

# Ladies cruise to win

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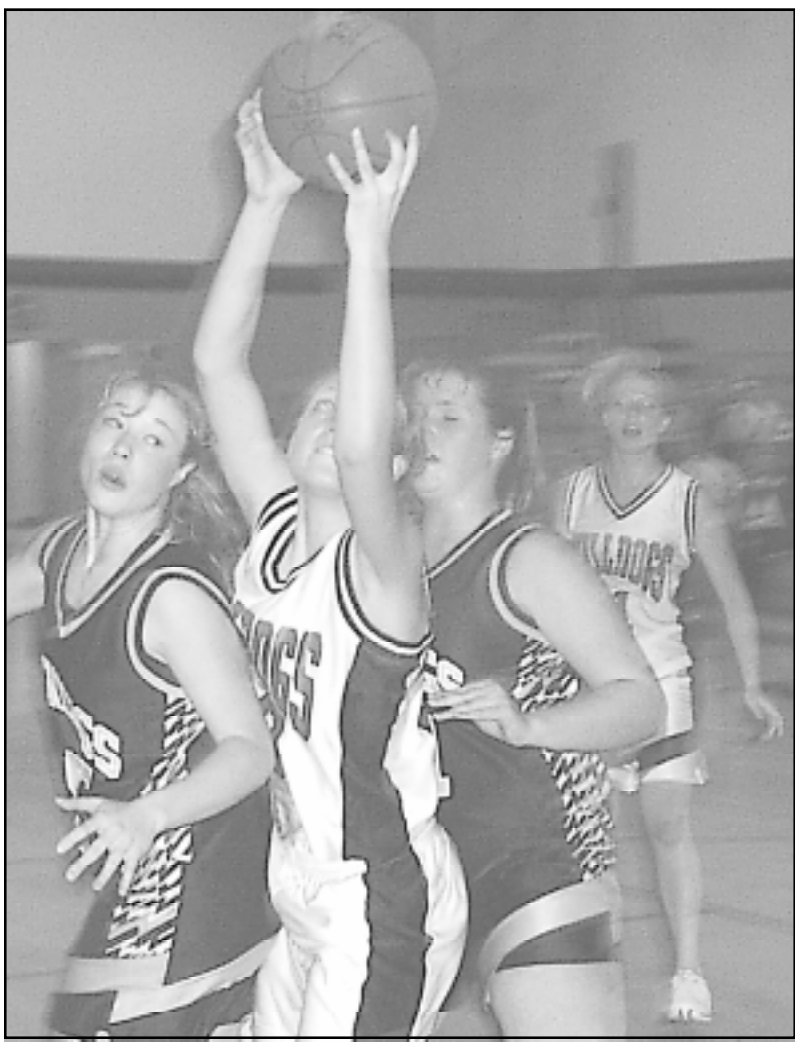
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REXFORD — The Golden Plains High School girls' basketball team cruised to a 54-25 win over Jennings in Rexford on Tuesday night.

The girls jumped out to a 16-4 first quarter lead and by half-time led 36-9. The Lady Coyotes tried to get back in the game outscoring Golden Plains 10-7 on the third quarter, but the Lady Bulldogs put the pressure on in the fourth, outscoring Jennings 12-6.

Michele Goscha had 16 points. Ashley Stevenson had 12 points. April Riedel had seven. Rebecca Wark had six. Niki Spresser and Lindsey Carman had four each. Erin Rogers had three. Randi Stevenson had two.

The Lady Bulldogs are in action Friday night against Eastern Heights in Agra. Varsity games start at 6:30 p.m.



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Rebecca Wark slid between two Jennings defenders to put another basket away in a 54-25 win in Rexford Tuesday night. The Lady Bulldogs travel to Agra Friday night for games starting at 6:30 p.m.

# Colby girls make comeback in fourth to beat Norton

By RALPH WOLF

Colby Free Press

NORTON — The Colby Lady Eagles soared to a 59-52 victory over the fourth-ranked Norton Bluejays Tuesday night in varsity basketball action in Norton.

