

Freshman Adrianna Sosnowska slaps a volleyball past the Barton Community College block during Monday's Region VI tournament in Hutchinson. Sosnowska was one of four Colby Community College players to earn all-Jayhawk Conference honors.

Trojans are force on all-Jayhawk squad

Colby Community College's Kansas Jayhawk Conference co-Coach Of The Year while four Trojan players earned post-season

Jones shares this top award with Hutchinson Community College coach Pat Hall, which makes sense after their teams tied for the Jayhawk Conference title (12-2

Colby also matched Hutchinson's players who captured all-Jayhawk League honors.

Trojan sophomores Maisy Munson (setter) and Lorena Rosario (outside hitter) were both named to the all-Jayhawk first team.

selections were Hutchinson soph-Dragana Micic, Barton sophomore hitter McKenzie Piland and Seward County freshman hitter

well-deserved honorable mention.

Gasparini was named Freshman of the Year after Seward reached the Region VI tournament before as Jabari Parker made one last atlosing to Colby and Barton.

Carolina Gasparini.

Wade earned Jayhawk Most Valuable Player honors for the Re-

gion VI champion Blue Dragons.

Trinidad tops Colby

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Normally, 86 percent three- (2-3 record). point shooting would be on the The Trojans (1-5) hit six of

winning side of an 86-49 basketball game. Yet 36 turnovers became even

more crucial as the Colby Community College women lost by 37 points to Trinidad (Colo.) State Junior College Tuesday night. "When you look at the num-

bers, you'd think we played well enough to win," Colby coach Antowin Edwards said. "Until you

check the turnovers, 36 to 12 for

Daisy Romero's 24 points paced the winning home team

seven three-pointers with Colby High alum McKenna Ortner going two-for-two. Ortner (10 points) and guard Deja Cato (11) both reached double figures while Ariel Hutchinson netted fine points with four-of-five field goal shooting.

The Trojans return home for another contest Thursday night (6 p.m.) against Lamar (Colo.) Col-

Eagles battle Beavers

Scott City scored an eighthry over the Colby Middle School girls on Tuesday in Colby.

Unfortunately, no results were grade basketball "A" game victo- available from the "B" or Tuesday's seventh-grade showdowns at Scott City.

Dragons' fire ends Colby quest

Great rally put Trojans in final By R.B. Headley

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Entering another barnburner with a bunch of Hutchinson Blue Dragons wasn't going to bother the Colby Community College volleyball team.

The Trojans had won eight straight five-set thrillers, including a sweet revenge victory over Barton College in Monday morning's Region VI finals-qualifying

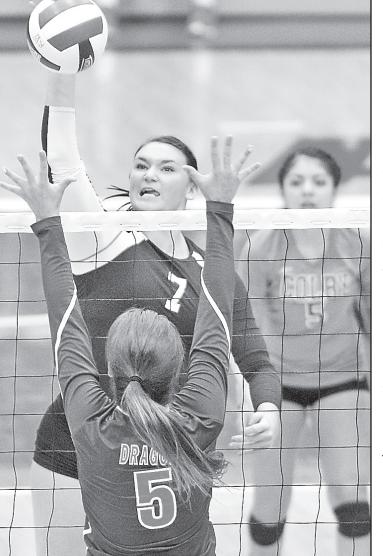
"They took away our (Jayhawk Conference regular-season) title," coach Carey Jones said about Barton's Oct. 24 upset win on Colby's "Sophomore Night". "It put a lot of pressure on us to prove ourselves. Barton's a very emotional team, but our team is more business-like and we just kept playing. Barton lost that emotion at the

Sophomore power hitters Taryn Lee (17 kills), Andjela Reljic (15) and freshman Ariana Jacquez (10 kills) fueled the Trojans' 21-25, 22-25, 25-17, 25-16, 15-12 elimination of Barton.

Colby still hasn't lost a fifth set since Aug. 31 against North Platte (Neb.) Community College.

So barely an hour after beating Freshman libero Danielle Ro- Barton, the Trojans entered Mon-Carey Jones has been named driguez earned a spot on the sec- day's ultimate pressure match ond team, while outside hitter against No. 1-seed Hutchinson. Adrianna Sosnowska received a The Dragons (27-10 record) also dropped a five-set battle to Colby Other all-Jayhawk first-team on Sept. 4.

