

# Lady Eagles lose thriller to Hays, 39-38

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The Colby High School Lady Eagles lost for the first time this season, falling to the Hays High Lady Indians by the final score of 39-38. Hays led at the end of the first period 13-10, but Colby held an 18-17 lead at the break. Bethanie Linden had 13 points to lead the team. Linden was also credited with 6 boards, 2 steals and 1 assist. Summar Stephens and Emily Sloan both scored 7 points apiece. Stephens grabbed a team high 11 rebounds, recorded 1 steal and 2 assists. Sloan finished the game with 3 boards, 1 steal, 1 assist and 3 blocked shots. Amanda Seemann added 6 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals and 3 assists. Brianna Swafford contributed 5 points, 1 steal and 2 assists. Samantha Wolf was credited with 1 rebound and 1 assist. Marcia Kaus had one steal. Desiree Sharp also saw playing time in the contest.

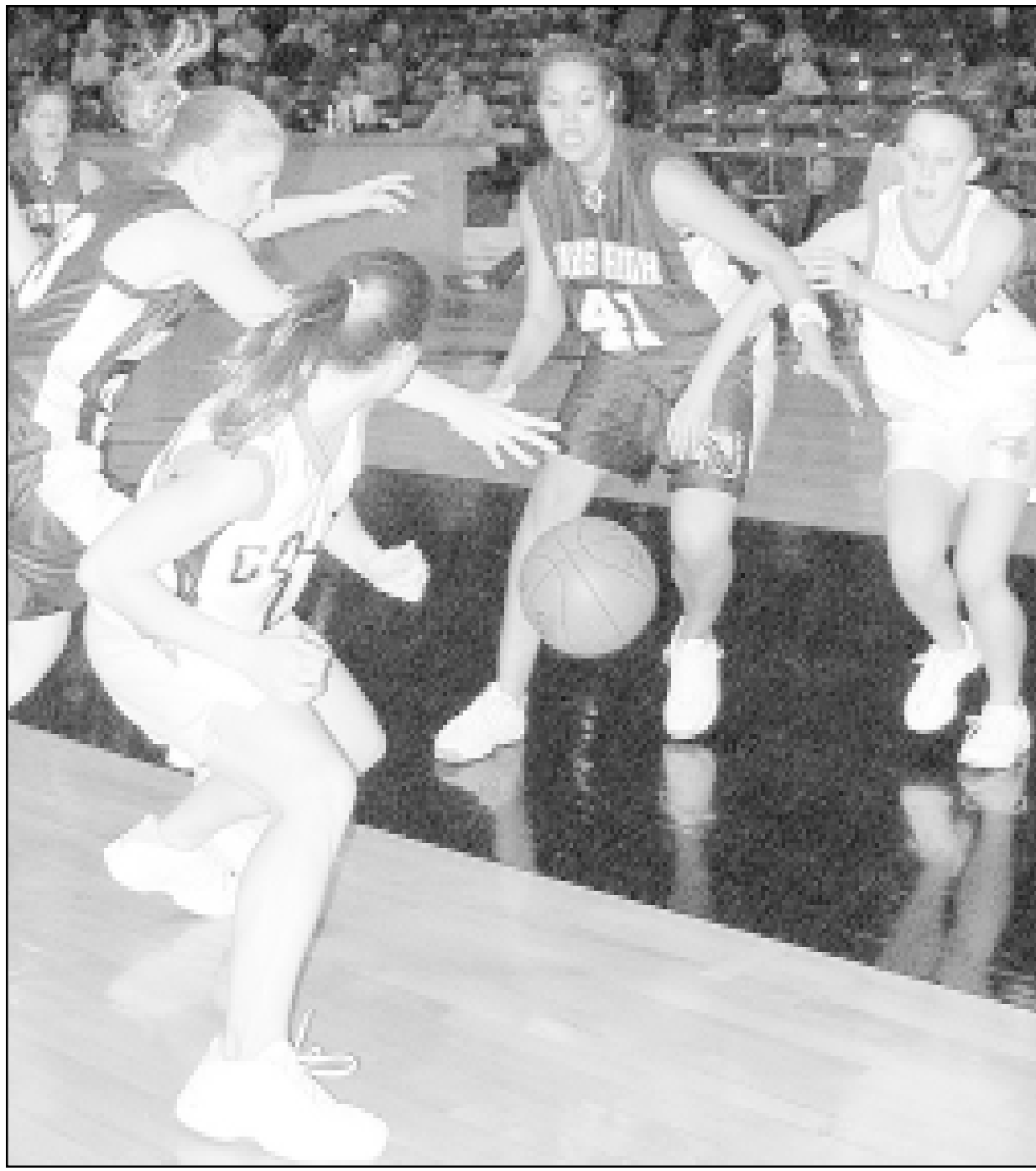
The Eagles connected on 53 percent from the field, 12 percent from 3-point land and 58 percent from the free throw line.

In junior varsity action the Lady Eagles dropped their record to 1-2 on the season with a 60-32 loss to Hays. Jessica Stephens led the way with 8 points, grabbed 2 rebounds and dished out 2 assists. Zanae Baird was 5-6 from the free throw line to finish the game with 7 points. Shea McKee scored 5 points, led the team with 5 boards, 1 steal and 1 assist. Shawna Cox finished the game with 4 points, 3 rebounds and 1 steal.

