

# Lady Trojans win, move on to semifinals

The Colby Community College women defeated Cowley County Community College 83-72 Saturday in the quarterfinals of the Region VI basketball tournament at the Bicentennial Center in Salina.

The Lady Trojans, now 29-3, advanced to the semifinals against Dodge City Community College, which was to be played Monday. Dodge City, 25-7, defeated Coffeyville Community College 73-61 in the quarterfinals. The winner will face the winner of the other semifinal game between Seward County Community College and Independence Community College at 6 p.m. today (Central Time).

Colby jumped on the Cowley County Lady Tigers early, building a 14-6 lead in the first quarter, then extending it to 24-10 and later 31-15. The Trojans led at halftime 45-30.

Colby coach Tom Stephens said

getting an early lead was crucial.

With the score 53-38, the Tigers went on an 8-0 point run to close to within seven points at 53-46. About five minutes later, Cowley County gotto within five when Tiger Brandi Lewis hit a three-pointer to make it 60-55.

With a little over six minutes left on the clock, Goodland's Jayci Stone, a Colby freshman, hit a jump shot to get the Trojans back to a double-digit lead 69-59. Colby sealed the win by hitting on 14 of 16 free throws in the final five minutes of the game.

Sophomore Bojana Samardziska scored 25 points to lead the Trojans, followed by sophomore Jelena Spiric with 19. Also in double figures were sophomore Louise McLean with 16 and Stone with 13.

Colby defeated Allen County Community College 88-57 Wednesday, at the Colby Community

Building, in the tournament's first round. The Trojans built up a 47-23 lead at halftime, then outscored the Lady Red Devils 41-34 in the second half to win 88-57.

Spiric led Colby with 32 points. Samardziska scored 17 points and led the team in rebounds with 16. McLean added 15 points and had seven assists. Stone had six points.

If the Trojans advance to the finals, the game can be heard on Colby radio KQLS (100.3 FM) starting about 5:40 p.m. (Central Time).

Freshman Jayci Stone (center with Lady Trojan shirt) enjoyed a "send off" Friday morning as the Lady Trojans headed to Salina for the Region VI tournament.

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## Colby men end season 24-7

A three-point shot at the buzzer ended the Trojans' season last Wednesday in Iola, as Allen County Community College defeated the Colby Community College men 73-71 in the first round of the Region VI junior college tournament.

The Trojans finished their season 24-7 and ranked No. 15 in the final National Junior College Athletic Association Division I poll released Feb. 24. They had been No. 7 in the preseason poll.

Colby led throughout the first half and had a seven-point lead at halftime, 35-28. During the first five minutes of the second period, the Trojans led by as much as 13, but about halfway through the period the Red Devils came back to take a one-point lead. After that it was a

seesaw game until, with 20 seconds left on the clock, Colby sophomore Branden Miller hit a 10-foot jump shot to give the Trojans a 71-70 lead.

After a time out by Allen County, the Colby defense forced a turnover with less than a second left in the game, then called a timeout of its own. However, the Trojans' inbound pass hit the ceiling, turning the ball back over to the Red Devils.

Following another time out by Allen County, the inbound pass went to Red Devil sophomore center Antoine Tisby, who hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to give his team the 73-71 win.

Miller led the Trojans with 17 points, hitting three of six from be-

hind the three-point line. Freshman Ontario McKee scored 16 points and sophomore E.J. Drayton had 13. Sophomore Justin Williams led the team in rebounds with 15.

Perhaps the key statistic in the game is that the Red Devils hit on 15 of 24 free throws compared to eight of 13 for Colby.

Allen County advanced to the quarterfinals, played Sunday at the Bicentennial Center in Salina, losing to the Dragons of Hutchinson Community College 66-62. Hutchinson was ranked No. 10 in the final national poll.

The Dragons, now 29-3, were to face Barton County Community College in the semifinals Monday, with the winner advancing to the championship Monday.

## Trojan softball team loses four

The Colby Community College softball team had a tough weekend, losing both games of a doubleheader against Pratt Community College on Saturday and both games to Otero Junior College on Sunday.

Against Pratt, the Lady Trojans lost the first game 5-1 and the second 10-2. The scores against Otero were 8-2 and 10-2. The losses left them 0-8 for the season.

"The team is starting to hit the ball," said Coach Carl Adams, "but it is right at people. Our defense has improved. We have to keep our heads up and not allow this to get us down for the rest of the year."

Former Cowgirl Alissa Schields went one of two to lead Colby at the plate against the Lady Beavers in

the first game Saturday. Freshman pitcher Christina Obernolte threw all seven innings, giving up seven hits and striking out two.

In the second game against Pratt, freshman Lauren Jameson went two of three at the plate and had a run batted in. Sophomore pitcher Lindsey Kastanek was credited with the loss after giving up seven runs on five hits in three innings.

