

# Titans teams advance to semifinals

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The Brewster-Triplains Titans' boys and girls both advanced to the semifinals of the Western Kansas Liberty League tournament after winning their games on Tuesday.

The women took on the Logan Lady Trojans for the third meeting of the teams this season. After previously losing twice to the Trojans, the Lady Titans were determined to score a victory.

The Lady Titans opened the game with 17 points in the first quarter and they never looked back, outscoring Logan girls 27-13 by halftime. The girls continued their offensive assault, controlling the game at every level.

By the end of the third quarter, the lead had increased to 22 points. The fourth quarter saw some substituting for the starting five, but the outcome of the game was never in question, as the Lady Titans won 48-28.

Coach Kent Gfeller attributed the win to aggressive rebounding and moving the ball down the court with few turnovers.

Leading scorer for the Lady Titans was Brittany Plummer with 18, followed by Shayna Rogge with 13. Dara Roulier scored 8, Alicia Barrie 4, Crystal Mays 3 and April Mays 2. Rogge pulled down 15 rebounds, and the team had 38.

The Lady Titans move into the semifinal game against the Weskan Lady Coyotes today at the

Colby Community Building.

The Titan men beat the Western Plains Bobcats 42-38. The Titans started out with some strong offensive moves, and both Michael Schmidt and Will Allen drove to the basket for reverse layups. The Titans led at the end of the first quarter, 14-12.

With the Titans struggling with turnovers, the Bobcats came back during the second quarter and led at halftime 19-18. However, Coach Michael Collett's halftime motivation lifted the Titans to play much better in the second half. Point guard Seth Smith had an amazing assist to Nathan Jorgensen, who hit a three-point shot from the baseline, closing the Bobcat lead to 3 at the end of the third.

The Titans started the fourth quarter with a smothering defense, forcing turnovers by the Bobcats and converting them into points for the Titans. With just seconds left on the clock, the Titans led 42-35. The Bobcats hit a three-point shot at the buzzer, but the Titans prevailed, winning the game.

Leading scorer for the Titans was Schmidt with 14. Smith had 9 points and 12 rebounds. Leading rebounder was Nathan Jorgensen with 15. He also scored 7 points. Will Allen scored 7, Jace Jorgensen 3, Dan Brown 2; Ryan Gfeller and Layton Werth both contributed with assists and rebounding.

The Titans move into the semifinal game against the Cheylin Cougars at 3 p.m. today at the Colby Community Building.



Triplains sophomore Shayna Rogge took a shot against Weskan during the Sagebrush Tournament last month in Brewster. DEB LUCKERT/Triplains Schools

# Trojans lose 77-68 at home

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The Colby Community College men's basketball team dropped another conference game Monday, losing 77-68 to Seward County Community College at the Community Building.

The Trojans (0-2 Jayhawk West conference, 9-7 overall) were outscored by 10 in the first half, trailing Seward 43-33 at the break. The men outscored the Saints by a point, 35-34, in the second half, but it wasn't enough for the win.

John Clarke led Colby's scoring with 16 points and was 7 of 7 from the free-throw line. He also had 4 rebounds and 2 steals. Cody Sluder followed with 12 points, including 4 of 4 free throws, 1 steal and

1 block.

Jeremiah Ingram finished with 10 points, including 3 of 3 free throws, 4 rebounds and 1 block; Terry Starks scored 9 points and grabbed 1 rebound and 2 steals; Kris Rolle racked up 8 points, 6 rebounds and 1 steal; Branden Williams had 6 points, 5 rebounds and 1 steal; Marko Kracun finished with 4 points, 4 rebounds and 1 steal; and Jamal Jones grabbed 3 points and 1 rebound.

The Trojans were 19 of 25 from the free-throw line, pulled down 29 rebounds, 20 on defensive, and stole the ball 8 times.

Colby will have another home game about 4 p.m. Sunday, following the women's game against Garden City Community College at the Community Building.

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