

Preparing for a takedown



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Marco Tamayo tried to take down his opponent in a dual between the Colby Community College and Colorado School of Mines wrestling teams. The Trojans won the dual, which took place at Northwest Kansas Technical College.

Colby junior varsity girls 4-5 after first half of season

The Colby High School junior varsity girls basketball team is 4-5 this season under Head Coach Jack Elliott.

The Lady Eagles' wins came against Thomas More Prep-Marian (36-12), Hugoton (32-25), Goodland (33-30) and Scott City (31-30).

Their losses were against Hays High (47-17), Garden City (60-10), Goodland (41-19), Holcomb (37-30) and Ulysses (38-23).

"The girls have been improving with every game," Elliott said. "We still work at playing hard all the

time. Also, we work at communicating as a team.

"Hopefully, we can continue to improve as a group during the second half of the season."

Girls who have seen playing time include Tatym Rundel, Katie Elias, Paige Armbruster, Haileigh Shull, McKenna Ortner, Morgan Mengel, Andrea Barton, Brooklyn Bange, Paige Roopchan, Marie Lorent, Shaila Giebler, Abby Friesen, Hailey Schindler, Kali Kuper, Jennilee Gray, Kelly Sloan, Hannah Strange, Alli O'Neal, Claudia Huerta, Cheyenne Ortner and Darby Sager.

No. 22 Kansas State Wildcats beat struggling Texas Tech Red Raiders

By Betsy Blaney

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Kansas State coach Frank Martin didn't mind his Wildcats committing 25 fouls as long as they were a result of playing aggressive defense.

Martavious Irving scored 16 points and Rodney McGruder had 13 to lead No. 22 Kansas State to a 69-47 victory against Texas Tech on Wednesday night.

"When we play the way we play, we're going to commit some fouls," Martin said. "When we're good defensively we try not to let teams get in rhythm. Offense is all rhythm."

The Red Raiders remain winless in Big 12 play.

The Wildcats trailed briefly early but pulled away when they started hitting shots. They muscled their way into the lane and outscored Texas Tech 36-20 in the paint.

Irving provided an early spark off the bench.

"I just wanted to provide a spark off the bench, do something that was positive because a lot of things early on wasn't going too well," he said. "We were just missing shots, so I just wanted to bring a lot of energy."

Kansas State (15-4, 4-3 Big 12) pressed on defense, making it difficult for Texas Tech to find passing lanes. That led to a season-high 25 turnovers for the Red Raiders — 12 were Kansas State steals — which the Wildcats converted into 27 points. Texas Tech was averaging 17 turnovers coming into the game.

The Wildcats had 17 turnovers, leading to seven points for the Red Raiders.

Freshman Jordan Tolbert scored 18 points to lead Texas Tech (7-12, 0-7).

Texas Tech coach Billy Gillispie watched as chances close to the bucket were squandered.

"I have a hard time understanding how a college basketball player can continue to miss layups," he said. "I mean we missed 13 shots within 4 feet of the basket."

The Wildcats' depth hurt the Red Raiders. Bench players contributed more than half of Kansas State's points (38), while Texas Tech got 13 from its reserves.

Irving said the Red Raiders youth worked in the Wildcats favor.

"Just pressuring teams and getting up in them, that's what we've always been about," he said.

Just four Texas Tech players scored and only one was not a freshman. The Red Raiders have struggled to get consistent production on offense, and the loss to the Wildcats was no different.

Texas Tech went to a zone defense in the second half and Kansas State had to make adjustments on the perimeter. The Wildcats started making shots, hitting on 12 of 22 in the second half (54 percent).

The closest Texas Tech got in the second half was 49-33 with 11:47 remaining when Luke Adams hit a 3-pointer from the corner and turned it into a four-point play after he was fouled on the shot.

The win was the third straight for the Wildcats, who dropped three of their first four in conference play.

Kansas State missed eight of its first nine shots, but still led 30-21 at half. The Wildcats used a 16-2 run, including six points from Victor Ojeleye, to go up 18-7.

Tech, which gave up 13 points to Kansas State on 14 first-half turnovers, whittled the margin to 23-17 late in the half behind a spark from Kevin Wagner, who finished with a career-high 16 points.

Track teams qualify more for nationals

The Colby Community College women's track team qualified one runner for nationals at the Highland Open on Saturday at Highland Community College.

Sophomore Gortia Ferguson, from the Bahamas, won the 55-meter dash, qualifying with a time of 7.14 seconds. She also finished first in the 200 meters in 26.46.

Freshman Oslyn Collins, Guyana, won the 800 meters in 2 minutes, 31.14 seconds, narrowly missing the qualifying mark. Sophomore Gabby McIntosh, Bahamas, finished third overall in the 55 meters, again just missing the mark but setting a personal best time of 7.50.

Sophomore Shauntae Miller, Bahamas, won the 400 meters at 1:02.66.

The distance medley relay team, Collins, Mikarla Swann of the Bahamas, Castillo and Miller, finished first in 14:07.01.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Collins, Ferguson, Miller and McIntosh finished first in 4:19.51.

"We were hoping for a few more qualifiers this past weekend," said Coach Crystal Berndt. "We just didn't see some of the times we thought we would. Some of the times are getting closer to qualifying. The ladies just need more trust in themselves that

they can do it."

