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Sophomore Liga Vente went up for a basket in the Colby Community College women's basketball game Wednesday at the Community Building. The Lady Trojans beat Dodge City Community College 73-61 for their first conference win.

Lady Trojans hold on for win over Dodge City

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The Colby Community College women's basketball team held off the Dodge City Lady Conquistadors for a much-needed win Wednesday at the Community Building. The Lady Trojans got their first conference win with a score of 73-61.

Colby (5-12) was in the lead for the first half and went into the locker room with 28-20 on the scoreboard. The Lady Trojans were up 17 points with 12:40 left in the game when Dodge City made a comeback.

The Lady Conquistadors (8-9) went on a 12-2 run in three minutes, mainly by landing three-point shots. Jazmin Villa hit 5 out of 5 three-point field goals in the game and Dodge City as a whole finished with 11 three-pointers.

The Lady Trojans got their offense rolling again, however, and scored 25 points in the remaining minutes while holding Dodge City to 20 points.

Sophomore Liga Vente had a game-high 28 points for Colby along with 6 rebounds, 1 block and 1 steal. She was 12 of 22 from the field and made 4 out of 4 free throws.

Sophomore Morgan Rickwartz finished the game with 14 points, 7 rebounds, 5 assists, 1 steal and made 5 out of 6 free throws.

Freshman Marie McAbee had 10 points and grabbed 3 rebounds and 2 steals. She shot 2 of 3 from the free throw line.

Freshmen Mallorie Salmans and Shantydra Arnold (fouled out) had 6 points apiece with Salmans

getting 3 assists and 2 steals and Arnold pulling down 3 rebounds. Freshman Emily Torson scored 4 points and had 3 rebounds and 2 steals, freshman Angee Latoush had 3 points and 3 rebounds and freshman Cheyenne Eisenhour scored one basket and grabbed 3 rebounds.

The Lady Trojans made it look easy from the free throw line, sinking 14 out of 17 attempts for

82 percent and pulled down 31 rebounds. Colby also improved its shooting from the field with 47 percent in the second half compared to 38 percent in the first, which totaled 43 percent for the game.

The women's next game will be at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday in Garden City.

Bulldogs looking for first win this year

By Judy Rogers
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains High School boys basketball team continues to look for a win after a loss to the St. Francis Indians on Jan. 3, giving the Bulldogs an 0-5 season record.

The junior varsity boys started off the first quarter trailing 7-12. After only scoring 2 points in the second quarter and allowing the Indians to put in 15, the halftime score was 9-25 in favor of the Indians.

With Camron Spreser on the floor in the second half, the Bulldogs were able to put in 6 points in the third and finished with 10 in the fourth for a total of 25 for the game. The Indians were held to 9 in the third, but put in 15 in the fourth for the 25-50 win.

Joseph Koerperich, who shot 100 percent of his free throws, finished the game with 8 points. Spreser put in 6, Chance Hoeting had 5, Jacob Griffith scored 4, and Domonic Luna had 2.

The varsity boys finished the night of ball games in St. Francis with a 40-77 loss. Although the Bulldogs put in 11 points in the first quarter, the Indians came out strong putting in numerous three-point shots along with field goals for 26 points. The Indians continued to play hard throughout the

second, adding 17 points to their side of the scoreboard while the Bulldogs only managed 6 points, all from senior Cole Christensen.

After the halftime break and consultations with the coaches, the boys played their best quarter in the third, putting in 17 points including 9 from Christensen, 2 three-pointers from sophomore Tristan Schwarz and another 2 from senior Ethan Walter. However, the fourth quarter cooled with the Bulldogs only getting 6 points to fall. The Indians posted another 22 in the third and 12 in the fourth in their 40-77 victory over the Bulldogs.

"While we didn't come out ready to play, St. Francis shot close to 85 percent in the first half," senior Ethan Walter said. "Once we went into man defense, we did better."

While brothers Mason and Isaac Schiltz led the Indians offense in their victory, Christensen led the Bulldogs on the board with a total of 23 points, which is a season high for him. Adding to the Bulldogs' total were Schwarz with 8 points, Andrew Luna with 4, Ethan Walter with 3 and Jose Bermudez with 2.

Christensen also led the team in rebounds with 14. Also grabbing rebounds were Trey Schwarz, Tristan Schwarz and Joseph Koerperich. While Luna claimed a couple of steals, Christensen blocked several Indian shots.

Broncos coordinators draw league attention

By Pat Graham
AP Sports Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Mike McCoy's own ingenuity might have cost him a shot at a head coaching job.

Denver's offensive coordinator drew up the play that turned into an electrifying 80-yard touchdown on the first snap of overtime Sunday, giving the Broncos a 29-23 win over favored Pittsburgh.

McCoy was supposed to interview for the Jacksonville Jaguars' head coaching job Monday, but with the Broncos still in the playoffs, he never got to go and the position went to Mike Mularkey.

"I talked to (Jacksonville general manager) Gene Smith last night, and he wished me the best of luck in the future," McCoy said Wednesday. "He had to do what was best for the organization."

McCoy hopes to get another chance at a head coaching job.

"But I'm very happy with where

I'm at," said McCoy.

McCoy isn't the only Denver coach drawing attention for the work in turning around a franchise that hadn't been to the playoffs since the 2005 season. Defensive boss Dennis Allen is scheduled to

talk to the St. Louis Rams about their opening later this week.

The Rams also have interviewed front-runner Jeff Fisher, who's expected to pick between St. Louis and the Miami Dolphins this week.

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