

# Colby Eagle boys lose, win on road, record is now 3-1

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First glance would lead one to believe the outcome was other than it was.

Matt Augustine, 21 points  
Shane Stover, 15 points.  
Irvin Dinkel, 11 points.  
Three strong double-figure performances resulted in a 72-53 loss for the Colby Eagles when they played the Hays High Indians in Hays last Friday night.

Those three standouts accounted for 47 of the Eagles' 53 points. Brian Sulzman popped in 6 points to round out the scoring.

Despite the loss, the Class 4A Colby boys didn't give up much ground in the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association rankings, dropping from #6 to #7 this week. Class 5A Hays High jumped 6 places from #9 last week to #3 this week. The coaches apparently felt the Hays Indians beat a fairly solid, tough 4A opponent in the Colby Eagles.

Colby is now 2-1, having beaten Scott City, 63-34 and Russell, 77-47.

Against Hays High, Colby was 1-of-4 from 3-point land, while the Indians were 8-of-17. Stover got the Eagles' lone 3-pointer (he was 1-of-2), while Jordan Sharp and Jordan Cranston each tried their hand from long distance but failed to connect.

Colby made 18-of-44 regular 2-point field goals with Augustine going 8-of-14, Stover 3-of-12, Dinkel 5-of-11 and Sulzman 2-of-7.

From the charity stripe, as a team, Colby went 14-of-24 for 58.3 percent. Sulzman was perfect, 2-of-2, Augustine was 5-of-6, Stover was 6-of-12 and Dinkel was 1-of-4.

Overall, the Eagles shot at a 39.6 percent clip from the field.

Hays High was 54.9 percent from the field and 66.7 percent from the free throw line.

The Eagles trailed the host Indi-

ans by a mere 3 points at the first buzzer, 13-10, but dug a pretty deep hole in the second period, lagging at the buzzer, 34-21.

Although the Eagles outscored the Indians in the third frame, 23-22, the hometowners still held a 12-point advantage, 56-44 at the third quarter break. Hays burned the nets for 16 points in the final period, while limiting the Eagles to 9 for the final result — 72-53.

## Whip Burlington

The Eagles improved their record to 3-1 by demolishing Burlington, there, Tuesday night, 97-54. Four players scored in double figures, led by Irvin Dinkel with 29.

Matt Augustine poured in 23, Shane Stover 18 and Brian Sulzman 12.

Jordan Cranston scored 6, Derek Elliott and Dusty Quenzer 4 each, and Sean Mengel 1.

There was little doubt at the outset how this one was going to end.

After taking a 6-point, 20-14 lead at the end of the initial quarter, the Eagles simply overwhelmed the host Cougars in the second period, ripping the nets for 26 points while limiting Burlington a mere 4 points for a 46-18 half-time lead.

Quarter three saw the Eagles score 22 points vs. 17 for Burlington and a 68-35 buzzer bulge. The final period was all Colby again, scoring 29 points to 19 for the hometown club.

The Eagles were 1-of-3 from 3-point range (Stover getting the arc shot), 37-of-68 within the 2-point confines and 20-of-26 from the free throw line — and that translate into a blazing 76.9 percent FT effort.

From the field, the Eagles shot 53.5 percent — 38-of-71.

For Burlington, it was 4-of-12 from beyond the arc, 18-of-39 from 2-point range and 6-of-12 from the line.

Friday, Oakley comes to town (see schedule in SportsLine).

# Junior varsity boys win one and lose one

The Colby junior varsity Eagles went 1-1 in their last two outings — losing to Hays High, 49-27 and beating Russell, 61-36. Their record is 2-1.

Against Hays High, here were the scorers: Sean Mengel, 6; Nick Howard, 2; Stuart Aiken, 6; Derek Elliott, 4; and Chris Finley, 9.

Colby got their points on 10 field goals and 7-of-15 from the line. Hays High scored 17 2-pointers, 4 3-pointers and 3-of-5 from the free

throw line.

In the Russell game, scoring for Colby were: Jordan Sharp, 6; Jeremy Dietz, 2; Joey Melnyk, 6; Brett Wilson, 2; Sean Mengel, 11; Nick Howard, 6; Heath Bieker, 3; Chris Finley, 15; Dustin Quenzer, 9; and Trevor Siebert, 1.

Colby scored on 27 field goals and 7-of-8 from the line.

Russell had 10 2-pointers, 2 3-pointers and 10-of-15 from the free throw line.

## The race is on!



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Landon Truetken (#35) of Golden Plains goes for the ball during action against Stratton, Colo. at the Sagebrush Shoot-Out in Brewster over the weekend. Truetken scored 22 points and was named to the All-Tournament Team.

