

Eagles downed by TMP

By JAY KELLEY

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The Colby High School boys' basketball team fell to 1-1 with a 71-43 loss to the Thomas More Prep Monarchs at the Colby Community Building Monday night.

The Eagles had a total of just 14 total rebounds and only two on the offensive side, which contributed to a 40 percent shooting average.

The Monarchs jumped out to an early 12-2 lead, but the Eagles cut it to 14-8 by the end of the first period.

The second period saw Colby working their way back into the game until a 3-point shot by Landon Stover tied the score at 19 with 2:23 left in the half.

Another Stover 3-pointer put the Eagles down by one with only seconds left, but an answering long range shot made the score 29-25 at the half.

The Monarchs jumped out to a 36-25 lead before the Eagles scored their only basket of the third period with 4:16 left.

Thomas More Prep started the fourth quarter with five fresh players on the court and ahead 50-27.

The Eagles cut the lead to 50-32 before TMP began scoring again, but Colby was hampered by four fouls each on Carson McKee, Ryan Arensdorf, Shane Stover and Landon Stover. Landon received his fifth foul late in the game.

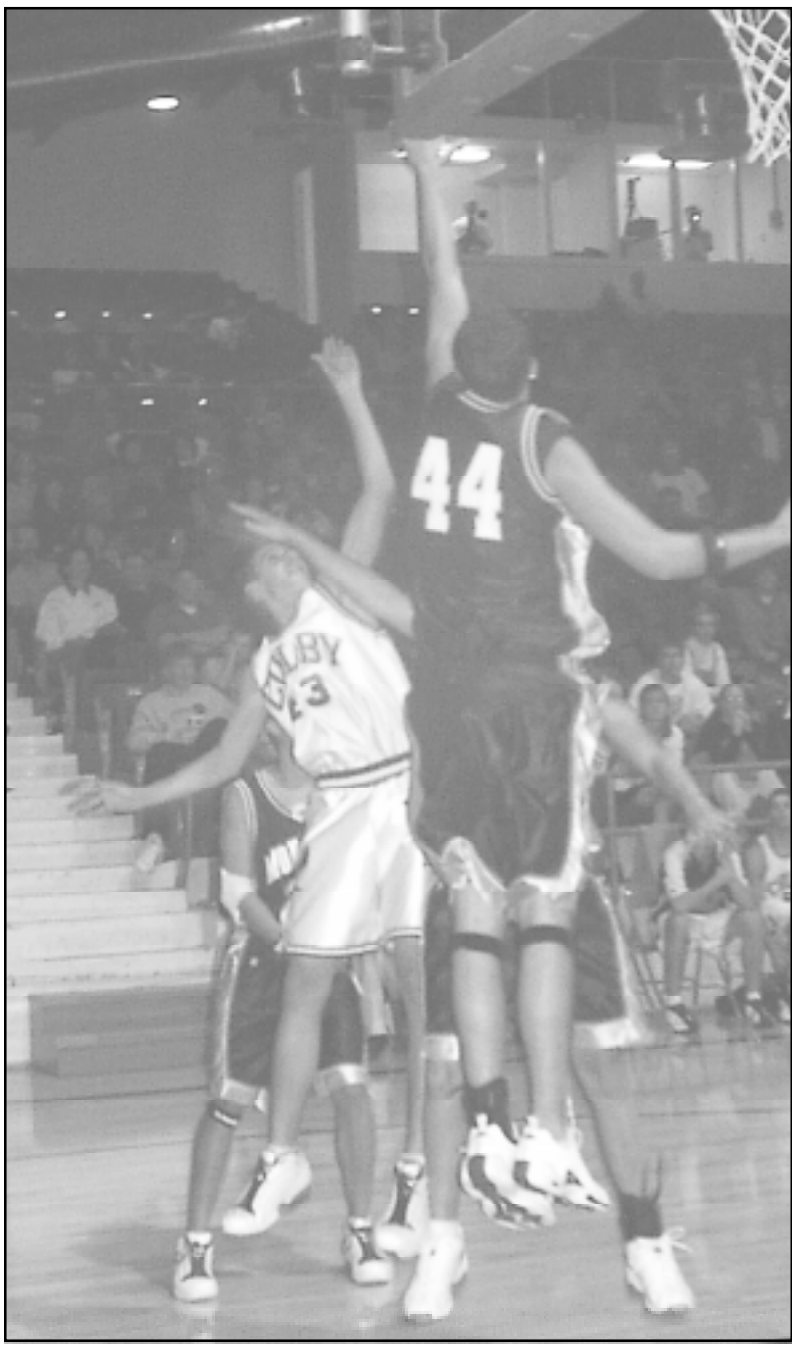
McKee, Jordan Harris and Landon Stover were the scoring leaders. McKee had 13 points, along with a steal and a team-leading three assists.