The home team followed per-



LINDSEY BAUMAN/The Hutchinson News

Sophomore Taryn Lee soared above this Hutchinson Blue Dragon during Colby Community College's Region VI volleyball title match on Monday. Lee drilled 23 kills in Colby's last two matches.

this rematch before even a fourth Hutchinson to a 25-15, 25-16, 25-

Jayhawk "Player of the Year"

21 finals win.

The Blue Dragons advance into

omore hitters Teresa Wade and haps its finest strategy of all: finish Teresa Wade's 18 kills led next week's National Junior Col-

lege Athletic Association tournament at Casper, Wyo.

"They went to nationals last year, and they know how awesome it is," Jones observed. "We had an hour in between matches to eat and recuperate. In the first sets, we weren't ready to play. We finally found some fight. We fought until the end, and that's what a coach wants to see."

Jones admitted "it's heartbreaking" her six sophomores did not experience a national tournament. Maisy Munson, Lorena Rosario, Christina Ehr, Megan Witzel, Reljic and Lee were all strong leaders for the Jayhawk Conference co-champion team.

"It's tough to put in words. There was something special about this group, they truly became a part of our volleyball family," Jones explained. "They leave a legacy that I'll never forget."

The Trojans finish with a 27-10 record. They advanced into Monday's Region IV final rounds by winning another five-setter on Sunday over Seward County 25-12, 25-18, 24-26, 21-25, 15-8.

Hutchinson downed the Trojans Sunday evening 25-8, 20-25, 25-17, 25-20 which forced Colby into Monday's elimination match against Barton.

Jones hopes all this regional experience will simply continue the upward ascent of this program.

'Last year, we watched Garden City win a region play-in match on our home floor," she said. "I think that carried over and helped drive our team this season. Now our freshmen this year have played at regionals, and hopefully they won't be satisified with just making the championship match." **Sunday vs. Seward County**

Kills: Adrianna Sosnowska 19. Assists: Munson 54. Ace serves: Munson 3. Digs: Danielle Rodriguez 21. Block assists: Lee 3, Kamryn Forrest 3. Stuff blocks:

Reljic, Ehr, Munson. Sunday vs. Hutchinson

Kills: Rosario 12. Assists: Munson 39. Ace serves: Genevieve Knoppi 2. Digs: Rodriguez 12. Block assists: Lee 2, Jacquez 2,

Monday vs. Barton

Assists: Munson 53. Ace serves: Reljic 2, Rodriguez 2. Digs: Rodriguez 20. Block assists: Lee 4.

Monday vs. Hutchinson Kills: Rosario 9, Sosnowska 9

Assists: Munson 29. Digs: Rodriguez 15, Reljic 15.

No. 5 Kansas beats No. 4 D CHICAGO (AP) — Andrew points in the second half, outplay-Wiggins soared toward the hoop ing Parker down the stretch and Wiggins drained a step-back jumper to give the Jayhawks an

tempt to stop his fellow freshman

No such luck. Kansas' silkysmooth newcomer owned the end of Parker's impressive homecom-

helping the fifth-ranked Jayhawks knock off No. 4 Duke 94-83 on Tuesday night.

Wiggins said. "I think our whole team, whoever was on the court, every possession we made a big Wiggins scored 16 of his 22 play. That's why we came out on

85-81 lead with 1:33 to go and then had a fast-break dunk Wig-'Big players make big plays," gins held out his arms and yelled after the big dunk, delighting the raucous crowd at the United Cen-



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A feisty scramble for the basketball ensued during Tuesday's Colby Middle School eighth-grade basketball contest against Scott City. The visiting Beavers eventually won this "A" game.

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Perry Ellis finished with 24

points and Wayne Selden had 15

for the Jayhawks (2-0), who went

27-of-35 at the foul line, compared

to 16-of-28 for the Blue Devils.

Wiggins also had eight rebounds

despite battling foul trouble.

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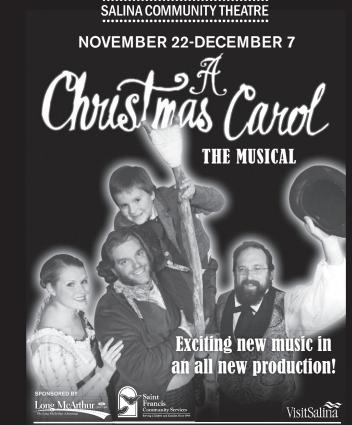
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