

Eagles defeat Scott City Beavers in 58-56 nail-biter

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Colby Free Press A packed Colby Community Building provided a breath-taking semi-final round of action in the Class 4A Sub-State Basketball Tournament between the Colby Eagles and Scott City on Thursday night. In a down-to-the-buzzer game, the Eagles pulled out the victory, 58-56.

Scott City entered the game with a 14-7 record, and the 17-4 Eagles knew they had competition on their hands. The semi-final game was a bit reminiscent of the teams' match-up at the Orange and Black Classic in the vi for third place. The January game went into overtime and a 2pointer at the buzzer cinched it for the Eagles. During the season opener at Scott City, the Eagles won 60-51.

Colby

58-56

Scott City

Larned

63-60 OT

Goodland

Colby (16-4)

72-39

Ulysses (4-15)

Scott City (12-7)

65-43

Pratt (9-10)

Larned (14-5)

60-62

Concordia (8-11)

Goodland (13-7)

83-49

Hugoton (8-11)

were fired up ready to fight for the at the charity stripe. As time got win. Scott City took the tip-off and were able to put the first points on a 2-pointer to give the Eagles the the board, but within just a few sec- lead. Scott City would make a final onds, a two-pointer sank by Landon attempt for a 3-pointer, but it was no Stover would even up the score.

Although both teams took turns tallying points, it wasn't until only 1:14 remained in the first quarter attempt a comeback, but at the end that the Eagle were on top point wise, 17-15. A basket by each team have their largest lead of the entire would put the score at 19-17 at the end of the first quarter.

would again be the first to score and with two free throws sank by Brady Wheeler, the game was tied at 19 all. Throughout the quarter the score would be tied two more times.

Colby

Saturday - 7:30 p.m.

at Colby

Larned

As the teams took the floor, both not for long—the Beavers sank one on the clock, Jordan Harris went up short Colby's MattAugustine put in good. Colby was up 28-27 as the teams headed for the locker room.

After the break, the Beavers did of the third quarter, Colby would game, 44-38.

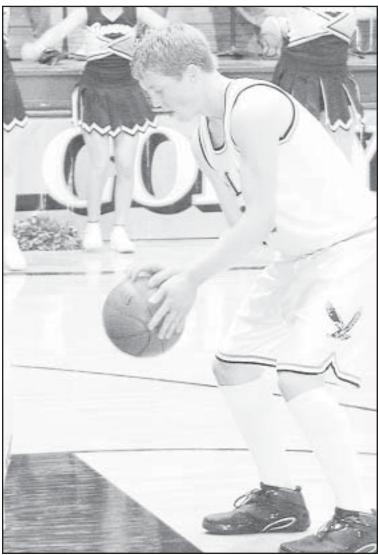
In the final quarter Scott City had In the second stanza, Scott City closed the 6-point gap created in the third quarter and a 3-pointer by Scott City's David Dunn had the score tied at 56-56 with only 49 seconds left in the game.

The Eagles in-bounded the ball With 2:44 remaining on the and continued to run the clock. With clock, the score was tied at 26, but time running out and 2 seconds left

for the shot. As the net swished and the buzzer sounded, Colby had won the game and earned the right to advance to the finals on Saturday night.

Landon Stover led the Eagles in scoring by racking up 26 points, Shane Stover followed with 12. Rounding out the scoring for Colby was Augustine and Harris with 9 each and 2 for Carson McKee. The boys were 50 percent from the field making 21 of 42 attempted shots (18-32 on 2-pointers and 3-10 on 3-pointers).

Both teams received a good number of fouls, Colby ended the night with 18 and Scott City had 20. With all the fouling, Colby had an opportunity at the line 28 times. They sank 13 of them for 46 percent. Scott City had 16 shots from the line and made 8 of them for 50 percent.



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Matt Augustine stepped up to the free-throw line four times for the Eagles on Thursday night in the game against Scott City. He sank three of the shots and scored a total of 9 points in the 58-56 win.



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