

Lady Trojans win two at weekend tournament

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The Colby Community College women's basketball team won two out of the three games it played this weekend at the Ambassador Classic tournament held at the Community Building.

The Lady Trojans started off strong Thursday against Hastings College's (Neb.) junior varsity, who they beat 78-47. Sophomore Liga Vente, Valmiera, Latvia, led the scoring efforts with 16 total points. She made 7 field goals out of 17 attempts and 2 out of 3 free throws offensively, and also had 6 rebounds, 2 steals and 1 block defensively.

Freshman Katarina Popovic, Preko, Croatia, had a good game as well, scoring 12 points – off of 5 field goals out of 8 attempts and 2 successful free throws – and grabbing 7 rebounds.

Freshman Emily Torson, Dighton, finished the game with 11 total points, making 5 field goals out of 6 attempts, 1 three-point field goal and had 1 rebound.

Sophomore Brooke Bursiek, Cape Coral, Fla., also scored double-digits with 10 total points. She made 5 field goals out of 8 attempts and had 3 rebounds and 2 steals.

The team's field goal percentage was at 45.5 percent in the first half, and improved it to 51.5 percent in the second.

"Everything was kind of on key, everything was fine the first night," Head Coach Brady Jasper said. "We got a comfortable lead early, everything was made kind of easy for us. We played with a 10- or 12-point lead and kind of coasted to a victory."

It wasn't easy for the Lady Trojans when it came to playing Western Nebraska Community College (Scottsbluff) on Friday. Only one player, freshman Marie McAbee, Talladega, Ala., scored in double-digits with 16 total points. She made 6 field goals out of 11 attempts and 4 out of 4 free throws. McAbee had grabbed a team-high 9 rebounds and had 1 block and 1 steal. Colby lost the game 59-41.

"We played a great first half, a real competitive, tough back-and-forth first half," Jasper said. "And then the second half just kind of got away from us. We turned the ball over a little bit, and we had a couple droughts in there where



KAYLA CORNETT/Colby Free Press

Freshman Marie McAbee stole the ball from a Hastings College junior varsity player and went for the basket Thursday in a Colby Community College women's basketball game at the Community Building. The Lady Trojans won the game 78-47.

we weren't able to get good possessions or make baskets and they got a big lead on us. I feel like we kinda lost hope there in the second half, kinda let our guard down, kinda let them run away with it."

Colby was shooting 40.7 percent on field goals in the first half, but dropped to 22.7 percent in the second, making only 5 field goals out of 22 attempts. Also, Bursiek made the only three-point basket of the game.

The other women's game played on Friday was between Hastings' junior varsity and Colorado Northwestern Community College (Rangely). Colorado Northwestern won the game 59-44.

The Lady Trojans still had one game left in the tournament to redeem their previous performance, and their final opponent was Colorado Northwestern on Saturday, who was coming off of a win. Colby pulled off the win in a close game, winning 66-62.

Bursiek led the team with 14 total points, making 6 field goals out of 12 attempts, 1 three-point field goal out of 3 shots, and 1 out

of 4 free throws. She also had 3 rebounds and 3 steals.

Vente followed close behind with 13 points off of 4 field goals and 5 out of 9 free throws. She had a team-high of 9 rebounds and had 1 block. Sophomore Morgan Rickwartz, Claude Texas, finished the game with 11 total points, making 3 field goals out of 9, 3 three-point field goals out of 5 and 2 out of 2 free throws. She grabbed 1 rebound and 1 steal as well.

"The way they bounced back today says a lot for the girls," Jasper said. "This was the best 40 minutes that they've played. We've played a good half and then a bad half, or a bad half and then a good half, but (Saturday) we played two pretty good halves."

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Jasper said the tournament was good for his team, especially with the week the Lady Trojans have coming up.

"It was good for us to get two out of three," he said. "We have a tough week next week, we go to Casper, Wyo., for three big games up there, so this was a good tune up for us."

Colby travels to Casper on Thursday and will stay through Saturday for the Pizza Hut Classic. The Lady Trojans' next home game will be Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 6 p.m. against Trinidad State Junior College at the Community Building.



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Sophomore Liga Vente shot a layup in a game against Colorado Northwestern Community College on Saturday at the Community Building. The Lady Trojans grabbed a win with a 66-62 victory in their final game of the Ambassador Classic.

Kansas State wins in four-overtime thriller

By Dave Skretta
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MANHATTAN – Bill Snyder wonders whether his team is trying to get rid of him.

All these dramatic finishes involving No. 17 Kansas State, including a four-overtime victory over Texas A&M on Saturday night, just might be too much for his 72-year-old heart to take.

"He says that every week, that we're going to give him a heart attack," cornerback David Garrett said with a sly smile. "Nah, we love him. We don't want to get rid of him."

Especially the way he has the Wildcats rolling.

Collin Klein threw for a career-high 281 yards, added 103 yards on the ground and accounted for six touchdowns Saturday night, the final one a sneak from a yard out in the fourth overtime to give Kansas State a dramatic 53-50 victory over the Aggies.

Kansas State (8-2, 5-2 Big 12) rallied from a 10-point deficit in the final 6 minutes to send the game to overtime and eventually hand the Aggies (5-5, 3-4) their third consecutive loss.

They had their chances. Texas A&M had the ball first

in the fourth overtime and moved down to the Kansas State 3 before its drive stalled. Facing fourth-and-1, Sherman elected to play it safe and kick the chip-shot field goal, and that gave Kansas State the opening it needed.

Klein pounded forward for three yards on third-and-3 at the 18 for a first down, and a pass interference call on the Aggies' Toney Hurd Jr. in the end zone gave Kansas State the ball at the 2.

Klein went straight up the middle twice, getting across the goal line on his second try as the crowd erupted. The Wildcats poured off the sideline to celebrate the victo-

ry, piling up at the goal line before heading over to the student section on the east side of the stadium.

The win was especially sweet for Snyder.

He was on the Kansas State sideline back in 1998, when the Wildcats lost to the Aggies in double overtime in the Big 12 championship game, costing them a chance to play for a national title.

"I don't know how many ways I can say it," Snyder said. "Our young people in our program are getting better. When you improve, there's a pretty good chance you'll win."

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