The team will compete at the KU Jayhawk Classic on Friday in Lawrence.

"I will only be taking half the squad this weekend," said Berndt. "I am giving most of the team an opportunity to rest in hopes that we can help heal up some injuries ..."

The men's team competed in the Wildcat Invitational on Saturday in Manhattan.

Freshman Jonathan Burgess, Brisbane, Australia, qualified for nationals in the 1,000-meter run in 2:35.97. Burgess is the men's fourth national qualifier for the season.

Chris Theriot, Houston, won the triple jump with a leap of 14.17 meters. Theriot qualified for nationals earlier.

James Leonard, Crosby, Texas, improved his qualifying time from 2:39.98 in the 1,000-meter run to 2:35.98.

"We still haven't traveled with a full squad this season," said Coach James Ortiz. "We need to keep getting better in the classroom, training room and at practice so we can show everyone the team that we really are. I am happy with our current qualifiers, but we should have more."

"We will have more as the season progresses."

Lady Bulldogs B-team 6-1 after overtime win

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Middle School had a night filled with wins in Tribune last Thursday as the A-team girls won their game, the B-team girls won in overtime and the sixth-grade girls scored the only points in a fifth quarter of play.

The B-team girls played the first game of the evening. They started out in control as they put in 8 points and held the Lady Panthers of Greeley County to 2. In the second quarter, the Lady Panthers upped their scoring with 4. With the Lady Bulldogs only adding a single basket, they held a 10-6 lead at the half.

As things heated up in the third

quarter, the Lady Panthers continued to push hard and added another 8 to their side of the boards while the Lady Bulldogs put in 5 points to hold a slight 15-14 lead going into the fourth. As the clock wound down to the end of regulation, the girls from Golden Plains put in 4 more points, but the Greeley girls put in 5 to tie things up and to send the game into overtime.

During the overtime minutes, Courtney Heinrich and Jessica Koerperich each put in a single basket as the Lady Bulldog defense held the Lady Panthers scoreless to take home the win 23-19.

"We were aggressive; we hustled after the ball and worked as a team," Koerperich said.

Scoring for the Lady Bulldogs were Heinrich with 6 points, Koerperich 6, Morgan Ritter 4, Arianna Camacho 3, Kellee Snyder 3 and Carmen Sepulveda 2. Helping out on the floor were Kaylie Schaben, Sierra Finlay, and Leeann Fringer. This victory takes the B-team record to 6 wins and 1 loss as they prepare to play two more games before the Freedom League Tournament in February. The last chance to watch them on their home floor in Rexford will be on Thursday, Feb. 2, against Cheylin.

The sixth-grade girls had an opportunity to play a five-quarter match with Tayler Lobato scoring the only two points for the Lady Bulldogs.

Lady Bulldogs lose in Logan 32-25

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains junior varsity girls' basketball team traveled to Logan on Jan. 6 to compete against the Lady Trojans. Although the girls lost 32-25, they played as a team with many members posting up points.

At the end of the first quarter, the Lady Trojans led the Lady Bulldogs 7-5. The Lady 'Dogs added another 5 in the second quarter while the Lady

Trojans extended their lead to 15-10 by the half.

The Lady Bulldogs outscored the Lady Trojans 10-5 in the third quarter, but the Lady Trojans stopped their momentum in the fourth. The Bulldogs only put in another 5, all from free throws, as Logan added 12 to the final score.

Scoring for Golden Plains came from Macayla Easton with 7 points, Rachael Ritter 5, Brooke Wark 4, Caitlin Spreser 3, Taylor Todd 2, Leea Juenemann 2 and MiKayla Lobato 2.

The junior varsity girls now have a 2-2 record.

Charge dropped against former KU quarterback

By Pat Graham

AP Sports Writer

DENVER — Prosecutors in Castle Rock, Colo., have dismissed an assault charge against former University of Kansas quarterback Brock Berglund after he completed community service, took a conflict management course and paid restitution to the alleged victim.


A spokeswoman for the 18th Judicial District Attorney's office said Wednesday that Berglund fulfilled the terms that were approved by the alleged victim. Berglund paid \$2,935 in restitution.

The highly touted quarterback was charged after allegedly punching a man during a party on April 9. Because of the misdemeanor charge, Berglund didn't practice with the Jayhawks last season. Berglund has hired an attorney to help him get released from his scholarship so he can play for another program. The freshman was dismissed from the squad

last week when he didn't attend a mandatory team meeting with the Jayhawks' new coaching staff.

Berglund said he didn't attend for fear it would lock him in for another semester.

He said he sent a written request to school administrators in late December asking for permission to speak to other universities, but the request was denied.



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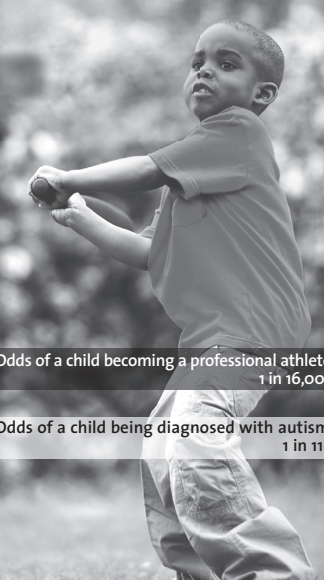
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