

Both Eagle teams advance at Orange and Black

Augustine, Stover get 19 each

By DARREL PATTILLO

Colby Eagle sophomore Matt Augustine's career-high 19 points helped power the Eagles past the Ulysses Tigers 67-50 Thursday night at the Colby Community Building as the Orange and Black Basketball Classic got underway.

Also in double figures for the Eagles were Landon Stover with 19 and Jordan Harris with 17 points. Carson McKee had 5 points, all on free throws, 4 of which came in the last minute and half of the game. Shane Stover had 4 points, Jared Cranston had 2, and Jeff Reavis had a point.

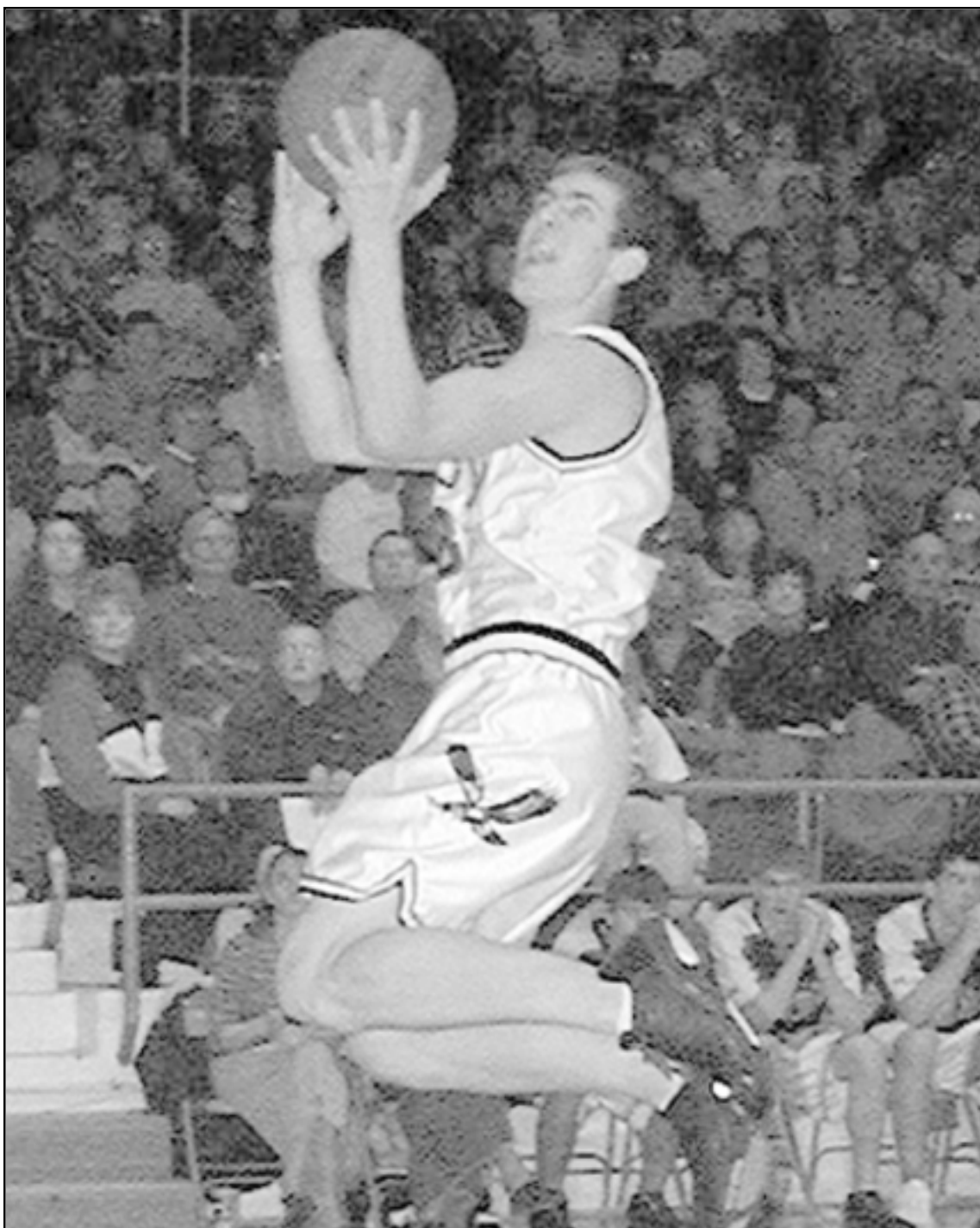
Ulysses led just once in the game, 2-0, but couldn't work around Colby's pressure defense. The Eagles jumped out 7-2, and ended the first quarter up 20-11, and went to half-time up 33-22.

An un-characteristic third-period for the Eagles saw them out-scored 11-10 by the Tigers, who got as close as 38-31 with a minute left in the third.

But the Eagles kept Ulysses at arms length through the rest of the game, with McKee going to the line three times late, followed by Augustine scoring the final point on a free throw.

The Eagles advance to a semi-final game with Hays tonight, at 8:45 in the community Building.

