

Lady Eagles, other area teams heading for state playoffs

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The Kansas high school version of March Madness gets underway at six different locations across the state on Wednesday, climaxing with the championships on Saturday.

The route to the state began in late November and that route has taken the Colby High School Lady Eagles to Salina's Bicentennial Center, site of the Class 4A tournament, where they will do battle with Andale at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday. Both teams sport 21-2

records.

The Scott City boys will meet Augusta at 4:45 on Thursday, also in the Bicentennial Center.

The Hoxie boys will take to the court at Manhattan on Thursday at 8:15 to battle Ell-Saline.

The Grinnell girls will be in Gross Memorial Coliseum at Hays in Class 1A action on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. to take on St. Paul.

Here are some of the pairings involving other area teams:

4A — Wednesday, Salina Girls — 3 p.m., Ottawa 22-1 vs. Holton 8-15; 4:45, Colby 21-2 vs. Andale 21-2; 6:30 p.m., Spring Hill 22-1 vs. Topeka Hayden 18-5; 8:15, Inde-

pendence 21-2 vs. Circle 19-4.

Thursday Boys — 3 p.m., Kingman 19-4 vs. Coffeyville 14-9; 4:45, Augusta 19-4 vs. Scott City 15-8; 6:30, Spring Hill 22-1 vs. Atchison 11-12; 8:15, Chapman 17-6 vs. Chanute 16-7.

Class 2A, Manhattan Thursday Boys — 8:15, Ell-Saline 18-5 vs. Hoxie 17-6.

Class 1A, Hays Wednesday Boys — 3 p.m., Centralia 25-0 vs. Weskan 19-6; 8:15, Argonia 23-2 vs. Tribune 23-2.

Thursday Girls — 6:30, St. Paul 25-0 vs. Grinnell 23-2; 8:15, Tribune 25-0 vs. Little River 23-2.

Results of games featuring area teams will appear in the Free Press.

Tape replay of race worked out okay

Man what an experience! I had to travel to Phoenix for some schooling on the new models of equipment that I represent. Of course, there was some golf involved as part of the schooling. Don't let what your hearing about the Wichita Airport security checks mislead you. I flew out of DIA to Phoenix, and back, and it was real serious at both of those places, they checked and opened everything numerous times. I don't fly all that often, but learned a lot real fast, for the next time I fly.

So with the traveling I had to do I did not get to see the Daytona 500 live, but I did have it taped for later viewing. Man it was a heck of a race, big wreck and all. I wish there was some way NASCAR could figure out how to keep the racing close as they do, but keep those big wrecks from happening. Those wrecked cars and possible injuries to drivers are expensive. I believe that with the costs of racing at the levels it is at present, sponsorships will get tougher and tougher. A full sponsorship deal with a NASCAR race team is in the area of \$10 to 15 million per year, and that doesn't include all of the associate sponsorships that you see on the cars. Areas of the door post can cost upwards of \$500,000, and so on.

So race fans from the big boys down to our local racers, notice their sponsors and support their sponsors if you use their products or service, and always let the sponsors now that you saw their ads or sponsorships or whatever as often as you can, as that's what keeps it going. This also pertains to our school functions and such as the sponsors buying the airtime or radio time or newspaper space to show their support, and to let you know that they enjoy the same things you do.

Sometimes you get into something



Don Fosdick

Life in the Fast Lane

and there's no place to bail until you just go all the way. So here I go, okay Fosdick focus.

In watching the Daytona 500 I really noticed something that I don't know if the rest of you had seen or not, and I really hate to bring attention to it. Dale Earnhardt Inc. and Dale Jr.#8, and Mike Waltrip #15 teams really have found some tricks within the rules to run fantastic at the super speedways. The two teams ran super last year and have refined it for this year. Daytona is a track that aerodynamics is everything. Dale Jr.#8 had a flat tire on the right front early and mangled the right front of his car, and the pit crew taped up the car the best they could do, and then added pieces to the front with screws and pop rivets, and Jr. could still run with the lead pack.

