sudden change of momentum in the closing seconds of the third quarter.

Lady Trojans defeated in Region VI tourney

The Colby Community College Lady Trojans' volleyball season ended on Saturday at the Jayhawk Conference Region VI Tournament held at Newman University in Wichita.

The women played Seward County Community College in the first match, losing to the Lady Saints in four sets with scores of 23-25, 25-23, 14-25, 13-25.

The second match of the day also ended in defeat for the Lady Trojans, losing to Hutchinson Community College in five sets. The scores of those sets were 25-19, 27-25, 25-27, 20-25, 10-15.

The Lady Trojans, coached by Carey Jones, finished the season 11-3 in the Jayhawk Conference and 28-15 overall.

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