

# Trojans stay unbeaten

## Colby men capture Ambassador Classic opener

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Happy Homecoming week victory dances will have to wait at least another night for Colby Community College coach Rusty Grafel.

While his Trojan men did win again over Sterling College's varsity team, the 73-62 decision didn't deliver a lot of inspiration.

"It's one of those that even in the locker room, it was tough to be energetic," Grafel admitted after the first of three Ambassador Classic home games this week at Colby's Community Building. "Not shooting 28-for-74 with 17 turnovers. There were only a couple of moments that really lifted us up. It just dragged on and we let them (Sterling) hang, hang, hang."

Sophomore 6'7" forward Gage Deis' hang time was a welcome sight as he collected 18 game-high rebounds.

Jeremiah Ingram, another 6'7" soph, tallied 21 points which followed up his 46-point effort during Colby's first two games last weekend.

Sophomore Jamal Jones (10 points, three steals) smoothly assumed the point-guard duties from classmate Terry Starks, who was resting a slight knee injury.

"He (Starks) felt OK in warmups. We thought we would handle business a little better than this, but we were able to rest him," Grafel explained.

The Trojans (3-0 record) took a quick 11-2 lead, but Sterling promptly closed within 11-10 and never fell too far from possible rally range.

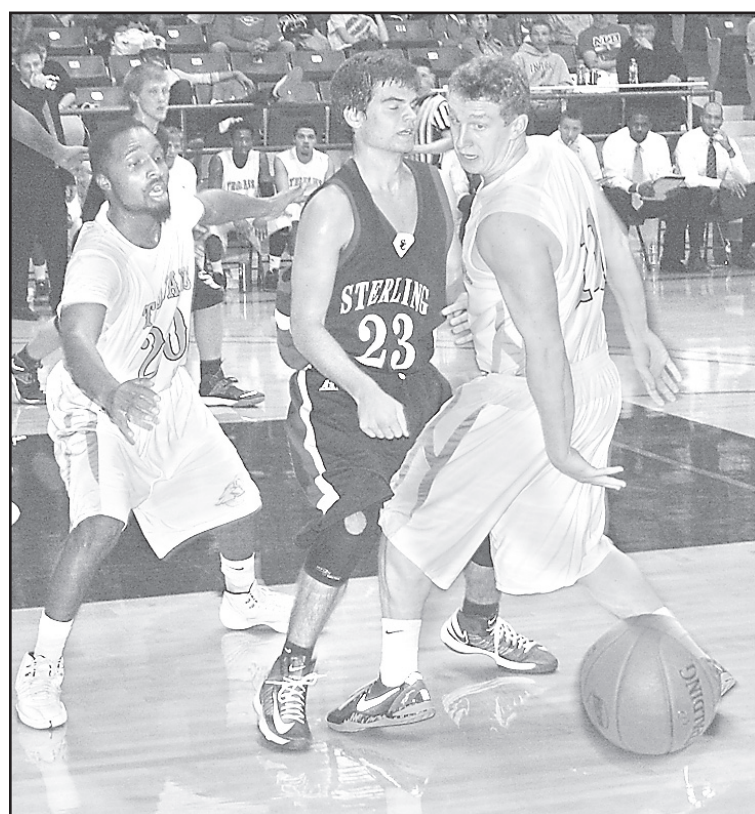
Branden Williams' beautiful ally-oop dunk set up by Anthony Barley's perfect lob pass should have been a momentum builder.

Sterling still only trailed 31-25 entering halftime. Colby will aim for a better knockout punch tonight (8:30 p.m.) against Colorado Northwestern College.

Scoring summaries from Thursday night:

**Colby (73)** — Jeremiah Ingram 21 points, Gage Deis 12, Jamal Jones 10, Branden Williams 7, David Tait 6, Ramon Johnson 6, Joey Meyer 4, Kyle Summers 3, Justin Talley 2, Anthony Barley 2. Rebound leaders: Deis 18, Ingram 6. Assists: Jones 2, Deis 2, Summers 2. Steals: Jones 3, Ingram 3, Williams 3. Blocked shots: Williams 2.