Norton held 12-11 advantage at the end of the first period. The Eagles came back and held a 27-26 lead at the break, only to find themselves down by three at the end of the third period. Colby came out determined in the fourth quarter and outscored Norton 22-12 to claim the victory.

Summar Stephens led the team in scoring with 17 points, six rebounds, two steals and two assists. Ivy Ramsey connected for 15 points, five boards, two steals, three assists and a blocked shot.

Brianna Swafford joined Stephens and Ramsey in double figures scoring 11 points. Swafford was also credited with three boards, two takeaways, one assist and one blocked shot.

Emily Sloan contributed seven points, a team-high eight rebounds, one steal and rejected two shots. Amanda Seemann scored five points, grabbed two boards, had five steals and four assists. Breann Hart finished the

game with four points and a rebound. The Eagles shot 46 percent from the field and 56 percent from the free throw line. The win puts the Lady Eagles

also led the team with three assists while pulling down three boards.

Shawna Cox and Emily Sloan each had six points. Cox was credited with two rebounds and a steal while Sloan had one board, one steal and two blocked shots.

Marcia Kaus controlled the boards for the Eagles by gathering in six rebounds. She also had four points. Rounding out the scoring for the Eagles were Tasha Fromholtz and Breann Hart with three points each. Fromholtz also had three boards.

Crystal Mannenbach was credited with two rebounds, two steals and one assist. The jayvee record now stands at 1-3.

## C-team 24, Norton 16

In C-Team action, the Lady Eagles picked up their first win against Norton by the final score 24-16. They held a 1-point advantage at the end of the first period and extended their lead to four at half-time.

Layla Woodall led the team with nine points, followed by Clarissa Unger and Crystal Mannenbach with four each. Tasha Fromholtz tossed in three points, while Shawna Cox and Marcia Kaus added two apiece. The C-Team's record is now 1-2 for the year.



record at 2-2.

Next action will find the Eagles hosting Oakley on Friday night. Varsity games begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

## Norton 42, Colby jayvee 40

In JV action, Norton squeaked past Colby 42-30. The Eagles got off to a slow start, trailing Norton by five at the end of the first period. By the end of the third quarter, Colby found themselves down 32-25, but rallied back in the fourth, only to fall short by a bucket.

Desiree Sharp led the team in scoring with a career high 18 points. Sharp

# Eagle basketball team falls short in 40-34 road loss to Bluejays

By JAY KELLEY

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NORTON — The Colby High School Eagle boys' basketball team battled back, but fell short in a 40-34 loss to the Norton Bluejays in Norton Tuesday night.

The Eagles trailed 11-2 at the end of

the first quarter and 19-8 at half-time. They outscored Norton 26-21 in the second half.

Colby shot just 36 percent from the field and Norton shot only 37 percent. The Eagles shot 72 percent from the free-throw line, while the Bluejays shot 50 percent.

Shane Stover had 14 points for the Eagles. He also had four rebounds, a steal and an assist.

Ryan Arensdorf had six points, along with Jordan Harris. Arensdorf had a board and Harris had three rebounds and a steal.

Jared Cranston, Landon Stover,

Tucker Stover and Clayton Kaiser had two points each. Cranston shared the rebounding honors with four and had a steal.

Landon had two rebounds and an assist. Tucker had three boards and a steal. Kaiser had a board and Carson McKee had an assist.

The Eagles will host Oakley at the Community Building Friday night. Varsity action starts at 6:30 p.m.

## Colby jayvee 55, Norton 33

The junior varsity downed their host Norton 55-33 Tuesday night. Jeff

Reavis had 12 points. Shane Stover had 10. Brian Sulzman had nine. Chris Gordon had six. Cranston had five. Josh Houtz and Greg Guilfoyle had four each. Bruce Arnberger had three. Travis Fromholtz had two. Josh Cox and Tony Brown also saw action.

## Norton 58, Colby C-team 43

The C-team boys came up short, 58-43, in Norton on Tuesday. Coach Jack Elliott said, "We started slow and never snapped out of it." Christopher Finley had 18 points and seven rebounds. Matt Augustine had nine points, four

rebounds and three assists. Sean Mengel and Jared Dinkel had four points each. Mengel had a board and Dinkel had two assists.

