

Eagles defeat Ulysses, 72-39

By RALPH WOLF
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The Colby High School boys basketball team came away with a 72-39 victory over the Ulysses Tigers in the first round of action at the Class 4A Sub-State tournament at the Community Building on Monday night.

The Eagles came out strong in the opening quarter as they outscored Ulysses 22-5. Colby continued to dominate in the second period as they held Ulysses to just 2 points while knocking down 12 points to take a comfortable 34-7 lead at the half.

Ulysses came out from the break and put up 15 points to Colby's 13 in the third quarter. The Eagles put

the game away in the fourth quarter by adding 25 points while holding the Tigers to 11 points.

Landon Stover led all scorers in the contest with 18 points. Landon was also credited with 4 rebounds, 1 steal and 1 assist. Jordan Harris followed with 17 points, a team high 9 rebounds, and 1 steal.

Shane Stover and Matt Augustine each contributed 8 points and 7 boards. Shane also had 1 steal, while Augustine recorded 4 steals and 3 assists. Jared Dinkel came off the bench and scored 6 points, grabbed 2 rebounds and had 1 steal.

Carson McKee finished the game with 5 points, 1 rebound, 2 steals and 3 assists. Jeff Reavis and Jared

Cranston both recorded 4 points apiece. Reavis came away with 2 rebounds, 1 steal and 1 blocked shot. Cranston led the team with 5 steals and also 1 assist.

Rounding out the scoring was Brian Sulzman with 2 points and 1 rebound. Jordon Cranston received credit for 1 rebound, 1 steal and 2 assists. Derek Elliott was credited with 1 assist.

The Eagles shot 61 percent from the field, 20 percent (1-5) from behind the three-point line, and they were 43 percent from the free throw line.

The Eagles will face Scott City in the semi-finals on Thursday night at the Community Building.

Lady Eagles pick up 20th win

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The Colby High School Lady Eagles picked up their 20th win of the season on Monday night in the first round of the Class 4A Sub-State competition at the Community Building. The Eagles defeated the Ulysses Lady Tigers by the final score of 78-20.

Colby jumped out to an early 17-2 lead at the end of the first period and held a 41-6 advantage as they headed into the locker room at the break. In the third quarter, Colby outscored Ulysses 17-7 and 20-7 in the final stanza.

The Eagles had a balanced attack with ten players scoring in the contest. Brianna Swafford led the way

with 15 points, 2 steals, and 2 assists. Emily Sloan and Summar Stephens were both credited with 14 points apiece. Stephens also had 9 rebounds, 5 steals, 9 assists, and 1 blocked shot.

Sloan came down with 7 boards, 2 steals, and 3 blocked shots. Ivy Ramsey tossed in 9 points, hauled down 7 rebounds, recorded 3 steals and dished out 2 assists. Amanda Seemann scored 8 points, grabbed 1 rebound, and had 5 assists. Samantha Wolf finished the game with a total of 5 points, 2 steals and 2 assists.

Jessica Stephens connected for 5 points, 2 rebounds, and 1 assist. Bethanie Linden added 4 points, 5 rebounds, and 1 assist before leav-

ing the game with a dislocated finger late in the first half.

Desiree Sharp and Shawna Cox each scored 2 points, with Sharp recording a steal and Cox came away with a rebound. Marcia Kaus hauled down 4 rebounds, while Shea McKee recorded a steal. Breann Hart is sidelined after having her knee scoped on Friday.

The Eagles shot 46 percent from 2-point land, 38 percent from beyond the arc and 56 percent from the charity stripe.

The Lady Eagles advance to the semi-finals on Friday night at the Community Building against the winner of the Scott City vs. Concordia game which will be played tonight.

Alley oop



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Casey Shaw of Golden Plains went over the top of Brewster defenders to make the shot during the regional championship game on Saturday night. Golden Plains defeated Brewster 60-50 to advance to the sub-state games in Hays. On the girls side of the bracket, Brewster's Lady Bulldogs pulled off a 58-34 victory over Triplains for the sub-state berth.