Stover had 12 points, a steal and an assist. Harris had 11 points, a team leading seven boards and two steals and an assist.

Clayton Kaiser had three points, a rebound and a steal. Tucker and Shane Stover rounded out the scoring with two each. Tucker had a board and Shane had one.

Jared Cranston had one rebound and tied for the team lead with two steals. He also had two assists. Arensdorf had a board and a steal.

The Eagles are in action again Friday at Hays. Varsity games start at 6 p.m.



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Colby High School Eagle Landon Stover made a shot over a blocker in a 71-43 loss to Thomas More Prep on Monday. The Eagles are on the road Friday, when they take on Hays High School. Varsity action starts at 6:15 p.m.

TMP 50, Colby jayvee 48

A single 3-point shot and an extra free throw made the difference in a 50-48 Colby High School jayvee overtime loss to Thomas More Prep at the Colby High School gym Monday night.

The Eagles and Monarchs both hit 21 shots from the field, but one of TMP's was from outside the arc. The Monarchs also hit 7-for-8 from the charity stripe, verses 6-for-8 shooting for Colby.

Brian Sulzman led with 13 points, followed by both Jeff Reavis and Chris Gordon with 10.

Bruce Amberger and Josh Houtz had four each. Greg Guilfoyle had three.

Shane Stover and Cranston had two each to round out the scoring. Travis Fromholtz also saw action.

Colby C-team 41, TMP 40

The C-team boys shot 46 percent in a 41-40 win over Thomas More Prep

at the Colby High School gym Monday night.

"We played pretty well for the first time out," said coach Jack Elliott. "We need to work on teamwork, shot selection and freethrows."

The Eagles hit only 36 percent from the charity strip.

Christopher Finley led the team with 14 points. He also had six rebounds. Jared Dinkel had 13 points and led the team with eight boards.

Omar Fercha had six points, three rebounds and an assist. Jordan Sharp had four points, three rebounds and five assists to tie for the lead.

Joey Melnyk and Nick Rohr had two points each.

Deke Elliott had seven rebounds and four assists. Sean Mengel had three rebounds and also had five assists.

Murray "absolutely incredible"

Trojans keep improving

HAYS — Colby Community College freshman Matt Murray again led the Trojan wrestling team with an "absolutely incredible" meet at the Fort Hays State University Open, head coach Steve Lampe said Tuesday.

The Colby native went 5-0 in the 141-pound division during Saturday's meet and earned outstanding wrestler honors by a unanimous vote of the coaches.

"He received every single vote," said Lampe. "In all my years as a coach, I've never seen that happen."

"Matt pinned a high school national champion who is wrestling for Oklahoma State in the semifinals," said Trojan assistant coach Eric Toraya. "Matt has defeated high school All-Americans and state champions in several of his matches."

Several other Trojans placed at the tournament. Derek Jones finished fourth at 125 pounds. David Nordhous lost twice to the same person and also finished fourth for the tournament.

Brian Miller lost two very close matches at 133 pounds and did not place.

O.T. Johnson went up a weight from 149 to 157 pounds and finished 4-2.

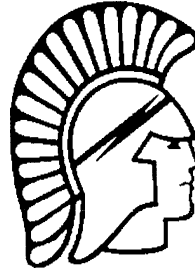
"O.T. handled that weight very well," said Toraya. "He had a heck of a tournament although he was hurt for the last two matches."

At 165 pounds, Turbo Lujan finished 3-2. Justin Schiffrer and Jim Latoski both had "decent tournaments" at 174 pounds, finishing 2-2.

Rafael Ruiz was 0-2 at 184 pounds and Shannon Ford was 0-4 at 197 pounds.

"Shannon is really coming along," said Toraya. "Although he did not have a win, he is really learning. Our biggest challenge at this time is the upper five weights. The first five are doing very well."

The Trojans will wrestle at home against Labette Community College on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Building.



Fans in for double meet

Wrestling fans will get a double treat at 6:30 p.m. Thursday night at the Colby Community Building with both the Colby High School Eagles and Colby Community College Trojans in town at the same time.

The Trojans will face Labette County (Parsons) on one mat, while the Eagles face the St. Francis High School Indians on the other.

"We did this once 10 years ago," said college coach Steve Lampe,

"and it was very well received."

One of the competitors at the last meet was Eagle coach Mitch Beims, who was a senior at Atwood High School.