In other Orange and Black action, Hays defeated McCook 72-64 to set up tonight's match with the Eagles. Beloit edged Liberal 58-56, and takes on Scott City in the other semi-final game. Scott City beat Goodland Thursday 61-53. The



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Colby Eagle senior Landon Stover earned style points for his lay-up Thursday night at the Community Building. Stover's 19 points helped the Eagles get to tonight's semi-final game against Hays.

semi-final games will take place at the Community Building, and the consolation games will be played at

Colby High School. Liberal will play Goodland, and Ulysses will play McCook. Those four teams

will be playing for 4th place. The third-place game will take place Saturday afternoon.

Sloan gets career high; Ramsey gets to play

By RALPH WOLF

Colby Free Press

The Colby Lady Eagles defeated the Lady Redskins from Liberal 74-49 in the opening round of the 18th Annual Orange and Black Classic Basketball Tournament.

Colby jumped out to an early 22-6 lead at the end of the first quarter and never looked back. Emily Sloan recorded a career high 25 points. Sloan also recorded 3 rebounds. Summar Stephens was perfect from the free throw line connecting on all 7 attempts. Stephens finished the game with 19 points, 7 boards, 2 steals and 3 assists. Bethanie Linden and Amanda Seemann were both credited with 9 points apiece.

Linden controlled the glass for the Lady Eagles with 11 rebounds. Linden also led the team with 5 assists, 3 steals and 1 blocked shot. Seemann had 3 boards, 1 steal and

2 assists. Brianna Swafford scored 8 points and dished out 4 assists. Ivy Ramsey returned to the line-up for the first time this season after undergoing A.C.L. (knee) surgery six months ago. Ramsey added 2 points and 1 steal. Desiree Sharp contributed 2 points and 1 rebound. Samantha Wolf was credited with 1 rebound, 1 steal and 1 assist. Breann Hart recorded 1 assist. Shawna Cox and Marcia Kaus also saw some playing time.

The Eagles shot an impressive 61 percent from the field, 63 percent from the free throw line and 37 percent from beyond the three-point arc. Colby will take on the Scott City Beavers at the Community Building starting at 7 p.m., in one semi-final game, while Goodland plays Brewster in the other semi-final game at 3:30 in the High School gym.

Holmes will skip Pro Bowl due to hip injury

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City Chiefs running back Priest Holmes will pass up the Pro Bowl in Hawaii on Feb. 2 because of the hip injury that caused him to miss the last two games of the season.

The Chiefs officially withdrew him from participation on Wednesday.

"We're really positive about his progress," coach Dick Vermeil said. "He really felt if this were an NFL game that week, playing for the Kansas City Chiefs, he would take the chance and go ahead and play. But there's a certain amount of risk involved, and he's not going to be playing for the Kansas City Chiefs that day, so he won't play."

"My only comment to him was that I would love to see him play, but if he's pushing to play, if he's not ready to play, then he's not quite there and he shouldn't play," Vermeil said. "He was very receptive to that. He has so much at stake."

Holmes, named the NFL's offensive player of the year, was hurt Dec. 15 against Denver. He rushed for 1,615 yards, caught 70 passes for another 672 yards, and scored 24 touchdowns.

The Chiefs will be represented at the Pro Bowl by four other players — tight end Tony Gonzalez, wide receiver-kick returner Dante Hall, offensive tackle Willie Roaf and offensive guard Will Shields.

Avalanche play-off hopes on thin ice after Morris is hurt

DENVER (AP) — Judging from Derek Morris' reaction, it appeared to be a serious injury.

Early in the second period of Colorado's 5-0 victory over Columbus on Thursday night, Morris left the ice, bleeding from his right eye after taking a punch from David Ling that abruptly ended a fight. He did not return.

The loss of the young defenseman could jeopardize Colorado's playoff chances, which already have taken several body shots.

Behind Patrick Roy's 62nd career shutout, the Avalanche climbed back into a tie with Anaheim for the eighth-best record in the Western Conference.

Morris, Steven Reinprecht and Adam Foote scored power-play goals as the Avalanche snapped a five-game winless streak at home.

Roy, playing in his NHL-record 1,001st game, had 18 saves in posting his first shutout of the season.

Morris, however, could be the Avs' second major loss this week. Their captain, Joe Sakic, is out two-to-four weeks with a broken right foot.

Morris and Ling mixed it up, but

after Ling unloaded a right hand, Morris slumped and skated to the bench in obvious pain.

"I knew he was hurt, so I just let up," Ling said.

"We don't know," coach Tony Granato said. "He obviously took a real good one in the cheekbone. He's getting X-rays, and we'll know more in the morning. Hopefully it's not bad. If it's a crack, he could be back in seven-to-10 days. If it's just swelling, it will take a few days to calm down."

"You know how much we rely on him. He gets 25 minutes a game. He's a solid defenseman, is good on the power play and has been a great asset to our team. So it will be a loss."

Avs defenseman Rob Blake, who had two assists, said, "He's a big, big part of this team. You see the minutes he logs, the power play, penalty kill, all aspects. We're hoping that everything goes good and he'll be back here soon."

The Avalanche peppered Blue Jackets goalie Marc Denis, who was replaced by Jean-Francois Labbe midway through the third period.

Denis stopped 31 of 36 shots.

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