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## **College basketball: Howard beats Odessa College women**

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Kenyetta Colbert was an equal-opportunity scorer for Howard College on Thursday night and suddenly the Odessa College women's basketball team is in a free fall.

Breaking up her game-high 18 points into equal halves, Colbert led the Lady Hawks to a 64-53 victory over the Lady Wranglers in a Western Junior College Athletic Conference contest at the OC Sports Center.

Tasha Tubbs chipped in 15 points, with Asia Reid and Twyla Ards finishing with 10 points each.

It was the third consecutive loss for Odessa College (18-4 overall, 2-3 conference), which just last week was ranked 14th in the nation.

Judith Tabala led the Lady Wranglers with 15 points, the only Odessa College player in double figures.

"I don't know, I guess we're just not pushing the right buttons," said Odessa College coach Ara Baten, who will guide the Lady Wranglers against Midland College on Monday.

"We are having trouble finishing and we've got to get that figured out."

The Lady Wranglers, as they have the past two contests against South Plains and New Mexico JC, led in the second half but were unable to hold off a more aggressive opponent in the second half.

Odessa College led 37-30 with 12:39 remaining to play after Carlo Wade connected on a 3-pointer from the left corner.

That's when Colbert and Tubbs began heating up, with Colbert starting the comeback with a free throw with 10:48 remaining to play.

Tubbs' 3-pointer cut the Odessa College lead to three (37-34) just 21 seconds later, with Ards' steal and layup making it a one-point contest with 10 minutes remaining in the game.

Colbert then lifted the Lady Hawks into the lead for good with a 3-pointer from the left wing, the first of six consecutive points for the sophomore from Mesquite.

**Howard College 64, Odessa College 53**

#### **HOWARD**

Asia Reid 4 2-2 10, Twyla Ards 4 2-7 10, DJ Fountain 0 0-1 0, Kelsey Murgel 1 0-0 2, Kenyetta Colbert 6 4-5 18, Tasha Tubbs 5 1-2 15, Brittni Blagra 0 0-0 0, Meagan Steen 0 0-0 0, Jackie Barleson 4 1-2 9. **Totals 24 10-19 64.**

#### **ODESSA COLLEGE**

Takoia Larry 0 1-2 1, Judith Tabala 6 3-4 15, Shon Redmond 3 0-1 8, Ali Bills 2 2-2 6, Carlo Wade 2 0-0 5, Towanda Sutton 4 0-2 8, Chantelle Brockett 0 0-0 0, Brittany Pennell 2 0-0 5, Tammie Thornton 0 0-0 0, Smiljana Cuk 2 1-2 5, Kiaherra Powell 0 0-0 0. **Totals 21 7-13 53.**

Halftime — Odessa College 27, Howard 24. 3-point goals — Howard College 6-18 (Asia Reid 0-2, Twyla Ards 0-1, DJ Fountain 0-1, Kelsey Murgel 0-1, Kenyetta Colbert 2-5, Tasha Tubbs 4-8), Odessa College 4-15 (Shon Redmond 2-3, Ali Bills 0-6, Carlo Wade 1-2, Brittany Pennell 1-4). Total Fouls — Howard College 12, Odessa College 17. Fouled out — Odessa College: Shon Redmond. Rebounds — Howard College 41 (Asia Reid 9), Odessa College 40 (Towanda Sutton 9). Assists — Howard College 14 (Kenyetta Colbert 4), Odessa College 13 (Brittany Pennell 4).

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