"It was a lot of fun," he said. "I hope we can do this more often."

The Trojans are ranked seventh in the country and feature some outstanding area wrestlers, while the Eagles are coming off a state championship and a win at the St. Francis Invitational last weekend.

Area teams well-represented in coach's association poll

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Several area teams are in the top ten, according to the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association poll, released Monday.

Boys' teams include Class 5A Hays, who will be Colby High School's opponent on Friday. They are ranked third.

Class 2A Hoxie and Quinter, both Northwest Kansas League teams, are ranked third and 10th, respectively.

In Class 1A, Tribune, who beat Golden Plains Friday is ranked second and the Grinnell Warriors, who beat Brewster in their first game, are ranked eighth.

For the girls, Norton is ranked fourth in Class 4A.

In Class 3A, Russell, who squeaked by Colby in the first game of the season, is ranked ninth.

The Tribune and Grinnell girls are ranked in Class 1A. Tribune is second and Grinnell is sixth. Tribune beat Golden Plains Friday and Grinnell has beaten Brewster and Oberlin so far.

Here are the top 10 rankings of this week:

1A Boys
1. Macksville; 2. Tribune; 3. Hillcrest; 4. Argonia; 5. Hanston; 6. Little River; 7. Bern; 8. Grinnell; 9. South Gray; 10. Hartford.

Women lose two at Jayhawk

COFFEYVILLE — The Colby Community College Lady Trojans couldn't quite recover from an 82-36 loss to Johnson County on Friday and lost 81-76 to Labette County (Parsons) on Saturday in the Jayhawk Shootout in Coffeyville.

Colby led Johnson County 43-39 at half-time. Serra Sangar led the Lady Trojans with 24 points.

She also had four rebounds. Kim Desmond had 19 points and five boards. Irem Akman had 11 points and shared the rebounding lead with Andrea Stephens. Both had nine. Akman also led in assists with six. Ashley Stull had nine points. Stephens had eight. Jami Turley had three. Crystal Mears had two.

The Lady Trojans trailed 45-31 at half-time and could not get back in the game against Johnson County.

Sangar had 15 points and eight rebounds to lead in both categories. Akman had 10 points and tied Sangar for boards. Buba Kovacevic had eight. Stull had five. Desmond had three. Bacchus had two. Turley had one. Stephens, Mears and Bacchus each had a single assist for Colby.

The Lady Trojans are in action tonight at the Colby Community Building at 6 p.m. against McCook

1A Girls

1. Centralia; 2. Tribune; 3. Caldwell; 4. Little River; 5. St. Paul; 6. Grinnell; 7. Baileyville; 8. Attica; 9. Frankfort; 10. Flint Hills.

2A Boys

1. Remington; 2. Colgan-Pittsburg; 3. Hoxie; 4. Sterling; 5. Inman; 6. Bennington; 7. Peabody; 8. Hill City; 9. Olpe; 10. Quinter.

2A Girls

1. Osborne; 2. St. John; 3. Valley Heights; 4. Remington; 5. Moundridge; 6. Ellis; 7. Ness City; 8. Pittsburg/St. Mary's Colgan; 9. Olpe; 10. Atwood.

3A Boys

1. Minneapolis; 2. Riley County; 3. Holcomb; 4. Lakin; 5. Beloit; 6. Sabetha; 7. Frontenac; 8. Wichita Collegiate; 9. Hillsboro; 10. Wellsville.

3A Girls

1. Nemaha Valley; 2. Silver Lake; 3. Hillsboro; 4. Southwestern Heights; 5. Riley County; 6. Conway Springs; 7. Cheney; 8. Hesston; 9. Russell; 10. Central Heights.

4A Boys

1. Spring Hill; 2. Kansas City Piper; 3. Chanute; 4. Augusta; 5. Fort Scott; 6. Coffeyville; 7. Concordia; 8. Kingman; 9. Ottawa; 10. Lansing.

4A Girls

1. Ottawa; 2. Spring Hill; 3. Baldwin; 4. Norton; 5. Anderson County-Garnett; 6. Topeka Hayden; 7. Labette County; 8. Kansas City Piper; 9. Marysville; 10. Andale.

5A Boys

1. Bishop Miege; 2. Shawnee Heights; 3. Hays; 4. Gardner-Edgerton; 5. Bonner Springs; 6. Arkansas City; 7. Kansas City Washington; 8. Kansas City Schlagle; 9. McPherson; 10. Kansas City Sumner.

