

Brewster Bulldogs pull off third straight regional championship

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REXFORD — The Brewster High School boys basketball team brought home another regional championship this weekend by defeating the Cheylin Cougars in the semi-final round and the Grinnell Warriors in the championship of the Class 1A Regional Basketball Tournament in Rexford.

Brewster 52, Grinnell 48

The Golden Plains gym has not been very kind to the Brewster Bulldogs this year.

Although the 'Dawgs have a 3-0 record on the court, the Brewster team hasn't had a solid game in any of the three contests.

The Bulldogs defeated Grinnell 52-48 but did not lead in the contest until the last minute and a half of the game.

Brewster struggled offensively, with their shots rolling off the rim with

Grinnell on the other side of the spectrum having a great start offensively. At the end of the first quarter Grinnell led 14-10.

In the second period the Bulldogs came out stronger, but were plagued with turnovers.

At the end of the half, the Bulldogs had gained one point on the Warriors, but Grinnell still took a three point lead into the locker room, 25-22.

To start the third quarter, Brewster scored first with Grinnell answering right back. At the end of the third Grinnell had their largest lead of the game, 42-35.

The 'Dawgs went to work in the fourth quarter, tightening their defense and causing Grinnell to commit several turnovers in the quarter.

Brewster began to settle into the game and started to cut the lead. With four minutes left on the clock, Grinnell went into a stall game and were not able to convert on an inside shot when it opened up underneath.

Brewster grabbed the rebound with 2:21 left and trailing by four points. Justin Jamison got an old fashioned 3-point play with a bucket and a free throw to pull Brewster to within one, 47-48.

Brewster held Grinnell scoreless on the other end and with 1:23 left Reid drove the baseline and was fouled and went to the line for a free throw.

Reid missed the free throw, Crumbaker grabbed the offensive board and laid it in to give Brewster

their first lead of the game, 49-48.

Crumbaker's only points of the night were huge for the senior and the Brewster team. With 50 seconds on the clock Arnberger stole the ball, tipping it to Reid who was fouled on the lay-up. Reid hit both free throws to put the Bulldogs up 51-48.

Grinnell missed the next shot and Brewster pulled down the rebound.

Arnberger was fouled with 17 seconds left in the game, sending him to the line for one free throw for the final tally of the game.

Reid led all scores with 27 points, two rebounds, one assist, and one steal. Jamison tossed in 11 points along with four rebounds, one assist, and one steal. Arnberger added nine points, four steals, and four assists.

Horinek had three points, five rebounds, six steals and two assists in the contest.

Rounding out the scoring was Crumbaker with two points, two rebounds, and two assists.

Brewster will play in Colby on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Commu-

nity Building taking on the Northern Valley Huskies.

Brewster 68, Cheylin 56

The semi-final game saw the 'Dawgs down Cheylin 68-56 a tough game.

Brewster jumped out to an early lead with the Cougars, but the Cheylin team came right back, trailing by only five points at the end of the first quarter, 20-15.

The second found the two team separated by only a few points until Brewster went on a run right before half and increased their lead to 35-28.

The 'Dawgs never took Cheylin completely out of the game.

Brewster did not shoot well from beyond the arc, connecting on only one trey, but the 'Dawgs were able to play steady ball and maintain the lead.

Leading the Bulldogs was Jay Reid with 27 points, seven rebounds, six assists, and three steals. Brett Arnberger had 11 points, three rebounds, four assists, and six steals.

Clint Horinek tossed in 11 points pulling down one rebound and picking up two steals. Justin Jamison was the third Bulldog with 11 points along with three rebounds, three steals, and three assists. P.J. Crumbaker rounded out the scoring with eight points, four rebounds, four assists, and two steals.



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Jay Reid drove past a Grinnell defender in a 52-48 Brewster High School win of the Class 1A Regional Basketball Championship, hosted by Golden Plains on Saturday. Brewster comes to Colby on Friday to face Northern Valley in sub-state competition. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Colorado trip continues to treat Trojans badly

LAMAR — The Colby Community College baseball team's early season woes continue with four road losses in Colorado over the weekend.

The Trojans lost a double-header against Otero in La Junta 8-6 and 4-1 and fell in Lamar on Sunday 4-2 and 12-1.

