

Trojans beat Dodge City with basket in final seconds

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With four seconds left on the clock, the Community Building erupted with shouts of joy as the Colby Community College men's basketball team took a 72-70 lead on the Dodge City Conquistadors.

Sophomore Vincent Dillard had driven inside the paint and made a two-point jump shot to give the Trojans the lead.

Dodge City still had four seconds to try and tie up or win the game. The Conquistadors threw the ball in and made their way to the other end of the court. A player got a wide-open look at a three, put the shot up – and it bounced off the rim.

The Trojans (14-3) escaped the Conquistadors after trailing for much of the game. Colby had tied up the game 48-48 about three minutes into the second half, but didn't tie it again until seven minutes later.

Sophomore Jamie Adams had landed a three-point basket, making the score 62 all with 5:45 on the clock. Dodge City (14-3) went down the court and a player was fouled while shooting. The Conquistador missed both free throw shots, giving Colby a chance to take the lead.

The Trojans drove down the court but an offensive foul on Dillard put the ball back in Dodge City's hands. The Conquistadors took advantage and rolled in a layup with 4:55 left up 64-62.

At 3:27, freshman Kristian Rolle was fouled and went to the line for two shots. He made the second, putting the score at 64-63. On Dodge City's next possession, sophomore Carson Konrade committed a foul on Tramel White, who made both free throw attempts for a 66-63 lead at 3:03.



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Sophomore Vincent Dillard made the game-winning basket Wednesday in the Colby Community College men's basketball game at the Community Building. The Trojans beat Dodge City Community College 72-70.

After the shots, Adams took the ball down to the basket where he landed a shot and drew a foul. He made his one free throw and the game was tied back up at 66 all.

Dodge City answered right

back, however, making another layup with 2:30 left in the game.

Sophomore Chaz Sharp kept the Trojans neck and neck by scoring 2 points for another tie at 2:17. Dodge City got another chance

for points when Adams committed a foul on Tony Phillips, but Phillips hit just one of the two shots for a 69-68 lead with 1:58 on the clock.

Once again, Sharp made a crucial two-point basket to put the Trojans up 70-69 at 1:32. Rolle fouled Dodge City's R.J. McGhee on the next possession, but McGhee also hit just one of the two free throws to tie up the game with 1:24 left.

The Trojans tried to regain the lead with Adams taking a shot. It bounced off and Rolle lunged for the rebound but knocked the ball out of bounds instead. Both teams battled back and forth, exchanging missed baskets. Dodge City went for a layup that didn't fall and could pull down the rebound with less than 30 seconds on the clock, which led to Dillard's game-winning basket.

Dillard led the Trojans in scoring with 18 points, pulled down 11 rebounds and had 1 steal. He went to the free throw line 17 times, making 10 of the shots.

Adams finished the game with 13 points, 2 three-point field goals and 1 steal. Konrade had 9 points, 7 rebounds and 3 steals, Rolle had 9 points, 6 rebounds and 1 steal and made 4 out of 4 field goals and Sharp scored 7 points and had 1 steal.

Freshman Roman Szymanski had 6 points and 2 blocks, sophomore Marty Wendel had 5 points, 6 rebounds and 1 steal, freshman John Clark had 3 points and sophomore Scott Ochs had 2 points.

There was one technical foul in the game on Dodge City's Tyshon Pickett.

The Trojans are now 2-1 in the Jayhawk West conference, tied for second place with Dodge City. The men will play in Garden City at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday for another conference game.

KU Jayhawks sink Texas Tech

By Betsy Blaney

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas – Kansas coach Bill Self wanted his team to work the ball inside, and he made that clear at halftime.

"We got a lot of easy baskets because we didn't settle," Self said after the 10th-ranked Jayhawks beat Texas Tech 81-46 on Wednesday night.

Thomas Robinson had 19 points and 12 rebounds, and Tyshawn Taylor scored 15 for the Jayhawks (13-3), who improved to 3-0 in Big 12 play for the sixth consecutive season.

Meanwhile, the Red Raiders (7-8, 0-3) have dropped their first three conference games for the third straight year.

Kansas' man-to-man defense shut down the passing lanes and the Jayhawks hammered the ball inside in the second half. The overmatched Red Raiders couldn't keep pace.

Taylor said the turnaround in the first half surprised him.

"I think this is one of the first times that we really did that," he said of Kansas' strong finish to the opening half. "We started off kind of slow and we just changed that. We kept running our offense and we turned it up defensively a bit."

The Jayhawks made their first eight field goals inside after halftime and then Robinson sank a 3-pointer to put Kansas ahead 56-26 with 12:32 remaining.

Robinson is the only Big 12

player averaging a double-double.

Javarez Willis scored 12 to lead the Red Raiders. Their previous low this season was 49 points in a November loss to Indiana State.

Texas Tech coach Billy Gillispie dropped to 1-3 against his former boss. Gillispie, who beat Self only once when he coached at Texas A&M, was an assistant under Self from 1997-2000 at Tulsa and 2000-2002 at Illinois.

Red Raiders freshman Jordan Tolbert, ranked 10th nationally in field goal percentage (62.4 percent) and the team's leading scorer, had just four points.

The Jayhawks fell behind early but found their form as the first half wore on. Kansas finished with 38 points in the paint to 18 for Texas Tech.

Tech led 16-15, but Kansas ended the half on a 20-4 run to lead 35-20 going into the break.

Texas Tech's Terran Petteway was ejected in the first half after he was called for a flagrant foul on Conner Teahan. Petteway elbowed Teahan and was escorted off the floor.

About 3 minutes earlier, Petteway got hit with a technical foul as Travis Releford tried to inbound the ball.

Texas Tech has the worst overall record in the Big 12 and hasn't won a game over a ranked opponent in 17 tries since December 2009, when the Red Raiders beat then-No. 12 Washington 99-92 in overtime under Pat Knight.

Coach adds two more to Kansas football staff

LAWRENCE (AP) – Kansas coach Charlie Weis has hired Clint Bowen as a special teams coordinator and defensive assistant, and Jeff Blasko as assistant special teams coordinator and tight ends coach.

The school announced the moves Wednesday.

Bowen played defensive back for Kansas in the 1990s before starting his coaching career with

the Jayhawks. He rose to co-defensive coordinator and helped lead Kansas to a victory in the 2008 Insight Bowl. He spent last season as defensive coordinator and safeties coach for North Texas.

Blasko was a quality control coach for the offense under Weis at Florida. He also spent three seasons as a graduate assistant at Akron.

Lady Trojans lose to ranked opponent

The Colby Community College Lady Trojans basketball team dropped its second game of the Jayhawk West conference season on Saturday in Liberal, losing to the No. 10 ranked Lady Saints 96-49.

The Liberal team jumped out to a quick 12-3 lead and ran away from the Lady Trojans in the first half.

"Seward County is an extremely athletic team worthy of their elite ranking," said Coach Brady Jasper. "Their pressure at the beginning of the game seemed to overwhelm us a bit and allowed them to convert easy baskets."

The Lady Trojans trailed by as many as 30 points in the first half. Although the women played a much more competitive second

half, the deficit was too much to overcome.

"Our disastrous start stripped our confidence and made it really tough to get any momentum going," Jasper said. "Seward is perhaps the best team we have played this year."

"We can only hope to learn a few things from our mistakes and move on rather than dwell on

them."

Liga Vente, a sophomore from Latvia, recorded another double-double, scoring 14 points and pulling down 12 rebounds. Freshman Marie McAbee, Talladega, Ala., contributed 9 points.



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