**Sterling (62)** — Josiah Rey's 13 points paced the Warriors.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press  
Sterling's Grant Speer (23) barely escaped the double team of Colby Community College defenders Anthony Barley (20) and Joey Meyer during this first-half play Thursday night.

# Stanford stuffs Ducks

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Stanford squashed Oregon's national championship hopes again, schooling the Ducks in power football. No. 2 Florida State might want to send the Cardinal a thank you card.

Tyler Gaffney ran for 157 yards, and No. 5 Stanford hammered No. 3 Oregon for three quarters before holding off a furious rally by the fast-paced Ducks for a 26-20 victory Thursday night.

Heisman Trophy contender Marcus Mariota finished 20-of-34 for 250 yards threw two fourth-quarter touchdown passes to pull the Ducks (8-1, 5-1) to 26-20 with 2:12 left.

But Stanford recovered an onside kick and ran out the clock.

# Nation's No. 15 team tops Colby women

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A 40-15 first half Thursday night showed why the Western Nebraska Community College Cougars are ranked No. 15 in women's junior college basketball.

Now the Colby Community College Trojans can show how they'll respond to their first defeat this season.

They did outscore the Cougars, 30-28, through those final 20 minutes of a 68-45 setback.

"Absolutely that is something to build on," Colby coach Antowin Edwards said. "I think we're a pretty good team when we play together, play smart and do the right things."

"When we don't do what we need to do, we're a terrible team," he added. "Because we're too young to pull out of a hole like that."

The Trojans' team of 12 freshmen only trailed 3-2 after Colby High grad McKenna Ortner hit their first basket for a second



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press  
Colby Community College's Tori Biddle (11) did not let Western Nebraska Community College Cougar Laurin Rivera run away during Thursday night's game. Biddle also shot three-for-three from three-point range for the Trojans.

consecutive game.

Forward Deandra Williams delivered some early inside scoring punch, turning an offensive

rebound into two points which pulled Colby within 9-5.

However, the Cougars would tally another 12 points to make it

21-5. Their leads would grow to 27-7, 33-9 and finally 38-12 before the young Trojans (1-1 record) began finding more offensive success.

Colby's top highlight was probably perfect three-for-three shooting for guard Tori Biddle from beyond the three-point arc.

The Trojans still didn't draw closer than 22 points after intermission.

They'll play their second Ambassador Classic game tonight (6:30 p.m.).

Scoring summaries from Thursday evening:

**Colby (45)** — Tori Biddle 12 points, Amanda Miller 7, McKenna Ortner 7, Deandra Williams 7, Loren Evans 4, Brianna Salas 3, Deja Cato 2, Sierra Green 2, Semaj Blanton 1. Rebound leaders: Blanton 7, Miller 5, Evans 5, Ortner 5. Assists: Cato 4. Steals: Green 1. Blocked shots: Miller 2.

**Western Nebraska (68)** — Ashley Stevens scored a game-high 20 points and Laurin Rivera added 13.

# Huskies are tough on Bulldog spikers

By Maddy Walz  
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Middle School volleyball team traveled to Almena to compete against the Northern Valley Huskies.

These were the girls' last regular season matches before league. Both A and B teams competed.

The A team started the night off a little rough. Northern Valley came out on top in the first set with a score of 25-10.

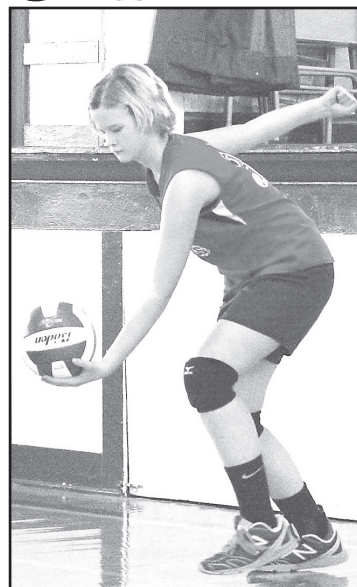
In the next set, Golden Plains battled but couldn't quite get the win ending the game 25-5.

