

Trojans run wild in 131-75 victory

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Expectations are truly high when a team shoots 63 percent, tops 60 points in both halves and the coach still wants to talk about defense.

"We're kind of trying to keep them under 65 points," Colby Community College coach Rusty Grafel said after his Trojan men beat KSU-Salina, 131-75, Saturday night in Colby. "I thought they scored too much, especially in the first half. We'll make up for that Monday in practice."

The Trojans (7-2 overall) still delivered plenty of highlights like 6'10" center Ramon Johnson's 26 points and a career-high 15 from Colby High alum Dalaan Organ.

Organ hit seven of his eight shots, including one from beyond the three-point arc.

"I'm having a lot of fun this year. I love my teammates," Organ said. "I think the team played great tonight. We've got to work on our defense and just keep getting better until March."

Johnson shot 12 for 16 from the

floor which adds up to 75 percent.

Other Trojans lighting up the nets were freshman Joey Meyer (five for six), sophomore Jamal Jones (five for seven), Anthony Barley (three for five) and Branden Williams (three for four).

Justin Talley also hit all three of his shots as 11 Trojans reached the scoring column.

"Yeah, there was scoring all the way down the bench. Everyone got a chance to show something maybe they hadn't shown before," Grafel said. "I'm sure it was a fun game for the fans."

Trojan leaders from Saturday's victory:

Colby (131) — Ramon Jonson 26 points, Dalaan Organ 15, Jeremiah Ingram 13, Jamal Jones 11, Joey Meyer 10, Anthony Barley 9, Branden Williams 9, Justin Talley 8, Sager Grafel 5, Gage Deis 4, Terry Starks 4, Kyle Summers 3. Three-point goals: Williams 3, Barley 3, Organ, Summers. Rebound leaders: Ingram 9, Johnson 6, Deis 6. Assists: Jones 8. Steals: Barley 2, Meyer 2. Blocked shots: Ingram 2.

KSU Salina (75) — Mike Mpokota scored a team-high 26 points.



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The super cool came out to run in Saturday morning's seventh annual Turkey Trot 5K organized by the city of Colby recreation department. Michelle Morris (1926) leaned in to hear instructions about the race route while Kim Bradshaw (1930) used her own wind power to warm up. Other runners pictured include Chad Wolf (1937) and youngest participant Drew Bretz.

Turkey Trot delivers pies, gift cards for top finishers

Determined fitness paid off with turkey and pie as Colby's seventh annual Turkey Trot 5K was a success once again Saturday morning.

Runners from Hoxie joined the Colby contingent for more of an area-wide event, something Recreation Director Dane Olofson would love to see become a regular routine.

Olofson said there were only about four or five no-shows despite some nippy 20-degree November weather.

The brisk conditions actually inspired several to run faster times than they projected.

Melissa Stramel (28:11) achieved this goal and earned the 20-pound Butterball turkey by finishing within four seconds of her anticipated time (28:15). She also received a \$20 gift card.

Michelle Morris (27:45) was only seven seconds from her forecast of 27:52 which meant a Village Inn pie and \$10 gift card second-place prize.

Mollie Bretz took third place (20-second difference) and that other Village Inn pie.

The next five closest to matching their times were Drew Bretz (44 seconds), Ray Schweitzer (1:07), Jordan Voss (1:16), Gary Schuette (1:24) and Megan Gaede (1:43).

Jill Heskett ran three minutes faster than her forecast (30:40 rather than 33:40), though the largest difference was David Voss running 3:03 faster (33:37 compared to 36:40).



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Jill Heskett (1931, above) enjoyed a beautiful Saturday morning for running as temperatures hovered around 20 degrees for the seventh annual Turkey Trot 5K in Colby. Melissa Stramel, right, earned the grand-prize Butterball bird and a \$20 gift card after finishing just four seconds from her projected finishing time.

Others running faster than expected were Todd Stramel, Chad Wolf and Jordan Voss.

Drew Bretz (23:13) and Eric Schuette (26:02) recorded the lowest times overall.



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Colby native Danny Mainus, left, hit Scott Ingram with a punch during their Resurrection Fighting Alliance bout in Broomfield, Colo., Friday evening. Mainus lost a unanimous decision.

Colby fighter loses

The MMAcorner.com website provided this report of Colby native Danny Mainus' Resurrection Fighting Alliance bout with Denver's Scott Ingram at Broomfield, Colo., Friday night.

Bantamweights Danny Mainus and Scott Ingram delivered a classic striker vs. grappler matchup.

Mainus did his best work when holding top position against Ingram, who conversely looked most comfortable when winging big punches and flying knees.

Although Mainus dominated

the first round, Ingram was able to capitalize when he tired midway through the second and landed several significant strikes.

With the bout a toss-up in the third and final round, Mainus desperately shot for takedowns and wound up taking dozens of elbows to the side of the head.

The damage inflicted from the striker was enough to convince two of three judges when the bout went to the scorecards, and Ingram picked up a split-call with scores of 28-29, 29-28 and 29-28.

Broncos blow 24-0 lead, lose in overtime

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Tom Brady erased a 24-point deficit. Peyton Manning's touchdown pass forced overtime.

The game was in the hands of two great quarterbacks.

Then a punting duel ensued and a live ball hit the leg of a backup cornerback.

Tony Carter ran into Ryan Allen's punt after it bounced, Nate Ebner recovered for the Patriots at the Broncos' 13-yard line, and Stephen Gostkowski kicked a 31-yard field goal with 1:56 left in overtime to give the New England Patriots a 34-31 win over the Denver Broncos on Sunday night.

"What a crazy game, and what a fun finish," Gostkowski said.

The Patriots lost fumbles on their first three possessions, and they were booed several times in the first half.

But Brady threw for three touchdowns to lead the Patriots

back from a 24-0 halftime deficit against the NFL's best offense for a 31-24 lead as New England scored on its first five possessions of the second half. Then Manning threw an 11-yard scoring pass to Demaryius Thomas for the Broncos, tying it at 31.

"You can't move the ball when you're losing it," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "You've got to hang on to it."

But Carter's gaffe was the third lost fumble for the Broncos in the second half.

"It was really a tale of two halves," Denver interim coach Jack Del Rio said. "We forced turnovers and jumped on them early. They forced turnovers and jumped on us at the end."

"We just had a fluke play at the end."

The game marked the return to New England of former Patriots receiver Wes Welker, who signed

with Denver in the offseason. He was a nonfactor with four catches for 31 yards. The Broncos (9-2) remained tied with the Kansas City Chiefs for the AFC West lead. The Patriots (8-3) lead the AFC East by three games.

The early turnovers helped

Denver to a big halftime advantage, but the Patriots took the lead when Brady hit Julian Edelman for a touchdown early in the fourth.

Gostkowski's 31-yard field goal made it 31-24 midway through the fourth.

Scott City takes two from eighth graders

Scott City scored a pair of wins over the Colby Middle School eighth grade girls in basketball contests Thursday afternoon at Scott City.

The "A" team prevailed 22-12 over Colby, while Scott's "B"

squad won by a 22-10 final count.

Colby's seventh graders enjoyed similar success in Colby, beating Scott by scores of 12-10 ("A" game) and 26-12 ("B").

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