

Trojans men break 3-game losing streak

The Colby Community College men's basketball team bounced back from three consecutive losses Wednesday, holding on against Garden City Community College for a 71-66 win at the Community Building.

"We had our backs against the wall after losing three close ones last week," said Coach Dustin Pfeifer. "We really needed to get this win, and our guys knew how hard and tough we would have to play to do it."

The Trojans (7-5 Jayhawk West conference, 19-7 overall) traded the lead with the Broncbusters several times and the score was tied up at 37 at the half.

Garden City (6-6, 18-8) fell behind for much of the second half, trailing by as much as 8, but it mounted a comeback.

The Broncbusters brought the score to 67-63 with 3:21 left on the clock. Both teams missed their shots until Colby got one to fall with 1:20 left. Garden City made their own basket just 24 seconds later to keep them in the game.

The Broncbusters committed two fouls and the Trojans committed one foul in the next 30 seconds, putting the score at 71-66.

With less than 20 seconds left in the game, Marty Wendel and Kristan Rolle missed four free throws combined and Garden City missed 2 three-point shots. The clock ran out in the Trojans' hands with the score still at 71-66.

"This was one of the best environments in all of junior college basketball. Our team really needed to play well tonight and the energy in the gym was incredible. Our guys really responded to the atmosphere," said Pfeifer.

Carson Konrade led in scoring with 21 points. He made 5 three-point baskets and 7 of 11 from the field. He also pulled down 7 rebounds and had 1 steal.

Vincent Dillard followed with 11 points, 3 rebounds and 3 assists. Chaz Sharp finished the game with 8 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals, Rolle had 8 points and 7 rebounds and Wendel had 8 points, coming from 4 of 7 field goals, 4 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 steal.

Scott Ochs scored 5 points, Jamie Adam 4 along

with 5 assists and 2 steals, James Davenport 4 and Roman Szymanski 2.

The men will go to El Dorado Saturday to face Butler Community College, which is 2-9 in the conference and 8-17 overall. Tip off is at 7:30 p.m.

After defeating Dodge City last Saturday, the Lady Trojans hoped for consecutive season sweeps over Jayhawk Conference opponents when Garden City came to Colby. However, they were not able to overcome the Lady Broncbusters this time, losing 79-58.

The two teams played a tight contest the first half with Garden City, holding a slight advantage throughout. Colby completed the first half trailing 32-26.

Garden City held an 11-point lead for several minutes in the second half before a run by the Trojans cut the deficit to five. The run was not enough and Garden pushed the lead back to double-digits before closing out the game.

"One difference that stands out between the two games with Garden is scoring," said Head Coach Brady Jasper. "The game itself was much lower-scoring in January. Last night's higher-scoring game did not favor us. We let their two main scorers become factors in the game last night after doing a good job containing them when we first met."

The Lady Trojans had a balanced night on offense with four players scoring in double-figures. Marie McAbee had 15 points. Liga Vente, Morgan Rickwartz and Brooke Bursiek had 13, 11 and 10 respectively.

Vente has been selected as the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Week. Vente, a 6'4" sophomore, led Colby Community College with 13.6 points per game and 10.6 rebounds the week of Feb. 6 to 11.

The Lady Trojans, coached by Brady Jasper, are currently 4-7 in the Conference and 8-17 overall.

The next game is on the road at El Dorado against the Butler Lady Grizzlies.

The Lady Trojans hope to even the series with Butler after a three-point loss last month to the Grizzlies in Colby.



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Marie McAbee made a basket during the Colby Community College women's basketball game Wednesday at the Community Building. The women lost to Garden City 79-58, but the men won their game 71-66.

Junior varsity girls win fourth game of season

By Judy Rogers
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains junior varsity girls basketball team won its fourth game of the season on Jan. 27 when it defeated the Dighton Lady Hornets 26-20 in four quarters of exciting home-floor action.

The Lady Bulldogs opened the game with two quick baskets and a four-point lead before the Lady Hornets got a bucket to fall. The

Lady Bulldogs posted another 6 points before the Lady Hornets would score again. A final 2 free throws gave the Lady 'Dogs a 12-4 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Lady Hornets outscored the Lady Bulldogs 7-4 in the second quarter, but the home team still held a 16-11 lead at the half.

The girls continued to play hard in the third, and Golden Plains pulled ahead 20-11. A fi-

nal Golden Plains bucket gave the Lady Bulldogs a 22-15 lead going into the fourth.

With final-quarter buckets from Taylor Todd and Brooke Wark, the Lady Bulldogs finished with another home win. 26-20, and a season record of 4-3.

Wark finished the game with 10 points. MiKayla Lobato scored 6 and Todd made 4. Paulita Ramirez, Caitlin Spresser and Rebecca Bange had 2 each.

Wichita State ranked No. 24

WICHITA (AP) — Missouri State coach Paul Lusk looked at the stat sheet, and he quickly realized the positives added up to one big negative in the Bears' 73-58 loss to No. 24 Wichita State on Wednesday night.

"You look, and we had 11 offensive rebounds against that size and only six turnovers," Lusk said. "But we just couldn't stop them."

Indeed, playing its first game as a ranked team since 2006-07, Wichita State (23-4, 14-2) clinched at least a tie for the Missouri Valley Conference title and won its fifth straight game by shooting 59.5 percent.

Seven-foot center Garrett Stutz had 21 points on 7-of-8 shooting including going 4 of 4 from 3-point range.

Stutz, who grabbed 10 rebounds, said his long-range shooting surprised him, too.

Ben Smith had 14 points and

David Kyles added 12 for Wichita State, 10 coming in a decisive second-half run.

Wichita State has won 13 of 14, the only loss coming in triple-overtime at Drake.

Anthony Downing had 17 points and Caleb Patterson added 14 for Missouri State (16-12, 9-7), which had a three-game winning streak snapped.

Wichita State had twice as many turnovers as Missouri State and took 22 fewer shots. But the Shockers shot 59.5 percent.

"They just have so many different pieces," Lusk said. "And they're unbelievable in transition."

Wichita State led by as many as 10 points in the first half but Missouri State closed the half on a 12-4 run to trail 34-32.

Kyles scored 10 points and had two 3-pointers in less than 3 minutes during the 15-3 run that gave

Wichita State a 56-42 lead with 10:17 remaining. The Bears never threatened after that.

Wichita State made 8 of 9 shots during one first-half stretch, and Stutz hit three 3-pointers in helping build a 30-20 lead.

Nine Trojans wrestlers head to championships

Nine Colby Community College wrestlers qualified for the National Junior College Athletic Association Championships on Thursday and next Friday in Rochester, Minn., during district competition Saturday.

The Trojans wrestled against eight other colleges at the West/Central District Tournament in Chanute. The team finished third with 69.5 points. Marco Tamayo of Carrollton, Texas, took the championship at 125 pounds.

Labette County Community College finished first with 108 points, followed by Northwest College with 83.5. The top four finishers in each weight class earn automatic bids to the championships.

Individual results:
Tamayo, 125 pounds, first
Josh Martinez, Amarillo, 133, fourth
Jace Campbell, Oakley, 141, fourth — returning All-American

Kane Lovvorn, Holton, 149, second
Drake Lovvorn, Holton, 157, fourth
Bryce Lewis, Minden, Neb., 165, fourth

Dylon Braun, Hays, 184, second
Blake Steiert, Loveland, Colo., 197, second
Fabian Guerrero, Fort Lupton, Colo., 285, second


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