

Eagles open new year with trip to Max Jones Fieldhouse

Boys put out the lights at Max Jones with big win

By JAY KELLEY
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The Colby High School Eagles opened the post-holiday basketball season with a 68-53 defeat of the Goodland Cowboys at Max Jones Fieldhouse on Friday night to improve their record to 5-2.

"The first half, we were a little impatient with some of our shots," said coach Derek Bissitt. "We looked a little rusty from our three week layoff, but the second half I thought we executed better."

The Eagles led 19-16 at the end of the first period.

The second period found Colby outscoring the Cowboys 12-7.

A 17-13 third quarter that included a short timeout when the lights at Max Jones Fieldhouse went out and a 20-17 fourth put the Eagles in the win column.

Bissitt said defense played a major role in the win. "We had a very good game defensively and rebounding. Both Ross (Barnett) and Corey (Woofter) had good rebounding performance, I was pleased with the effort."

Woofter led the Eagles with 31

points and 14 rebounds. Cowboys coach John McClean said, "He just killed us."

Zach Brown had 10 points, including two 3-pointers. Justin Schwanke had nine, Parker McKee had eight, Brian Williams had six and Barnett had four.

Barnett had seven rebounds, Schwanke had five, Williams had three, McKee had two and Tony Foltz had a board.

McKee was in double figures with 11 assists, Schwanke had four, Barnett had three and Williams, Foltz, Brown and Woofter had one each.

The Eagles remain on the road this week, with a trip to McCook on Tuesday. Varsity games begin at 6:30 p.m. **Junior varsity 55, Goodland 52**

The jayvee Eagles are also 5-2 with a win over the Cowboys.

Clayton Kaiser and Ryan Arensdorf led with 11 points each. Tucker Stover had 10, Jared Cranston and Jordan Harris had seven each. Brett Mariman had four, Carson McKee had three and William Higerd had two.

Harris and McKee each had a 3-point shot and Cranston went 3-for-4 from the freethrow line in the effort.



ROXIE YONKEY/Goodland Daily News

Summar Stephens, Dominique Palser and Andrea Stephens went after a loose ball against Goodland on Friday night at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The Lady Eagles lost a tough match 56-50 and will look to improve in McCook on Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m.

Brewster boys not rusty in first game of new year

By ROD ARNBERGER
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The Brewster High School Bulldog boys' basketball team hosted the Ransom Longhorns in the first game of the new year, finding themselves in triple digits before the game ended, 112-27.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a quick start and led at the end of the first quarter 39-7. The usual starters began the game with a number of different rotations and combinations throughout the contest.

Brewster led 66-9 at half-time, shooting 16-for-24 from 2-point range and 10-for-13 from beyond the arc for a first half shooting percentage of 70 percent. The 'Dawgs were hot beyond the arc with Jay Reid 5-for-5, Brett Arnberger 3-for-4 and Jacob Falcon 2-for-2.

The second half was more of the same, with the Bulldogs adding 27 more points to the scoreboard to end the third quarter score at 93 and Brewster's defense holding the Longhorns to 14 points.

The starters began the fourth quarter and P.J. Crumbaker drove the lane to go over the century mark with approximately five minutes to play in the game.

Leading all scores were Reid with 27 points, eight steals, three assists, one rebound and one block. Brett Arnberger had 26 points, seven steals, seven assists, two rebounds and one blocked shot in the contest.

Crumbaker tossed in 17 points, shooting 8-for-9 on the night, along with two steals and three assists.

Justin Jamison had seven points, five rebounds, two steals, and one assist with Clint Horinek rounding out the

starting five's stats with five points, three steals, four assists, and three rebounds in the game with each having a blocked shot.

Brewster saw great play on both offense and defense from the bench with all players getting lots of varsity time. Those scoring were J.R. Baird with 10 points and four assists, Falcon had nine points, Bobby Tubbs six, Rob Garner two and freshman Jarrett Carpenter added one free throw in the game.

Travis Dixon had two steals and one rebound and John Luckert had two steals and two rebounds. Brewster shot 44-for-70 for 63 percent from the field for the game. They were 12-for-18 from the free throw line for 67 percent. As a team they had 11 turnovers in the contest.

The last game the 'Dawgs played before Christmas break was Dec. 19.

Ransom is the only game the boy's team will have until Tues., Jan. 16 when they meet league rival Tribune, one of the top ten 1A teams in the state.

Brewster then heads to Dodge City the on Jan. 24 to play in the Tournament of Champions matching up with 3A-6A teams.

Ladies come back for big win

After trailing 44-36 at halftime, the Colby Community College Lady Trojans shot 59 percent and held the Cloud County Lady T-Birds to 35 percent shooting in the second half to win their conference home opener 78-73.

Katie Kurtosi led Colby scoring 23 points on 9-of-10 shooting from the field and snaring 12 rebounds for a double double. Reka Szavuly added 21 points including hitting 8-of-9 from the charity stripe.

Also in double figures for the Lady Trojans was Amanda Ansel with 11

points. Kim Desmond had nine points, Kristi Greenwood had six, along with Katrina Lyles and Cayla Rush had two.