Nic Rohr, Omar Fercha, Joey Melnyk and Jordan Sharp had two points each. Rohr had a board. Fercha had four rebounds and two assists. Melnyk had a rebound and Sharp had three rebounds and an assist.

Deke Elliott had three boards and a team-leading four assists. Patrick Toth had one assist. Luke Rogers and Justin Helin also saw playing time.

# Trojans earn three second-place medals at Nebraska-Kearney

KEARNEY — The Colby Community College Trojan wrestling team came home from Kearney, Neb with three second place medals from the University of Nebraska-Kearney Open on Saturday.

The Trojans were one of only three junior college teams competing against 15 teams from the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I, II, and III schools, along with and National Association of Intercollegiate Association teams.

The Trojans' lower weight classes continued to dominate with second-place finishes by Derek Jones at 125, Bryan Miller at 133 and Matt Murray at 141-pounds.

Jones, a Hoxie sophomore, went 3-1 on the day and picked up a big win over an old nemesis from his high school days with a 6-5 victory over Abilene native Dustin Tovar, now at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. In the finals, Jones dropped a tough 5-0 decision to the University of Nebraska-Kearney's Bryce Abbey, a former Goodland High School wrestler.

Miller, an Oberlin freshman, posted a 4-1 record on the day, including wins over former junior college All-American Jesse Zobeck, from the University of Iowa, and Nebraska-Kearney's Chad Flores, a returning Division II All-American and former Kansas state champion from Silver Lake High School.

Colby native Murray also went 4-1 enroute to runner-up honors at 141 pounds. Murray picked up a 7-0 semi-final win over Kasey Kohl, from Ne-

braska-Omaha. Kohl was a four time Nebraska state champion and compiled a 139-1 record during his high school career.

Murray met Nebraska-Omaha's Roderick Ratcliff in the finals. Ratcliff is a red-shirt junior and has already earned Division II All-American honors twice. Ratcliff picked up a 9-7 win on two controversial takedowns.

Coach Steve Lampe said, "It was a great day overall as Jones, Miller and Murray each defeated some of the nation's best wrestlers."

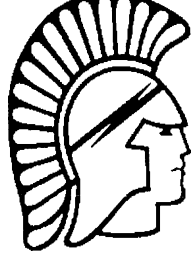
He also said the championship matches at 125 and 141 pounds both were witness to "horribly controversial calls" that played a role in the outcome of the match.

Lampe went on to say, "The Trojans' upper weight divisions are showing

improvement and, while we have a long way to go, I am pleased with the team's progress in the last 30 days and expect to be there when it counts."

Here are the team results for the Trojans:

- 125 — Derek Jones, Hoxie sophomore, 3-1, 2nd.
- 133 — Bryan Miller, Oberlin freshman, 4-1, 2nd.
- 141 — Matt Murray, Colby freshman, 4-1, 2nd.
- 141 — Mike Robinson, Sutton, Neb. freshman, 0-2.
- 149 — open.
- 157 — Antonio Sepulveda, Tucson, Ariz. sophomore, 2-2.
- 165 — Toribio Lujan, Tucson, Ariz. freshman, 0-2.
- 174 — Jim Latoski, Wray, Colo. freshman, 2-2.
- 184 — Clint Slyter, Paola freshman, 2-2.
- 184 — Rafael Ruiz, Metairie, La. sophomore, 3-2.
- 197 — Shannon Ford, Garden City freshman, 1-2.
- 285 — open.



## Prep Scores

Results of games played Tuesday:

- Boys**  
 Brewster 46, Triplains 43  
 Golden Plains 65, Jennings 62  
 Hoxie 81, Trego 73  
 Leoti 73, Oakley 43  
 Norton 40, Colby 34  
 Salina South 39, Hays 24
- Girls**  
 Brewster 50, Triplains 49  
 Colby 59, Norton 52  
 Golden Plains 54, Jennings 25  
 Grinnell 66, Quinter 42  
 Hill City 58, Oberlin 42  
 Salina South 45, Hays 36  
 Trego 49, Hoxie 36

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