5A Girls

1. Bishop Miege; 2. Kansas City Schlagle; 3. Buhler; 4. Topeka -Seaman; 5. McPherson; 6. Valley Center; 7. Independence; 8. Goddard; 9. Paola; 10. Kansas City Sumner.

6A Boys

1. Hutchinson; 2. Blue Valley North; 3. Wichita North; 4. Wichita Southeast; 5. Emporia; 6. Lawrence Freestate; 7. Wichita East; 8. Olathe East; 9. Topeka High; 10. Wichita Northwest.

6A Girls

1. St. Thomas Aquinas; 2. Hutchinson; 3. Wichita Heights; 4. Blue Valley North; 5. Derby; 6. Shawnee Mission North; 7. Manhattan; 8. Olathe South; 9. Shawnee Mission South; 10. Washburn Rural.

Brewster, Golden Plains fall in first round of tournament

Stratton Colo. 65, Brewster boys 59

BREWSTER — The Brewster High School Bulldogs fell to Stratton, Colo. 65-59 in round one of the Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster on Tuesday night.

The boys were down by 10 at the end of the first quarter. They were able to match Stratton in the second and in the third quarter held Stratton to just eight points.

It wasn't enough, as Stratton led by six at the end of three and matched the "Dawgs for the fourth quarter.

J.R. Baird led Brewster with 17 points. Heath Baird had 10. Paul Flanders and John Luckert had nine each. Sean Swanson had eight. Tyson Dixon had four. Jake Long had two.

Brewster will face Golden Plains Friday at 3 p.m. in round two action.

Stratton Colo. 58, Brewster girls 42

BREWSTER — The Brewster High School Lady Bulldogs fell 58-42 to

Stratton, Colo. in round one of the Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster on Tuesday night.

The Brewster girls were down 21-12 at half-time and held their own through the third quarter. They were unable to keep up with Stratton in fourth.

Alicia Collett had 17 points. Sara Luckert had eight. Andrea Horney had six. Ashley Carpenter had four. Kristy Jamison, Miranda Starns and Christi Somers had two each. Amber Fulwider had one.

The Brewster girls will face Golden Plains Friday at 4:30 in round two action.

Atwood 65, Golden Plains boys 51

BREWSTER — The Golden Plains High School Bulldogs boys' basketball team lost 65-51 to Atwood in round one of the Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster on Tuesday.

The Bulldogs were up by two at the quarter and down by two at the half. They found themselves down by eight at the end of three and Atwood pulled

away in the fourth.

Matt Gould had 17 points. Casey Shaw had 14. Lee Albers had six. Austin Spesser, Heath Albers, Tyler Richardson and Jesse Miller had three each. Brandon Offutt had two.

The Bulldogs will face Brewster at 3 p.m. Friday in round two.

St. Francis 43, Golden Plains girls 42

BREWSTER — The Golden Plains High School Lady Bulldogs fell 43-42 to St. Francis in round one of the Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster on Tuesday night.

The girls were down 12-7 at the end of one quarter, but battled back for a 21-17 lead at half-time. They held a 32-25 lead at the end of three, but couldn't hand in the fourth quarter.

Michele Goscha had 13 points, Ashley Stevenson had 10. Rebecca Wark had five. Randi Stevenson, Niki Spesser and April Riedel had four each. Erin Rogers had two.

Golden Plains will face Brewster in round two at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Area Briefs

Mid-America Youth Basketball is sponsoring winter tournaments through December. Call 316-284-0354 or e-mail busy@southwind.net for more information.

Tournaments on Dec. 8-9

Girls' and boys' basketball tournaments for grades 3-8 on Dec. 8-9 will be held in McPherson, Independence, Lawrence and Riley County. There is a 3-game guarantee for each.

Tournaments on Dec. 15-16

The Winter Kickoff will be in Newton on Dec. 15-16 for boys and girls 3-8th grades. There is a 3-game guarantee and A and B divisions in all age

groups.

Tournaments on Dec. 22-23

Tournaments for girls and boys grades 3-8 will be held in Topeka, El Dorado and Shawnee on Dec. 22-23.

Tournament on Dec. 27-30

The Winter Tournament will be in

Area Schedule

Thursday, Dec. 6

Colby High School Eagle varsity and junior varsity wrestling hosts St. Francis at the Community Building at 6:30 p.m.

Lawrence, Dec. 27-30 for grades 3-8 with a four game minimum

Tournaments on Dec. 29-30

Tournaments for girls and boys, grades 3-8 will be held in Chanute and Wichita on Dec. 29-30 with a three game guarantee.

Colby Community College Trojan wrestling hosts Labette County (Parsons) at the Community Building at 6:30 p.m.