Colby outrebounded Cloud County 33-31 in the victory. Lyles had seven boards, Kim Desmond five, Szavuly and Ansel had three, Barb Gilley and Greenwood had two each and Rush and Mears had one apiece.

With the win, Colby now stands 11-4 overall and 1-0 in Jayhawk West Conference play. They travel to Pratt this Wednesday for a 6 p.m. contest.

Lady Eagles downed in first post-holiday matchup

By RALPH WOLF
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The Colby High School Lady Eagles basketball team dropped to 3-4 with a 56-50 loss to the Goodland Cowgirls in Goodland on Friday night.

The Lady Eagles led 14-10 in the first quarter, but trailed 28-24 at half-time. The Cowgirls outscored Colby 12-11 in the third quarter and made 10-of-12 freethrows in the fourth to put the game away.

Andrea Stephens scored a season high 23 points to lead the team. She also grabbed nine rebound and rejected three shots.

Samantha Wolf finished the game with eight points, four boards, two steals and three assists.

Summar Stephens scored six points, hauled down nine rebounds and dished out three assists before fouling out of the game with 3:10 left on the clock.

Megan Blatt remains perfect for the season at the free throw line, connecting on 2-for-2 on the night. Blatt finished the game with six points and two rebounds.

Ivy Ramsey added five points, four boards, two steals and three assists.

Kala Mengel rounded out the scor-

ing with two points, two boards and one steal.

The Lady Eagles will be in McCook on Tuesday to face the Lady Bison. Varsity action starts at 6:30 p.m.

Jayvee 42, Goodland 31

The junior varsity Lady Eagles improved to 5-2 with a 42-31 victory over Goodland. Colby jumped out to an 11-4 lead after one and 18-12 by half-time.

Brianna Swafford led the way, scoring 12 points, grabbing three boards, three steals and two assists.

Amanda Seemann followed with 10 points, three rebounds, two steals and one assist.

Breann Hart recorded eight points, three boards, four steals and two assists.

Bethanie Linden tossed in six points while controlling the glass with nine rebounds.

Desiree Sharp added four points and three rebounds. Sharp also recorded five steals and blocked one shot.

Kacie Donn finished the game with two points and two boards. Lori Ziegelmeier had two rebounds and one assist.

Courney Albers had one rebound and three steals.

Men able to survive poor shooting in conference win

The Colby Community College men's basketball team survived poor shooting and a little rust defeating Cloud County 75-71 Sunday night at the Community Building in the Conference opener for both teams.

Colby was playing its first game in 26 days and shot just 36 percent from the field.

The Trojans shot an even worse 5-of-23 from 3-point range, but managed to escape with the win by hitting 20-of-28 free throw attempts.

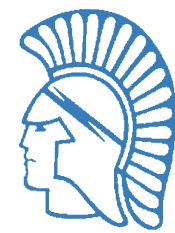
Sophomore Larry House hit 9-of-20

shots en route to a game high 25 points. He also collected six rebounds. Freshman Jarman Sample had his third double double of the season scoring 17 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

Lou Chapman was also in double figures scoring 10 points. He also added five assists. Chapman and guard Greg Patton combined to shoot 6-of-6 from the foul line in the final minute to seal the victory.

With the win, Colby's record is now 10-5 overall and 1-0 in Jayhawk West Conference action.

The Trojans continue Jayhawk Conference action when they travel to Pratt Wednesday for an 8 p.m. game. All Trojan games can be heard on 100.3 FM or 790 AM.



Jayhawks' streak too much for Red Raiders

LUBBOCK, Tex. (AP) — Drew Gooden showed Saturday night how far he's come, scoring a career-high 23 points and grabbing 10 rebounds to lead No. 7 Kansas to a 94-82 victory over Texas Tech.

"He's matured a great deal from last year," Kansas coach Roy Williams said. "He's playing well in practice and that's carrying over into the games. Last year, he was a liability defensively."

Gooden's biggest games this season have been when he's come off the bench.

"His numbers are actually better when he doesn't start," Williams said. "Drew's biggest thing is he sees very well offensively, but he doesn't necessarily see the defense. Drew's one of those guys you have to pull the reins in on occasionally"

Saturday wasn't one of those times, as the Jayhawks (12-1, 1-0 Big 12) went on a 17-2 run in the second half after leading Texas Tech (6-6, 0-1) by

only 42-38 at the half.

Tech was in contention most of the first half. Kansas built a 36-28 lead with 4:05 left, but the Raiders narrowed the lead on four free throws and a 3-pointer by Marcus Shropshire, one of two freshman starters on the Tech squad.

"I was a little disgusted with a couple of things we had done defensively," Williams said. "I

wanted to get back in and try and throw it in their lap."

The Jayhawks did just that at the 15:41 mark, when they began their streak. Tech went scoreless for almost three minutes as Kansas pulled away.

Jamal Brown hit two 3-pointers ending the run. Brown finished with 23 points, while Andy Ellis added 19 and Shropshire 13.

Kenny Gregory added 17 points, Kirk Hinrich 13 and Nick Collison 12 for Kansas.

"To give up 94 points on your own floor, that's no defense," Tech coach



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