

# Colby Eagles send both teams to state

## Lady Eagles defeat Larned Indians 55-43

By RALPH WOLF

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For the second consecutive year and the third time in the last 4 years, the Colby High School Lady Eagles are heading to Salina for the Class 4A State Basketball Tournament.

After a less than stellar performance in the first half, the Lady Eagles came roaring back in the second half to claim the title of Sub-State champions by defeating the Larned Lady Indians 55-43.

Colby came out to start the game with ice cold hands as they shot a mere 31 percent from two-point land and 25 percent from the free throw line during the first half and found themselves down 11-23 at the break.

The Lady Eagles came up from the locker room determined as they shot 65 percent from the floor and 79 percent from the charity stripe during the second half. In the third quarter Colby outscored Larned 24-6 and continued the onslaught by adding 20 points to Larned's 14 in the final stanza.

Amanda Seemann scored 12 of

her 18 points in the second half to lead the Eagles in scoring. Seemann also recorded 4 rebounds, 3 steals and 1 assist. Emily Sloan added 14 points, 8 boards, and 2 steals. Summar Stephens connected for 10 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal and 4 assists.

Ivy Ramsey finished the game with 6 points and 2 assists. Brianna Swafford put in 5 points, had 1 rebound, stole the ball twice and dished out 2 assists. Bethanie Linden was credited with 2 points, 3 boards, and 2 assists. Samantha Wolf also saw action in the contest.

Colby improves their record to 22-1 on the season and are on a 20 game winning streak as they head to the Bicentennial Center in Salina for first round action of the Class 4A State Basketball Tournament on Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

### Semi-final game

In the semi-final game against the Scott City Lady Beavers, The Lady Eagles got off to a slow start, but managed to hold an 8-4 advantage at the end of one period of play.

Colby got rolling in the second quarter as they outscored Scott City 18-9 to take a 26-13 lead into the locker room at the break.

Colby added another 18 points to the scoreboard, while the Beavers

could manage only 11 points in the third period. Final score — Colby 63, Scott City 36.

Leading the way for the Lady Eagles with a double double was Sloan scoring 17 points and hauling down 13 rebounds. Sloan also had 1 steal and 2 blocked shots. Summar Stephens followed with 13 points, 7 boards and 5 assists. Swafford finished the game with 8 points, 2 boards, 2 steals, 3 assists and 1 blocked shot.

Ramsey contributed 7 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal and 2 assists. Linden added 6 points, 2 boards and 3 assists. Jessica Stephens recorded 5 points and 1 rebound. Amanda Seemann added 3 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals and led the team with 6 assists. Wolf and Sharp both finished the game with 2 points apiece.

Wolf received credit for 1 assist and Sharp 1 rebound. Shawna Cox was credited with 1 rebound. Shea McKee and Marcia Kaus also saw some playing time.

As a team the Eagles out rebounded the Beavers 43 to 19. Colby connected on 45 percent of their shots from the floor, 38 percent from beyond the three-point line and 74 percent (14-19) from the free throw line.

## Boys stomp Larned 72-50 at sub-state

By MICHELLE L. HAWKINS

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The Colby Eagles boys basketball team is one step closer to another state title after a 72-50 win over Larned in the finals of the Class 4A Sub-State game on Saturday night in Colby.

The boys, now 19-4, were named the sub-state champions and will head to the state tournament in Salina on Wednesday to play Andale, 17-6. Tip-off for the game will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Bicentennial Center.

Although Larned took the early possession of the ball from the tip-off in the Saturday night game, the Eagles had no intention of letting them score. Colby's Landon Stover put up the first points on the board with an easy 3-pointer and followed it up with another 2 points before the Larned Indians would even score.

As the teams battled in the final game of the tournament, Colby never gave up the lead. By the end

of the first quarter the score was 13-10, the closest Larned would come to catching the Eagles for the duration of the game.

In the second quarter, the Eagles completely dominated the court and outscored Larned 22-12. Twelve of Colby's point in the second stanza came from Stover who sank three 2-pointers and was 6 out of 7 from the line. By the half-time break, the Eagles had a 13 point lead, 35-22.

After the half-time pep talk, the teams returned to the court ready for the final half, and although Larned appeared to be making a turnaround, it was not enough to overcome their deficit from the first half. Colby still led in scoring in the third quarter, 16-14. With only eight more minutes of regulation play, the Eagles were on top, 51-36.

Fouling in the fourth quarter by Larned sent Colby to the line on seven different occasions. Free throws from Landon Stover, Matt Augustine and Shane Stover gave the Eagles 9 extra points, they were 9 for 11 from the line. Defensively, the boys were able to keep Larned to only 14 points, cinching the berth

to the state tournament.

As the buzzer sounded, Colby had won by 22 points — 72-50. A major factor in the win was the number of turnovers. While Colby only turned the ball over 6 times, the Indians had given it away 20.