Lamar found Seth Vontz taking the loss for Colby, allowing three runs on

four hits over five innings.

He also struck out six and walked two.

James Allen allowed the last run in the sixth and walked two.

Jordan Rudell had home run for the Trojans, one of two hits for the Colorado sophomore.

Kevin English had three hits, including a double and Mike Dove also hit a

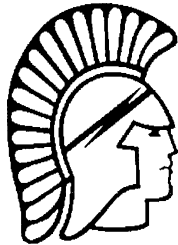
double.

The second game found Lamar shelling the Trojan pitching staff 12-1 in five innings. In three innings, starter Chris Johnson gave up three runs on two hits, walked three and struck out one.

Eric Shade gave up five runs on four hits in just 2/3

inning of work and Nick Geronimo gave up four runs on a single hit and walked two without getting an out. Troy Bartel finished the last out.

Justin Lane and Brady Nighswonger were able to hit doubles for the Trojans, but Colby was unable to put any sustained offense together.



Colby vs. Otero

Saturday's action found Adrian Pressnall giving up six runs on five hits in four innings as Otero beat the Trojans 8-6 in La Junta. He also struck out two and walked one.

Johnson gave up two runs in the sixth to blow a one run lead and take the loss. Allen finished the last out. Dove had two hits, Brian Berryman had two RBIs and Justin Lane had a big three run homer for the Trojan offense.

The second game was a 4-1 defeat, with Colby's only run coming from a solo home run in the sixth by Justin Miller.

Rob Mortimore went six innings, giving up four runs on five hits and striking out three. He also walked two.

The Trojans' next game is in Sterling, Colo. on Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Girls second in tourney

ATWOOD — The Colby Middle School eighth grade girls suffered their second defeat of the season 28-21 against Atwood in the championship game after downing Hoxie 44-14 in the first round.

The Buffs were successful in closing down the middle and out rebounding the Eagles.

The first quarter was a close battle with a shot at the buzzer putting Atwood up 10-7. Colby added three to Atwood's four in the second quarter to go to the locker room down 10-3.

During the third quarter the Buffs connected with six unanswered points. Colby won the last period of play, out scoring Atwood 11-9.

Emily Sloan sank 12 pints, four from the stripe. She dished out three assists, pulled down eight off the glass, grabbed four steals and rejected two shots. Maret Peterson added five points, two boards and a steal.

Marcia Kaus was credited with two points, a steal and an assist. Lauren Kaiser posted two points, an assist and a board. Shawna Cox had two assists and two steals while Sarah Munderloh pulled down a board.

Colby 44, Hoxie 14

Playing Hoxie in the first round of the tournament, the Eagles were big winners finishing with a 44-14 victory over the Indians. Eagles won each quarter of play, 4-4, 12-2, 12-4, and 6-4.

Emily Sloan led the Eagles with 18 points, five rebounds, six steals and a blocked shot. Maret Peterson was also in the double figures with 11 points and three boards. Clarissa Unger had a strong game scoring six, picking off six rebounds, three steals and rejecting a shot. Sarah Munderloh posted two points, two assists, a board and a steal.

Regina Heier sank two from the charity stripe, dished out an assist and nabbed a steal. Crystal Mannebach scored two and grabbed two off the glass. Shawna Cox was credited with two points and an assist. Jessica Bullington rounded out the scoring adding a free throw and two rebounds.

Becca Green rebounded two and had an assist, a steal and a blocked shot.

Area Schedule

Thursday, March 1

Class 1A Sub-State Girls Basketball Semi-Finals at the Colby Community Building. Logan vs. Jetmore at 6 p.m. and Wallace County vs. Herndon at 7:30.

Class 2A Sub-State Boys Basketball Semi-Finals at Decatur County High School. Quinter vs. Oberlin at 6 p.m. and Hoxie vs. Hill City at 7:30.

Class 3A Sub-State Girls Basketball Semi-Finals in Lakin. Games TBA.

Class 4A Sub-State Boys Basketball Semi-Finals at Max Jones Fieldhouse in Goodland. Colby vs. Ulysses at 6 p.m. and Goodland vs. Scott City at 7:30 p.m.

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