

Lady Eagles get 13th win on road

By RALPH WOLF

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The Colby Lady Eagles picked up their 13th win of the season with a decisive 82-44 victory over the Ulysses Tiger last Friday night. Colby got off to a fast start and led 30-10 at the end of the first quarter of play.

Things slowed down a bit during the second stanza as the Eagles scored 18 points and the Tigers added 11 to their total. The halftime score was Colby 48, Ulysses 21. The Lady Eagles had a balanced attack with nine different players scoring in the contest.

Bethanie Linden led all scorers in the game with a career high 27 points. Linden was also credited with a double-double as she hauled down 11 rebounds.

She also had 4 steals, 3 assists, and 1 blocked shot. Amanda Seemann contributed 13 points, 4 boards, 3 steals, and 2 assists. Emily Sloan added 12 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 assists, and 3 blocked shots. Summar Stephens scored 8 points, grabbed 6 rebounds, recorded 3 steals, and had a team high 6 assists.

Breann Hart was 4-4 from the charity stripe and hit a shot from beyond the arc to score 7 points in the contest. Hart was also credited with 1 rebound. Samantha Wolf con-

nected on 2 of 3 shots from 3-point land and finished the game with 6 points, 1 rebound, and 3 assists. Ivy Ramsey was credited with 5 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist and 1 blocked shot. Brianna Swafford contributed 2 points, 3 rebounds, led the team with 8 steals, and had 3 assists.

Rounding out the scoring for Colby was Desiree Sharp with 2 points. Others seeing action were Jessica Stephens with 1 rebound, Marcia Kaus with a steal, Shea McKee recorded 1 steal. As a team, the Lady Eagles connected on 43 percent from 2-point land, 37 percent from behind the 3-point line, and 76 percent from the charity stripe.

In JV action, the Lady Eagles improved their record to 8-3 with a commanding 60-30 win. The Eagles jumped out to an 18-4 lead after one period of play and increased their lead at the break to 36-13. Jessica Stephens continues to lead the way with 19 points, 1 rebound, 4 steals, and 4 assists. Marcia Kaus recorded a double-double with 15 points, 11 boards, 2 steals and 2 assists. Zanae Baird tossed in 11 points, grabbed 8 rebounds, recorded 3 steals, and 1 blocked shot. Shea McKee scored 6 points, had 1 rebound, led the team with 5 take-aways and dished out 3 assists. Crystal Mannebach fin-

ished the game with 5 points, 2 boards, and 1 assist. Shawna Cox contributed 2 points, 7 rebounds, 2 steals, and 3 assists. Tasha Fromholtz finished the game with 2 points. Morgan Stephens added 3 rebounds, 1 steal and 1 assist. Others seeing action were Jacquie Fry with 1 rebound and Nikole Schroeder.

The JV shot 58 percent from the free throw line, 36 percent from the floor and 50 percent (2-4) from beyond the arc.

The Lady Eagles C-Team defeated the Lady Tigers by the final score of 41-31. The Eagles trailed 5-14 after one period of play but held Ulysses scoreless in the second period to tie the game at 14 by halftime. Tasha Fromholtz recorded a double-double with 12 points and 12 boards. Morgan Stephens added 10 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals, and 1 assist. Nikole Schroeder tossed in 7 points, hauled down 3 boards, recorded 4 steals and 2 assists. Crystal Mannebach finished the game with 6 points, 3 rebounds, and 1 steal. Andrea Barker contributed 5 points, 6 boards, 1 steal, and 5 assists. Jacquie Fry scored 1 point, grabbed 2 rebounds, had 1 steal and 2 assists.

Next action for the Lady Eagles will be Tuesday as the travel to Garden City.

Middle school Eagles beat Oakley

By DARREL PATTILLO

Colby Free Press

The Colby Middle School Lady Eagle 7th-grade basketball teams defeated Oakley last Thursday night at the high school, with the A-team winning 47-10 and the B-team winning 34-14.

"I'm ecstatic!" Coach Jada Tubbs said. "Our girls played so well! These young Eagles are on the right path toward achieving their goal-to win league and win as an undefeated team!"

In the B-team game, Lindsay Frahm led the scoring with 8 points. Elizabeth Barnes had 7 points. Darci Brown had 4. Robyn Hull had 3, and Ashley Schippers had 2.

In the A-team game, Aubrette Stephens and Lissa Mazanec scored in double figures; Mazanec had 17, and Stephens had 12. Paige Stephens had 2 points, Leah Cox

had 8, and Tasha Wagoner had 8.

Coach Tubbs added "As a team, we would like to thank everyone for coming to watch our game against Oakley. Community support and community pride are the two most important ingredients when building a young team."

"We look forward to hosting Oberlin Tuesday at the high school. We will try our chance at success again!"

Colby 8th-grade A-team 53, Oakley 26

The 8th grade girls basketball team continued their winning streak by defeating Oakley on Jan. 30th. Coach Raenette Martin was pleased with the effort by the girls in the A-team game. "They continue to work very hard in practice and games," she said. "Defensively, they allowed only two of Oakley's players to score."

Lauren Cox led the way with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Ashley Barnes recorded 11 points and 6 steals; Brittany Kersenbrock had 9 points and 5 steals; Rishonna Martin 8 points; Jenna Johnson 2; Caitie Henry 2 and April Weaver added 4.