Then Dale Jr.#8 blew a right rear tire and took his trip down in the grass on the front stretch trying to slow down since it took the brakes out.

After a trip to the garage area to make repairs, Dale Jr.#8 came back out several laps down, and if you noticed he was running with the front pack of cars for quite awhile. I'm here to tell you that's some kind of driver, and that's some kind of hot rod. Usually when only with a little damage to a car at Daytona you're riding around in the back just trying to pickup points.

A-at-a-boy needs to be given to Sterlin Marlin#40 Coors Light Dodge

for trying to fix his bent fender during the red flag period towards the end of the race. I believe Sterlin knew he couldn't do that, but since he had driven down below the yellow line on the front stretch in his attempt to get around Jeff Gordon#24 he was already in trouble with NASCAR.

So what better to do than jump out and check out his fender, and give NASCAR something else to think about.

Sterlin couldn't finish the race with his fender bent in, so he was going to lose his position anyway, so take the chance. After the race Sterlin stated that Dale Earnhardt had cleaned his windshield at Richmond Raceway.

That's true, but it was in 1985 and Dale dropped his window net and climbed out and set on the windowsill and cleaned his windshield while they were under a long caution.

That's right, as they were going around the track, it was something to see. NASCAR officials radioed him and told him to get back in his car, which I'm sure at the end of the '85 season, that NASCAR made some rule changes.

As Always, if you made it this far, thank you for your time. We have racing this weekend, so buckle up and pull the belts tight, and DRIVE safely.

A personal note, NASCAR is back on FOX with DW and the boys, it's better.

Trojans on the road to Cowley County

Basketball madness is officially upon us! March is playoff time. Time to survive (win) and advance or go home for a long off-season.

We will be making our third straight playoff appearance and are proud of that accomplishment. The Trojans only played in one of the three previous Region VI playoffs. We are looking for our first playoff win in the three years and again face one of the top teams out of the Jayhawk East.

Our record-breaking season takes us across the state on Wednesday to face a Cowley County team with an identical record as our Trojans (17-13).

Our young basketball team has really played well the past four ball games. We played very hard at Seward County. Seward is the league champion and we were in the game until the very end. We returned home for a big time win over the defending conference champs. We took it to Butler County. It was the most unselfish performance of the season. We had 22 assists and only 6 turnovers. Next we were onto Hutch and a close overtime loss. We outplayed Hutch but didn't get a W to show for effort. Last Wednesday we defeated the defending Region VI champs Barton County 80-69. We are playing good team basketball at the right time. We look forward to extending our season on Wednesday night.

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We wish the Colby girls high school team the best at this year's state tournament! The girls play at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday.

Jayhawk teams that are playing with the most confidence and the best bas-

ketball right now: Seward, Coffeyville, Hutch, Barton, Cowley, and perhaps your Colby Trojans. Our game at Cowley should be a very good game!

Our twins did arrive Thursday morning — two beautiful girls. Aloera (Allie) Lynn & Emily Jeanne. Julie and I would like to thank everyone that stopped by the hospital and sent flowers. It's a blessing to have so many wonderful friends. Julie and the girls made it home Sunday and are doing just great! We have the help of my parents, down from Minnesota, who are staying for a week. My mom was pulling for a birth date of March 4, her birthday. Sorry mom but Happy Birthday!

Two former Trojans (Larry House at Creighton, Lou Chapman at UNC-Wilmington) are playing in their respective conference tournament championships. The winner is going to the Big Dance. Creighton plays Southern Illinois and UNCW plays Virginia Commonwealth University.

Keyon Williams finished 9th in the NJCAA in scoring during the regular



Brian Ostermann

Power Sports

season. He has scored 577 points this season, which currently ranks as the 6th highest single season scoring mark in Colby Community College history. Keyon has played in 26 of 30 games and averages 22.3 ppg.

The all-conference teams will be announced later this week. I will include them in my column next week.

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