The Bulldogs' B team stepped up to play but fell behind and lost the first set 25-8.

Attempting to come back into the game, they made the Huskies work a little bit harder, but still fell a tad bit short, 25-15.

"It was hard to adjust our serves to the smaller court we played in," seventh-grader KayCee Miller said. "We need to work on staying down and our serve receive before league."

The Bulldogs finished their season at the league tournament on Oct. 29 in Grinnell.



JORDAN SCHUTTE  
Golden Plains High School  
Sixth-grader Taryn Fleckenstein showed she can serve the volleyball for Golden Plains Middle School against Northern Valley recently.

Results will likely appear in an upcoming edition. Fall sports features just one area team still playing, the Heartland Christian football squad on Saturday.

# Area players picked for all-star volleyball

Rosters for the seventh annual Northwest Kansas All-Star Volleyball Classic have been announced by Colby Community College.

The all-star classic features high school senior volleyball players and will be held on Sunday, Nov. 17, beginning at 1 p.m. in the Colby Community Building.

Following is a list of players who will be participating in the event. Players from the four Colby-area schools are featured in bold type.

Team No. 1: Halie Doty (Rawlins County), **Abby Friesen (Colby)**, Kenzie Hemmert (Oakley), Bailey Nickel (Scott Community), **Amy Myers (Heartland Christian)**, Natasha Allmer (Hoxie), Tatum Pfortmiller (Natoma), Shania Wilkison (Phillipsburg), Brooke Hammond (Northern Valley) and Hailee Spresser (Golden

Plains).

The coach is Shelly Hoyt of Hoxie.

Team No. 2: Ally Dewees (Wallace County), **Kylie Jones (Golden Plains)**, Alyssa Schlepp (St. Francis), Jessica Schneider (Quinter), Ruth Hair (Western Plains), Keshia Green (Rawlins County), Alexa Keller (Oakley), Kaitlin Albert (Smith Center), Gabi Spresser (Hoxie) and Caitlin Lingg (Stockton).

The coach is Orba Smith of Golden Plains.

Team No. 3: Raegan King (Otis-Bison), Laura Dennis (Oakley), **Jordan Christensen (Golden Plains)**, Matison Dusin (Phillipsburg), **Haleigh Shull (Colby)**, Kristina Farber (Hoxie), Kirsten Bandy (Heartland Christian), Katie Washington (Rawlins County) and Kelly Wyckoff (Scott Community).

The coach is Terra Ketene of Phillipsburg.

Team No. 4: Hannah Gillespie (Wheatland-Grinnell), Madsen Frantz (Phillipsburg), **Karly Shull (Colby)**, Caitlin Bowden (Thunder Ridge), Emily Schneider (Otis-Bison), Brooke Palsy (Rawlins County), Allison Sears (Plainville), Marcy Barth (Naomi), Michaela Girard (Logan) and Train Bedore (Goodland).

The coach is Shannon Foster of Wheatland-Grinnell.

Team No. 5: Paige Ramey (Wheatland-Grinnell), Samantha Reef (Plainville), Ellie House (Goodland), Jordan Compton (Wallace County), Jade Bui (Phil-

lipsburg), Annie Kiesinger (Otis-Bison), **Morgan Mengel (Colby)**, Nikki Knop (Quinter) and Sheila Hubbard (Chilin High School).

The coach is Jen Melia of Atwood.

All matches will be held in the Colby Community Building beginning at 1 p.m.

The schedule of matches: Team 1 vs. Team 2, Team 3 vs. Team 5 at 2 p.m., Team 4 vs. Team 2 at 3 p.m., Team 3 vs. Team 1 at 4 p.m., Team 4 vs. Team 5 at 5 p.m.

A medal ceremony follows at 6 p.m. for all teams with the championship match scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Each match will be limited to three sets.

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