

Lady Trojans fall 59-50 to Lady Saints

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The Colby Community College women's basketball team was close to getting a win Monday night, but the game slipped through the Lady Trojans' fingers as they fell to Seward County Community College 59-50 at the Community Building.

The women (0-2 Jayhawk West conference, 6-10 overall) had trailed at the half 31-16, but worked hard and came within two points of the Lady Saints in the second.

Colby slowed down Seward's scoring in the beginning of the second half, putting points on the board themselves in the process. The score was 44-39 with 7:31 remaining when Seward made one free throw and missed the next.

With 6:18 left in the game, Agnese Aramina sank a basket to close the gap, 45-41. After a jump ball, Seward had possession, but one of its girls traveled and Colby got the ball. Colby's shot was no

good on the ensuing play, but with a defensive steal, Liene Liepina drove down to the basket and made the layup. The Lady Trojans were down 45-43 with under five minutes to play.

Seward wasn't ready to give up, though, and the Lady Saints dropped a basket and then a three-point shot following a Colby turnover to put the score at 50-43. Colby then turned the ball over again on its next possession and Seward capitalized with another basket to go up 52-43.

After a Lady Trojans timeout with 3:10 to go, Aramina came up big with a three-point basket to get Colby back in reach, 52-46. On the next possession, a Lady Saint was fouled and went to the line, making one of two free shots to put the score at 53-46.

Colby got the ball back and went for a layup, but it didn't fall. Seward rebounded and then traveled with the ball to send it back to the Lady Trojans with under two minutes left.

Colby missed its next shot and Seward took a timeout after get-



Agnese Aramina fell to the ground while fighting for the ball Monday during the Colby Community College women's basket-

ball game at the Community Building. The Lady Trojans lost to Seward County Community College, 59-50.

ing the ball back. The Lady Saints missed their next shot, but the ball went out of bounds off of a Colby player. Still, Seward couldn't get a shot to fall after the throw in and Colby rebounded and headed toward its basket.

Shantydra Arnold was fouled on the way and made both free throws at the line, putting the score at 53-48 with 59 seconds remaining. However, a Lady Saint

was fouled on the next possession and she made her 2 free throws to go back up 55-48.

When the Lady Trojans got the ball back, Kytiana Seals was fouled with 32 seconds on the clock. She landed both free throws and Seward's lead was back to 5, 55-50.

The Lady Saints shut the game down in the remaining seconds, though, making an easy layup to

go up 57-50 and 2 free throws after a foul. Seward got the win 59-50 as the clock ran out.

Aramina led Colby in scoring with 16 points and grabbed 6 rebounds, 1 steal and 1 block. Arnold finished with 11 points and 4 rebounds; Seals had 8 points, 1 rebound and 1 steal; Liepina scored 7 points and pulled down 2 rebounds; Linda Pagrode finished with 2 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals

and 1 block; Kasey Hoyt and Ashlon Gaines each had 2 points and 1 steal; and Desiree Jones grabbed 2 points, 1 rebound and 1 block.

The women will play another home game at 2 p.m. Sunday against Garden City Community College at the Community Building.

The boys will rest this coming week as the varsity squad plays in the Western Kansas Liberty League tournament, but will resume competition on Friday, Jan. 18, in Palco.

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Junior varsity boys win first game of season

By Judy Rogers
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The Golden Plains High School junior varsity boys basketball team gained its first win of the season on Friday over the Brewster-Triplains Titans in Rexford.

Freshman Koi Wessel put back a rebound and continued to put in

all 6 points for the Bulldogs in the first quarter as the defense held the Titans to 2.

Adding another 2 to start the second, Koi was well on his way to leading the offense – along with twin brother Kade. Joining them on the boards were Braden Korte and Domonic Luna as the boys made good passes, put back rebounds and extended their lead to

25-7 by the half. The Titans came back after the break determined to step up their game as they held the Bulldogs to 8 points in the third – half from free throws – while adding 12 points of their own.

With their first win in sight, the Bulldogs rallied in the fourth to extend their lead and capture the game 48-26.

"We really played together as a team and had great communication," said sophomore Korte. "They allowed us to get the ball to post and Koi did just what he knows how to do. It felt great to get our first win!"

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No. 6 Kansas wins in overtime

By Dave Skretta
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LAWRENCE – Ben McLemore came around a screen set by Travis Releford, took a pass from Elijah Johnson and then let a 3-pointer rip from well beyond the arc as the final seconds ticked away.

As soon as it left his hand, McLemore dutifully yelled, "Bank!"

It would have counted even if he hadn't. The shot banked off the glass and went through the net, pulling sixth-ranked Kansas into a tie with Iowa State with a single second left in regulation. Their game Wednesday night went to overtime, and the Jayhawks scored the first nine points to wrap up a stunning 97-89 victory.

"The way it left my hand, I knew it was going to hit the backboard," said McLemore, who finished with a career-high 33 points – and was apparently wise enough to call his dramatic shot off the glass, just in case anybody wanted to argue it was a lucky make.

Including his own coach, Bill Self. McLemore ended up 10 of 12 from the field and was perfect on six 3-pointers for the Jayhawks (13-1, 1-0 Big 12), who have won 12 straight as they pursue a ninth consecutive Big 12 title.

One that might be a little more difficult than previously thought. Iowa State (10-4, 0-1) poured in 14 3-pointers, and had forged a 79-76 lead after two free throws by Korie Lucious with 8.4 seconds left in regulation. But that's when Cyclones coach Fred Hoiberg chose not to foul, and that allowed McLemore to let loose with his tying 3.

McLemore, who also made a key four-point play late in the game, added another 3-pointer to open overtime, and the Jayhawks used a series of free throws to seal the win.

Withey finished with 15 points and 12 rebounds, and Johnson and Releford scored 12 each for the Jayhawks, who have won 22 straight league openers and 30 in a row at Allen Fieldhouse.

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