Leading the Eagles for scoring was Landon Stover with 34 points. He was also credited with 6 rebounds and 2 assists. Also in the double figures for the Eagles were Shane Stover and Jordan Harris. Harris tallied 14 points, 4 rebounds and 1 assist, while Stover had 11 points, 7 rebounds and 1 assist.

Also adding to the Eagles' final score, Jared Cranston had 6 points, Augustine 5 and Carson McKee 2. Augustine and McKee also recorded 3 rebounds apiece while McKee had an assist. Cranston finished the night with 1 rebound and 4 assists.

As a team, Colby was 43 percent (27-63) from the field. They made 24 of 50 attempted shots from inside the arc and 3 out of 13 on their 3-pointers. From the free-throw line they were 75 percent making 15 out of 20 shots.

# Trojan men in semi finals

By TOM (TD) DREILING

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Brian Ostermann's Colby Community College Trojans had their hands full in quarterfinal action in the Region 6 men's basketball tournament at Salina's Bicentennial Center Sunday night, but in the end it was a Colby victory, 75-69 over Neosho County, sending the Trojans into semifinal action tonight against Coffeyville.

The Trojans picked up win #26 against 6 losses and will put that record up against Coffeyville's 25-7 at 8 p.m. Coffeyville upended Hutchinson, also Sunday, 73-66.

Colby was trailing Neosho County 41-36 at intermission, but outscored Neosho by 11, 39-28 in

the second half.

Dedric Spooner led the Trojan charge with 25 points, 17 rebounds and 3 blocked shots. Coach Ostermann said the team's ability to get the ball into Spooner's hands down the stretch was key.

In the closing minutes and with Colby down by 2, 69-67, Spooner was in the right place at the right time, grabbing a missed shot by Eric Fowlkes and depositing it where it counts to tie the game at 69.

Spooer then scored again on the Trojans' next possession to put the Trojan on top to stay.

Other Trojan scorers were Justin Williams, 3; EJ Drayton, 18; Michael Wolters, 3; Joseph Will-

iams, 5; Branden Miller, 11; Fowlkes, 10.

Bobby Leach was Neosho's big gun and the game's top scorer with 29.

The Trojans tried 14 shots from 3-point land and connected on 4, with Wolters getting 1 and Miller 3.

Other Sunday scores: Cloud County over Barton County, 86-80; Cowley over Seward, 83-72; and Coffeyville over Hutchinson, 73-66.

Today's semifinal action:

**Men**  
6 p.m. — Cloud County (19-13) vs. Cowley County (21-11)  
8 p.m. — Colby (26-6) vs. Coffeyville (25-7)

# Season ends for Lady Trojans

It all came to an end Saturday night in Salina for the Colby Community College Trojan Ladies.

After whipping Labette County 101-51 in a first-round Region 6 game in the Colby Community Building Wednesday night, the Trojans lost to the Cowley County Tigers in quarterfinal action in the

Salina Bicentennial Center, 68-56 Saturday night. Colby ends the season with an 18-14 record.

The Trojans, however, kept close and at the half were trailing the Tigers by just 6, 29-23 thanks to a 3-pointer from just inside the half-court line at the buzzer by Louise McLean. Cowley led by as many as

12 in the first half.

The Trojans inched up to within 3, 55-52 at the 5:21 mark, but the Tigers then went on an 11-2 run during the next 4:20 to maintain enough separation to eventually close it out with the 12-point win.

Colby's scoring: Bojana Samrdziska, 22 (also 12 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 blocked shots); McLean, 16 (and 4 assists); Amy Green, 2; Buba Kovacevic, 5; Andrea Stephens, 4; Ivana Drmanac, 1; Krali Sherwood, 6.

Cowley's top scorers were Rikki Hall and Aubrie Hallman, with 19 and 18, respectively.

Other quarterfinal scores: Garden City 61, Hutchinson 47; Cloud County 76, Coffeyville 68; and Seward County 74, Dodge City 51.

Today's semifinal action:

**LADIES**  
2 p.m. — Garden City (27-5) vs. Cloud County (27-5)  
4 p.m. — Seward County (28-4) vs. Cowley County (27-5)



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Brianna Swafford charged the ball down-court for the Lady Eagles during the finals of the Class 4A Sub-State game against Larned in Colby on Saturday night. Swafford contributed 5 points during the 55-43 win.

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## Sports Briefs

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Robert Wickenheiser is out as St. Bonaventure's president as the university tries to sort out a growing scandal in the men's basketball program.

The university's board of trustees unanimously requested and received Wickenheiser's resignation Sunday, and also placed athletic director Gothard Lane and coach Jan van Breda Kolff on administrative leave, pending a review of the program.

Dominic Monti, the school's professor of church history, as interim president.

Assistant coach Billy McCaffrey was appointed the team's interim coach.

MEXICO CITY (AP) — David Eger birdied three of the last four holes to win the MasterCard Classic by a stroke Sunday for his first Champions Tour title.

Eger, seventh after Saturday, shot a 7-under 65 to finish at 12 under and take home the \$300,000 first prize.