Colby 8th-grade B-team 33, Oakley 9

The B team girls also played well, winning their game 33-9. Carleigh Dempewolf had 15 points and 9 rebounds; Caitie Henry, Kristin Skiles and Rashaun Wilson each added 4 points; Tisha Bieker, Kristin Cox and Bailey Klinger each had 2. Wilson was also credited with 6 steals.

The next action for the Lady Eagles is Tuesday with Oberlin at the Elementary Gym, followed by Thursday in Hoxie and Saturday in Scott City. Game time is set for 4:30 p.m.

Wildcats nearly upset #6 Oklahoma

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP)—So what's wrong with moral victories anyway?

Most coaches say they hate them, refuse to even to acknowledge they exist. If we don't win, then we fail, they rail.

But when a program's been down for as long as Kansas State, many good things can be mined from a hard-fought two-point overtime loss to one of the nation's better teams.

Take Kansas State's 91-89 setback Saturday to No. 6 Oklahoma, for example.

"You can get considerably better because of these kind of games," Wildcat coach Jim Wooldridge said.

"Or you can break." Fans sure got their money's worth, even if they did have to sit around for about 15 minutes in the second half while somebody tried to fix the shot clock.

There were 14 lead changes in the first half alone.

Tim Ellis, with one-tenth of a second left in regulation, canned a 3-pointer for an 82-82 tie that brought the crowd to its feet.

"We had opportunities to break," said Wooldridge, who is in his third year of trying to repair the harm done during the regime of his predecessor, Tom Asbury.

"But we held serve. We made some big free throws. We made a big shot at the end of regulation. That game could have been lost in both halves.

"Yet, we played with enough poise and enough courage and enough toughness to give ourselves an opportunity to win against a topflight team.

"I was pleased with that."

Going for the pin



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Colby Eagle wrestler Daniel Tibbles pinned Chad Normandin of Goodland Saturday at the NWKL League wrestling tournament in St. Francis. Colby finished second at the tournament behind Hoxie. Full details of the league tourney will appear this week in the Free Press.

Trojan baseball team getting ready

This column will be devoted to Colby Community College Baseball and the world of collegiate baseball. I am excited to have the opportunity to bring the public inside the inner workings of our team and collegiate baseball. This is my fourth season in Colby and I am encouraged by the increasing interest in baseball by this community.



Ray Nolan

● From the Dugout

Many collegiate programs opened play this past week and although our weather is cold and sometimes unbearable, it is baseball season once again. We open our season this coming weekend with four games in Midland, Texas versus Midland College. The Chaparrals had a 45-12 record last season and won The Western Junior College Athletic Conference. This will be a tough test and will give our freshmen a taste of what they will experience in the Jayhawk Conference.

Our first home event of the season will not be a contest on the field but a fundraiser. We are holding a "triathlon" at the Colby Bowl and at City Limits on the 15th and 16th of February.

The event is a combination of bowling, pool, and darts that four person teams compete in. Sunday there will be a chili feed and memorabilia auction at the conclusion of the event. The cost is \$40 per person. It will be a great event and will help our program. Please call head coach Ryan Carter at 462-3984 extension 238 for details or fill out one of the many entry forms floating around this town and in this newspaper.

We have a couple of projects in the works and every bit of support helps. We currently have plans for new dugouts and a press box.

Last season we finished at 20-37 overall and eighth in the Jayhawk

West. It was a disappointing year for us, not just because of our record, but because some areas of our team that we thought were solid, were not. Our team defense was atrocious. This cost us all season long and it was something we could never remedy. In response to our season we brought in the most promising freshmen class of head coach Ryan Carter's five-year tenure.

We did finish last season on a high note, upsetting fourth seeded Cloud County in the playoffs. We historically play well in the sub-region tournament and last year was no exception. We lost to top seeded Seward County in a well played first game, beat Cloud County, with a late inning comeback, in the second game, and got outgunned by second seeded Hutchinson in the third game. Both Seward and Hutch advanced to the region tournament where they faced off against Neosho County and Cowley County. Cowley eventually won our region's (Region VI) automatic bid to the NJCAA World Series in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Hopefully this year's Trojan team will not be like the error-prone team of last season. This year we are more balanced than we have ever been. We have speed, power, defense, and pitching.

We have some fine sophomores that will lead us into battle. They are

led by Keith Wollis, our shortstop, from St. Albert, Alberta, Canada. Keith has already signed with Southeast Missouri State to play baseball next season. Southeast Missouri State is the perennial power of the Ohio Valley Conference, and one of the top programs in the nation. Keith may have an opportunity to play in the College World Series while there.

Our other sophomores are second baseman Ian Mabb from Hays; second baseman and shortstop Chris Lebeda from Laramie, Wyo.; first baseman Justin Dickson from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; right fielder Travis Glassman from Oakley; right handed pitcher Brent Suing from Omaha; right hander Brandon Shiers from McCook; lefty Casey Wernke from Alliance, Neb. (you might remember his brother Andy, who pitched the last two seasons for us); and righty Dan Ames from Aurora, Colo. Ames transferred to us this season from Cochise College in Douglas, Ariz.

Please come out and support us this season. You are guaranteed to see some of the best junior college baseball in the country. Our team and our competition are loaded with future Division I and professional baseball players.

Ray Nolan is the assistant coach of the Colby Community College Trojan baseball team. His column will appear on Mondays.

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