The next day against the Otero Lady Rattlers, Kastanek pitched a complete game, but picked up her second loss for the weekend. She gave up seven hits and struck out four. Sophomores Leann Hirschfeld and Calea Meyer, and freshmen Samantha Wolf and Shanae Calkins all went one for three to lead the

Trojans.

Obernolte picked up her second loss of the weekend after giving up all 10 of the Rattlers' runs on 10 hits in the first three innings. Sophomore Alisha Liess and Calkins led the team at the plate, both going two of three. Calkins had a run batted in.

"Each game we play, we are getting closer to becoming a complete team," Adams said. "As long as we stay positive and continue to work hard during the games on the little things, we will still have an outstanding season."

The Trojans open conference play today at home with a doubleheader against Garden City Community College starting at 3 p.m. (Central Time).

## sports shorts

### Youth basketball in Goodland, Oberlin in April

The Goodland Activities Center will sponsor a Mid-America Youth Basketball tournament, for third-through 12th-grade boys and girls teams, Saturday and Sunday, April 3-4.

Games will be played at Max Jones Fieldhouse and the Goodland High School gym. Deadline for registration is Friday, March 19. For information, call James Foster at (785) 890-7242.

Oberlin will host the Sappa Valley Shootout for third through 10th-grade boys and girls teams April 17 at the Decatur Community High School gyms. The cost, \$30 per team, must be paid by Wednesday, April 7. For information, call Sue Glodt at (785) 475-3383 or Barbara Olson at (785) 475-3602.

Teams competing in either tournament are guaranteed three games. For information about the program, call (316) 284-0354 ore-mail mayb@mayb.com.

### Six Loper wrestlers head to national championships

The wrestling team of the University of Nebraska at Kearney will send six members to the NCAA Division II national championship tournament Friday and Saturday in Mankato, Minn.

The top four wrestlers in each of

the 10 weight classes from all four regional tournaments advanced to the nationals.

The Lopers won the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and nailed down the West Region title Feb. 29 in the championship tournament at Fort Hays State University. Nebraska-Kearney won by 2 points over runner-up Western State College of Colorado, 113.5-111.5.

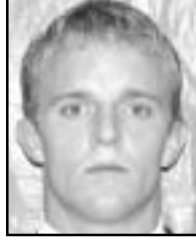
**J u n i o r** Bryce Abbey, a 2001 graduate of Goodland High School, is one of the six Lopers to advance. He is ranked No. 2 in the nation at 125 pounds by the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association in a poll released Wednesday.

Jared Haberman of Western State, the top-ranked wrestler at 125 pounds, defeated Abbey 8-5 at Hays.

As a team, the Mountaineers of Western State are ranked No 7 and the Lopers No. 8. North Dakota State University is the nation's top-ranked team.

### Trojans drop two to Lamar

The Colby Community College baseball team lost both games of a doubleheader against Lamar Sunday in Colby.



Abbey

The Trojans was shut out in the first game 12-0, as Lamar pitcher Josh Cooper struck out 11 Colby batters enroute to throwing a complete game. Cooper gave up four hits, two to freshman Mike Neuberger.

The Lopes continued to dominate in the second game winning 7-2. One bright spot for the Trojans was sophomore first baseman Brian Hassing who went two of three at the plate, including a double, and had two runs batted in.

Colby is 3-5 for the season and will travel to Salina Saturday for a doubleheader against Brown Mackie College starting at 1 p.m. (Central Time).

### Spring break baseball camp offered in Lawrence

The Dave Bingham Baseball Academy will conduct a spring break camp March 22-25 for players 8-14 years old.

The sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Central Time) at the Sport 2 Sport complex in Lawrence.

The academy and the Kansas City Sluggers will conduct a one-day camp April 24 for players 11-14 years old from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Grigsby Field in Parkville, Mo.

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## School calendar for March 10 - March 16

**Wednesday** - "Gold Day"; City/County recreation in the fieldhouse and junior high gym 7:30 p.m.; State Assessments; Central Site Council meeting 4 p.m.

**Thursday** - "Black Day"; Seminar - Stuco and GRACE; State Assessments; Elk Hoop Shooters, junior high gym 7 to 9 p.m.

**Friday** - "Gold Day"; State Assessments; 4-H Day in auditorium and classrooms after school.

**Sunday** - Taylor's basketball team practice high school gym 4 p.m.

**Monday** - Make-up State Assessments; Project Graduation 2004 meeting cafeteria 7 p.m.

**Tuesday** - "Gold Day"; Seminar - American Field Service; Make-up State Assessments; First grade music program high school auditorium 7 p.m.; North Site Council meeting 7 p.m.; Technology Committee meeting 3:45 p.m.

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