Tasha Fromholtz, Clarissa Unger, Crystal Mannebach and Marcia Kaus each had 2 points apiece. Unger was credited with 2 rebounds, while Mannebach and Kaus both had 1 board each. Jacquie Fry recorded 2 rebounds. Morgan Stephens also saw playing time.

The junior varsity connected on 67 percent from the charity stripe and they were 2-6 from beyond the arc.

The C team opened its season with a



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Lady Eagles Brianna Swafford and Bethanie Linden fought for a loose ball with Hays Lady Indians Jobeth Jackson (41) and Stefanie Randa Tuesday night at the Community Building.

two point loss to the Hays High Indians. Clarissa Unger had 10 points to lead the team in scoring. Unger also was credited with 3 boards and 3 steals. Shea McKee tossed in 7 points, grabbed 1 rebound and had 1 assist. Jessica Stephens and Morgan Stephens both contributed 6 points each. Morgan had a team high 4 rebounds, 3 steals and 1 assist. Nikole Schroeder and Andrea Barker each scored 4 points.

Barker was credited with 3 boards and 4 steals. Schroeder finished the game with 3 rebounds, 1 steal and 1 assist. Jacquie Fry grabbed 3 rebounds and 1 assist. Shannon Oard was credited with 1 rebound before leaving the game with a badly sprained ankle early in the second quarter. Zanae Baird had 1 rebound, Crystal Mannebach had an assist and Tasha

Fromholtz also saw some playing

time. Hays hit a shot with just 5 seconds left in the game to claim the victory by the final score 39-37.

Next action for the Lady Eagles will be on Tuesday, Dec. 17 as they host the Blue Jays from Norton.

The C team is scheduled to play at 4:30 at the Community Building followed by the Varsity girls. The girls junior varsity will play after the boys junior varsity at the high school.

# Eagle boys out-hustle, out-last Hays Indians

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The Stover boys rose to the occasion Tuesday night at the Community Building as the Colby Eagle varsity boys beat Hays High 57-52 to improve to 3-0. Landon Stover scored 19 points and younger brother Shane added 18.

"We knew Hays was going to key on Jordan," coach Derek Bissett said after the game, referring to the senior standout Jordan Harris. "Jordan had an off-game, but the rest of the team really stepped up."

The Indians came out shooting, hitting three-pointers on its first two possessions to take a 6-0 lead. It was the biggest lead either team would have for the rest of the game, as every dribble, pass, shot, and rebound was fought for like it was a championship game. When the dust had settled, the smaller, speedier, Eagles had stood up to the Indians by displaying exquisite team-

work and execution.

"We talked before the game about being five individual fingers that come together to make a fist," Bissett said. "The guys found out that they can count on each other, and step up when they need to."

Harris and Carson McKee each had 7 points. Jared Cranston came off the bench to add 4; Matt Augustine had 2. It was Augustine's steal and lay-up with 2 minutes left in the game that sparked the Eagles final kick, which saw first Shane Stover throw himself at the backboard to draw two separate fouls, and then Landon Stover sank four free throws to in the final 20 seconds to ice the game.

The Eagles get a well-deserved break, with a whole week between games.

Norton comes to town next Tuesday, with action taking place at the Colby Community Building.

# Eagle junior varsity squad defeats Hays Indians, 44-42

The Colby Eagle junior varsity held on to win 44-42 against the Hays Indian junior varsity Tuesday night at the high school.

Jared Dinkel led the Eagle scoring effort with 14 points, Chris Finley added 12, Brian Sulzman and Bruce

Arnberger had 6, Deke Elliott added 4 points, and Jordan Cranston had 2. Finley went 4 for 5 from the free throw line.

The Colby junior varsity will play Tuesday, Dec. 17 against Norton at the high school gym.

# Denver assistant up for UCLA job

DENVER (AP) — A Denver Broncos assistant coach is being mentioned as a candidate for a head coaching job for the second consecutive week.

A week after offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak was included in the list of potential candidates at Texas A&M, wide receivers coach Karl Dorrell's name surfaced after UCLA fired coach Bob Toledo on Monday.

Texas A&M named Dennis Franchione as its coach on Friday.

"I think Karl would be an excellent candidate," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said. "He's a heck of a coach, a first-class person, he knows the area well."

Dorrell, in his third season with Den-

ver, played at UCLA and was a graduate assistant there.

# Kansas City gears up for division home-stretch

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — In a lifetime of coaching, Dick Vermeil has never seen so many divisional rivals bunched so closely together so close to the end of the season.

If his Kansas City Chiefs (7-6) win their last three — all against AFC West foes — they could elbow their way through the crowd and perhaps win the division.

As it stands now, they're tied with Denver for third in the four-team division.

"I don't remember ever being involved in this kind of scenario. It's

probably very, very good for football," Vermeil said Tuesday.

"It's not going to be real good for some coaches that don't make it, because the only smart guys will be the guys who do make it."

"If you don't win, you didn't get the job done."

The Chiefs' three-game ride through the AFC West begins this week at Denver, a team they lost to in overtime in Kansas City in October.

Then they're home against San Diego in Marty Schottenheimer's first regular-season game at Arrowhead

Stadium since his highly successful 10-year stint as the Chiefs' coach ended after the 1998 season.

Then it's on to Oakland, a team the Chiefs beat in Kansas City, for the regular-season finale.

As the Chiefs gear up for those critical games, running back Priest Holmes is also taking aim at a pair of prestigious NFL records.

He needs three touchdowns to eclipse Marshall Faulk's single-season record of 26. With 21 rushing touchdowns, he needs five to break Emmitt Smith's NFL record.

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