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Shantydra Arnold tried to get to the basket Thursday during a Colby Community College women's basketball game against McCook (Neb.) Community College at the Community Building. The Lady Trojans fell to the Lady Indians 63-61.

Lady Trojans lose 63-61

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The Colby Community College women's basketball team lost a heartbreaking home game Thursday against McCook (Neb.) Community College 63-61 at the Community Building.

The Lady Trojans had a good lead in the first half, but McCook was able to close the gap to come within three, 33-30, by halftime.

The women couldn't hold their lead, however, and the Lady Indians edged out Colby 63-61.

Hailey Dinkel scored a team high 14 points and grabbed 5 rebounds. Angese Aramina followed with

12 points, including 3 three-point baskets. She also had 4 rebounds and 2 steals.

Liene Liepina finished with 11 points, 7 rebounds and 1 steal; Shantydra Arnold had 10 points, with 3 three-pointers as well, 2 rebounds, 2 steals and 1 block; Linda Pagrode scored 7 points, pulled down a team high 10 rebounds and grabbed 2 steals and 1 block; and Kytiana Seals finished with 7 points, 3 rebounds and 2 steals.

Half of the Lady Trojans' field goals, 8 of 19, were three-pointers; they were 15 of 20 from the free-throw line; and they pulled down 41 rebounds.

Colby's next games will be in Scottsbluff, Neb., where they will play at 4 p.m. Thursday, 6 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday.

Golden Plains teams warm up for season

By Morgan Walz

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains High School girls basketball team held a free-throw-a-thon to raise money for their new uniforms.

Each girl was to shoot 200 free throws on Nov. 17, receiving money from sponsors for each free throw they made. The team averaged over 50 percent as a whole, shooting a total of 3,800 free throws. Hailee Spreser was the team's highest free throw scorer, making 156 out of 200 free throws, a 78 percent average.

Spreser, a junior, commented about the experience: "It was nice to be able to help pay for our jerseys in a fun way."

On Nov. 24, the high school boys basketball team held the first-ever alumni scrimmage.

Boys that graduated from Golden Plains as far back as five years ago participated in the scrimmage, playing against this year's basketball team. Alumni players were Andrew Broeckelman, Jonathan Broeckelman, Danny Rogers, Rilee Spreser, Kalyn Weber, Trey Schwarz and Cole Christensen.

The point of the scrimmage was to play against competition instead of each other and to help better prepare them for the upcoming season.

"It was a good way to get us ready for the season," junior Tristan Schwarz said. "It was also difficult to play against my brother...."

The high school boys also held a Gatorade scrimmage on Tuesday to gather supplies for the season.

Both teams opened up the season at home on Friday.

Middle school girls dominate home games

By Hailee Spreser

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Middle School Lady Bulldog basketball teams participated in their first games at home Nov. 20 against the Triplains-Brewster Lady Titans.

This marked the ladies' second contests of the regular season.

The A-team girls came out with great defense in the first quarter, holding the Lady Titans to no baskets and scoring 8 for themselves. In the second quarter, baskets by a number of Lady Bulldogs contributed to the halftime score of 17-5.

After halftime, the Lady Bulldogs proceeded to hold the Lady Titans to minimal scoring in the third quarter. Golden Plains was able to follow in its footsteps of the previous quarters; the girls conquered the Lady Titans 32-15.

Jessica Koerperich led the team in scoring with 13 points, fol-

lowed by KayCee Miller with 6, Gabrielle Schiltz 4, Kellee Snyder 3 and Kaylie Schaben, Arianna Camacho and Morgan Ritter each chipping in 2 points.

"We worked as a team and never gave up, even when our shots didn't fall," said Koerperich. "We were very aggressive on both the defense and offensive ends of the courts. It felt great to play in our first game at home because our plan as a team was to go out and show everyone what we have learned and how far we have already come to become a better team day by day."

The B-team girls continued on their winning streak against the Lady Titans. The Lady Bulldogs started off the game playing phenomenal offense and defense, scoring 10 in the first quarter and completely shutting out the Lady Titans. Golden Plains continued to hold the Lady Titans to no baskets

in the second, making the halftime score 16-0.

The Lady Bulldogs carried on their success into the third quarter, scoring 12 points and still shutting down baskets for the Lady Titans. In the fourth quarter, Golden Plains allowed the Lady Titans to score 3, and only chipped 4 points in. The Lady Bulldogs came out on top, completely dominating the Lady Titans 32-3.

Leading the B-team girls with scoring was Miller with 8, Maggie Nieman 6, Sierra Finlay 6, Noel Ritter 4, Tayler Lobato 4 and Charlotte McCurdy and Schaben each putting in a basket.

"It was exciting to play our first home game of the season and to get a win," Nieman said.

The B-team girls are undefeated at 4-0 while the A-team is 2-2 to start the season. They looked forward to their next games against Palco at home on Thursday.

Chiefs beat Panthers at somber stadium

By Dave Skretta

AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Romeo Crennel stood in the middle of the Kansas City Chiefs' locker room Sunday, the emotion threatening to overcome the good-natured coach.

Chiefs owner Clark Hunt was at his side, offering support. Members of the team hugged each other, the mud smearing with tears on their cheeks. And over along the wall stood the empty locker that once belonged to Jovan Belcher, his jersey still hanging from a hook.

Just one day after the linebacker killed his girlfriend and then turned the gun on himself, the Chiefs banded together to play their finest game of the season, an inspired 27-21 victory over the Carolina Panthers that ended an eight-game losing streak suddenly rendered trivial.

According to authorities, Belcher shot his girlfriend multiple times early Saturday at a residence near Arrowhead Stadium, then sped to the team's practice facility and turn the gun on himself as Crennel and general manager Scott Pioli watched in the parking lot.

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