Trojan wrestlers finish number two at national tournament

By LES BROWN
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The Colby Community College Trojan wrestlers traveled to Rochester, Minn. this past weekend to compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament. And, while they fell just short in their bid to bring home the school's second national wrestling team championship, the team represented their school, the large contingent of Colby fans in attendance and the community in fine fashion.

The Trojans accumulated 135 team points in the tournament, which was five points behind North Idaho's championship total of 140, and secured All-American honors in seven weight classes. This included tournament finalists in four weight classes and two national

champions.

Muzaffar Abdurakhmanov earned the national title at 157 pounds in a very entertaining championship match with Harper's Mike Rio. Trailing 10-6 in the second period, Abdurakhmanov scored a reversal during a scramble and went directly into a cradle to score the fall that earned him the national championship. The win ran Abdurakhmanov's season record to 31-3 overall and 20-0 against junior college competition.

The Trojan's second national champion was C.B. Dollaway at 184 pounds. Dollaway advanced to the championship finals with two first period falls and a 10-0 major decision to set-up a showdown with top ranked Mike Massenzio of Bergin Community College.

Massenzio was a two-time state

champion in New Jersey and won the NHSCA high school national championship. The highly touted collegiate recruit initially signed at North Carolina State University, transferred to the University of West Virginia and finally landed at Bergin Community College at the onset of this year's second semester.

Dollaway entered the second period of his match trailing 4-2, but scored the fall less than thirty seconds into the second period on the strength of a well executed cradle. The win advanced Dollaway's season record to 39-4 overall and 26-1 against junior college competition.

Both Abdurakhmanov and Dollaway have a year of junior college eligibility remaining and will be the base of a strong nucleus from which Coach Steve Lampe will

build what will no doubt be another national championship contender.

Earning runner-up finishes for the Trojans were Erkin Tadzhimetov at 133 pounds and Bryan Miller at 149 pounds. Erkin lost his finals bout to Paul Collum of Iowa Central and Miller lost to Chris Nedens of North Idaho. Both Tadzhimetov and Miller had defeated their championship bout opponents on prior occasions this season, but came just short of earning the national championship this past weekend. Miller ended his career as a two-time NJCAA All-American and Tadzhimetov earned his first All-American honor after transferring from Central Missouri State University.

Both of these sophomores contributed greatly to the overall level of success this team was able to

achieve this season.

Also earning All-American honors for Colby were O.T. Johnson at 149 pounds, Roshawn Haldarov at 165 pounds and Alibek Pardakulov at 174 pounds.

Johnson saw his season end prematurely when he fractured a bone in his hand during a 4-3 consolation quarterfinal win. The injury forced Johnson to retire from the tournament and default to a sixth place finish. Johnson was also a two-time NJCAA All-American.

Haldarov placed eighth at the 165 pound weight class and is eligible to return for another season of eligibility.

Pardakulov placed third in the event at 174 pounds after a heart-breaking semi-final loss. The immensely talented sophomore had previously beaten both individuals

who placed ahead of him at the national meet.

Also competing for the Trojans were Davey Dyke, Derek Daugherty and Rio Mayo. Dyke compiled a 1-2 record at 125 pounds. Daugherty went 2-2 at 197 pounds and finished one win short of All-American honors in the event. Rio Mayo compiled a 1-2 record in the 285 pound division.

While the Trojans fell just short of their national championship goal, the season was very successful, none-the-less, as the team established new records for dual meet wins in a season, consecutive dual meet victories and number of national tournament qualifiers. And C.B. Dollaway's pin in the national championship enabled him to tie Daniel Cormier's team record for falls in a season.

The outlook for next season's team also looks favorable as the team could return as many as two national champions, another All-American and two additional national tournament qualifiers. Not to mention several solid wrestlers who toiled in the practice room all season long, but did not see time in the varsity line-up.

March Madness continues as Trojans host play-off

The 2002-2003 Colby Trojans host a home playoff game Wednesday evening. The 24-6 Trojans take on Labette Community College (17-13) from the Jayhawk Eastern Division. The Trojans finished tied for second in the Jayhawk West and are the #2 west seed and Labette is the #7 east team.



