

# Trojans basketball team gains 6-0 record after classic

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The Colby Community College men's basketball team won all three of its games at the Ambassador Classic this weekend, held at the Community Building.

The Trojans started the tournament on a high note Thursday, blowing out Kansas State University-Salina with a score of 81-43.

Sophomore Carson Konrade, Spearville, led the Trojans' scoring efforts with 14 total points. He had 5 field goals out of 10 attempts, 2 three-point field goals, made 2 out of 2 free throws and finished the game with 5 rebounds and 3 steals.

This was just the beginning for Konrade, who increased his point total each night of the tournament.

Sophomore Hurley Johnson, Clewiston, Fla., also had a strong night, scoring 12 points in the game. He landed 4 field goals out of 7 tries, 2 three-point field goals, 2 out of 3 free throws and 2 steals.

Freshman Kristan Rolle, Nassau, Bahamas, had a breakout night with 12 total points and an outstanding 12 rebounds. He made 4 field goals out of 8 attempts, 4 out of 6 free throws and had 1 block as well.

Sophomore Jamie Adams, Chicago, Ill., scored in double-digits with 10 points for the Trojans. He hit 5 field goals out of 11 shots and had 1 rebound and 3 steals.

On the brink of double-digit scoring was sophomore Chaz Sharp, Randallstown Md., and sophomore Vincent Dillard, Sanford, Fla., with 9 points apiece. Colby's next game proved to be



KAYLA CORNETT/Colby Free Press  
Colby Community College men's basketball player Hurley Johnson stole the ball from a Colorado Northwestern Community College (Rangely) player in a game Saturday during the Ambassador Classic at the Community Building. The Trojans won the game 91-73.

a little tougher on both the offense and defense. The Trojans beat Southeast Community College (Lincoln, Neb.) on Friday 66-58 in a rough-and-tumble match up.

Once again, Konrade was the leading scorer with 16 total points. He made 3 field goals out of 11 attempts, 1 three-point field goal and 9 out of 10 free throws. He also had an amazing 11 rebounds.

Sharp finished the game with 11 points, coming from 2 field goals out of 9 shots, 1 three-point basket and 6 out of 7 free throws. He had 6 rebounds and 1 steal as well.

Johnson put 10 points on the board against Southeast. He scored 4 field goals out of 15 tries and 2 three-point field goals. De-

fensively, he had 1 rebound and 2 steals.

The other men's game played Friday was between K-State-Salina and Colorado Northwestern Community College (Rangely). Colorado Northwestern grabbed the win with a score of 68-66.

The Trojans played the final game of the tournament Saturday and won big against Colorado Northwestern with a score of 91-73.

Konrade had a team-high 21 points for Colby. He had 7 successful field goals out of 14 attempts, 1 three-point field goal and 6 out of 7 free throws. He grabbed 4 rebounds and 3 steals.

Adams added 12 points for the

Trojans. He scored 4 field goals out of 11 shots, 2 three-point baskets, 2 out of 2 free throws and snagged 2 rebounds.

Rolle finished the game with 10 points, making 3 field goals out of 7 and 4 out of 6 free throws. He also had 4 rebounds and 2 steals.

Sharp and Dillard were close behind with 9 points each.

The other men's game played Saturday was between Southeast and K-State-Salina. Southeast was victorious with a final score of 76-64.

The Trojans are now 6-0 overall. Their next action is a tournament Thursday through Saturday, the Air Force Prep Classic, in Colorado Springs, Colo.



KAYLA CORNETT/Colby Free Press  
Sophomore Vincent Dillard took a shot during a game Friday against Southeast Community College in the Ambassador Classic at the Community Building. The Trojans won the game 66-58.

# Trojan runners make history

The Colby Community College men's cross country team made school history at the National Junior College Athletic Association Cross Country Championships on Saturday in Hobbs, N.M., by taking ninth place as a team.

Ninth place is the best finish as a team in the school's Division I history, which is since 2004. Edward Limo finished in second place overall, earning first team All-American. This is his second time earning first team All-American honors. Last year at nationals, he finished in fourth place, earning him the honor.

Head Coach James Ortiz said his runners did not perform as well as they wanted to.

"We are not happy with the way our season ended," Ortiz said. "We had poor performances as a team at regionals and nationals."

"Edward (Limo) and Damaris (Lowery) had fantastic races at the National meet, but just like I said after regionals, it takes more than two athletes with good performances to win a championship," he said.

Limo finished with a time of 26:00.47, and Lowery came in 63rd place with a time of 28:20.04.

The first-place finisher in the race was Kemoy Campbell of South Plains College (Levelland, Texas) with 25:22.08.

Ortiz said that in the future, he

needs to do more to make sure his team wins championships.

"I have to do a better job of preparing these guys for championship races," Ortiz said. "We are one of the best teams in nation, but unfortunately the country will see us as ninth."

However, he said it's time for his runners to leave the cross country season behind and look forward to the track season.

"Our plan now is to move on," Ortiz said. "These guys got to go back in the classroom and will join their track teammates, and we'll get ready for a successful track season next semester."

Women's cross country runner freshman Oslyn Collins, Guyana, also competed at the National meet and finished 46th out of 268 runners.

"She didn't finish the season as well as we thought she would," said Head Coach Crystal Berndt. "We were hoping for one of the top-25 spots. During the race Oslyn started out great and she was in one of the top 25 for the first two miles. She just couldn't hold on for the last mile."

Collins finished with a time of 20:51.58.

Taking first place in the race was Natoya Goule, also of South

Plains College, with 18:45.16

Coach Berndt is in her fifth season as the Lady Trojans' cross country and track head coach. In her five years at Colby Community College, she has coached 2 national champions, 12 All-Americans, 25 Academic All-Americans, and her teams have set nine new records.

"It was a great opportunity for Oslyn to run at Nationals and now she has the knowledge and leadership to help the great recruits I am bringing to CCC next fall. We are all now looking towards having a great track season which will begin in January," Berndt said.

# Scott City to hold basketball tourney

The Scott Recreation Commission in Scott City is holding a boys basketball tournament on Saturday, Dec. 17 at Scott City Elementary School for third- to sixth-graders.

The tournament will have pool play into a bracket (depending on the amount of teams). Cost is \$150 per team. Third to fourth grade teams will play with a youth (size 5) ball. Fifth to sixth grade teams will play with a size 6 ball. Games will be two 15-minute halves with a running clock, except

for the last two minutes of the game.

Highlights of the game include three games guaranteed and prizes given for the top two teams in each age division.

The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, Dec. 14 and game times will be available by Thursday, Dec. 15.

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