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will the commitment level of everyone be for this first time event? Will everyone and anyone (old and young) paint their faces? Will you be waving your Trojan bandanna? Will people need their earplugs? March Madness brings out the best in basketball fans! March Madness answers many questions!

The Lady Trojans finished at 17-13 overall and 9-7 in the league. They earned a home playoff game by defeating Pratt Saturday night. The ladies will also play Labette (18-12). Colby women are the #4

team from the west and Labette is the #5 team from the east. It will be awesome having a playoff doubleheader on Wednesday. Game times will be at 6 and 8 p.m.

Finally, we hope to see you Wednesday night and trust that you will follow both the men and women in the Region VI playoffs.

Jottings:
The playoff tailgate will begin at 5 p.m. The Colby Community College athletic department will serve hamburgers, chips, pop, etc. Be sure to get to the community building

Brewster basketball player signs with Sterling

STERLING — Alicia Collett, a senior at Brewster High School, has signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Sterling College. She is the first player to sign with Sterling College for next season.

Collett, a 5'10" forward, currently averages 15 points per game and 8 rebounds per game as a starter for the Brewster Bulldogs.

"We are very excited that Alicia is joining our program," said Sterling College Head Women's Basketball Coach Lonnie Kruse. "Alicia is a strong player with good athletic skills. She is a natural rebounder and has the ability to score points around the basket. I am



Collett

very pleased she was the first player to commit to our program for next season."

Collett was a first team all-league as a junior and a third team all-league selection as a sophomore. Collett's sophomore season she led Kansas Class 1A in rebounding with an average of 11.9 a game.

Academically, she plans to major in Biology/Pre-Med at Sterling College and will receive a Presiden-

tial Scholarship for academic excellence.

She has been named to the Sage Brush All-Tournament team twice and the Orange and Black Classic All-Tournament Team once.

At Brewster, Collett has been named All-League Academic and is a member of National Honor Society.

She is the daughter of Scott and Alice Collett of Levant.

Sports Brief

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — Sixty-four dog teams pushed off on the frozen Chena River, launching the 31st Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race along a new route drawn up because of Alaska's unusually warm winter.

An unusually warm season and lack of snow has created the oddest Iditarod since the 1,100-mile race to

Nome began in 1973.

It's the first time the race has started so far north and with a revised route that extends the trail by 70 miles and leaves a lot of unknowns, even for veteran mushers.

In Fairbanks, several thousand fans turned out to witness the Iditarod's first appearance in the city.

early and get your seat. The tickets for the playoff game will go on sale at approximately 5 p.m.

Jayhawk West scores from this past Saturday: Garden City 63-52 over Butler, Hutch over Seward 75-59, Colby over Pratt 100-87, Barton over Dodge City 80-55. Barton has clinched the number one seed from the west in the Region VI playoffs. The west teams will be odd numbered seeds in this year's tournament. The top 8 teams in the West will qualify and be seeded 1,3,5,7, etc. The East teams will be even numbered seeds 2,4,6,8 etc.

Our bracket for the Region Play-offs is very tough. The winner of our first round game will take on the winner of Butler number 11 at Neosho number 6. Coffeyville number two and Hutch number seven (they both should win first round games) will also be in our bracket and that would set up a potential rematch in the semi-finals.

A win Wednesday would set our

game time at 6 p.m. on Sunday in Salina at the Bi-Centennial Center. If the Ladies win Wednesday they will play the 8 p.m. game on Saturday night.

Congratulations to the Trojan wrestlers on their National Championship-Runner-up finish! Also, congrats to the Eagle wrestlers on another great season!

Good Luck to the Eagles and Lady Eagles in sub-state!

The Trojan Dunk-O-Meter is now over 100. We especially thank Colby Canvas and Steve Molstad for providing the banner.

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Sports this week

Thursday - Colby - Second round of boys sub-state basketball in Colby
Friday - Colby - Second round of girlss sub-state basketball in Colby
Saturday - Colby - boys and girls sub-state basketball finals in Colby

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