## Both Colby teams ranked in Top 10

Here are this week's Kansas Basketball Coaches Association rankings, with Colby's varsity boys and girls and area schools among those placing.

**1A Girls:** 1. Little River. 2. Centralia. **3. Grinnell.** 4. B & B Baileyville. 5. Macksville. 6. Moscow. **7. Logan.** 8. Tipton. 9. Haviland. 10. Ness City

**2A Girls:** 1. Olpe. 2. Sublette. 3. St. Mary's. 4. St. John. 5. Claflin. 6. Southwestern Heights. 7. Moundridge. **8. Hoxie.** **9. Trego.** 10. Horton

**3A Girls:** 1. Riley County. 2. Hesston. 3. Burlington. 4. Rossville. 5. Sabetha. 6. Silver Lake. 7. Frontenac. 8. Lyons. 9. Lakin. 10. Eureka

**4A Girls:** 1. Hayden. 2. Abilene. 3. Iola. 4. Andover Central. 5. Baldwin. **6. Colby.** 7. Chaparral. **8. Goodland.** 9. Circle. 10. Wichita Collegiate.

**5A Girls:** 1. Miego. 2. Carroll. 3. Shawnee Heights. 4. McPherson. 5. Highland Park. 6. Newton. 7. Kapaun. 8. Great Bend. 9. Blue Valley. 10. KC-Washington.

**6A Girls:** 1. Wichita Heights. 2. St. Thomas Aquinas. 3. Lawrence. 4. Shawnee Mission Northwest. 5. Blue Valley North. 6. Washburn Rural. 7. Hutchinson. 8. Derby. 9. Manhattan. 10. Goddard

**1A Boys:** 1. Macksville. 2. Frankfort. 3. Berean Academy. 4. Ashland. 5. Bern. **6. Brewster.** 7. Hope. 8. Hanston. **9. Weskan.** 10. Hartford.

**2A Boys:** 1. Jackson Heights. 2. Pittsburg Colgan. 3. Moundridge. **4. Quinter.** 5. Sedan. 6. Sublette. **7. Ellis.** 8. Solomon. **9. Hoxie.** 10. Olpe

**3A Boys:** 1. Riley County. 2. Burlington. 3. Hillsboro. 4. Medicine Lodge. 5. Belleville. 6. Central Heights. 7. Hesston. **8. Hays-TMP.** 9. Rossville. **10. Norton.**

**4A Boys:** 1. Andover Central. 2. Marysville. 3. KC-Summer. 4. Fort Scott. 5. Chanute. 6. Atchinson. **7. Colby.** 8. Wamego. 9. Coffeyville. 10. Ulysses.

**5A Boys:** 1. Topeka West. 2. Blue Valley. **3. Hays.** 4. McPherson. 5. Mill Valley. 6. Campus. 7. Highland Park. 8. Liberal. 9. KC Schlagle. 10. Great Bend.

**6A Boys:** 1. Olathe South. 2. Wichita Southeast. 3. Hutchinson. 4. Junction City. 5. Topeka Washburn Rural. 6. Shawnee Mission East. 7. Blue Valley North. 8. Wichita Northwest. 9. Emporia. 10. Garden City.

# Trojans now #2

The Colby Community College men's basketball team won for the 14th straight time last Saturday afternoon and finished the non-conference portion of their schedule 14-0. Coupled with a loss by Georgia Perimeter, Colby has moved to #2 in the current NJCAA Division I rankings (12-16-03).

San Jacinto (Texas) remains in the top spot in the poll with their 12-0 start. The Trojan are #2 followed by Southeastern Illinois, Northwest Mississippi, and Vincennes (Ind.). Georgia Perimeter dropped to #6

while Jayhawk West Conference foe Hutchinson climbed a spot from #9 to #8 in the latest poll. Another Jayhawk West opponent, Barton County, continues to receive votes for the Top 20 National Poll after their 12-2 non-conference record.

Colby opens Jayhawk West play Saturday, Jan. 3 in El Dorado against Butler County. Game time is scheduled for 4 p.m. Colby opens the home conference season with an 8 p.m. tip-off at the Community Building against Garden City on Wednesday, Jan. 7.

# Junior varsity girls 3-0 after downing Hays

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The Colby Eagle junior varsity girls improved tier record to 3-0 with a 45-29 thrashing of the Hays High Lady Indians last Friday night at Hays.

The Eagles jumped out to a 14-6 lead at the first of the first period, and by the break had increased their lead to 28-14.

Brittany Kersenbrock and Rishonna Martin shared the high scoring honors with 10 points each. Kersenbrock was also credited with 6 rebounds and 3 assists and Martin had 2 boards and 1 assist.

Ashley Barnes tossed in 8 points, grabbed 5 rebounds and led the way with 4 steals. Lauren Cox and April Weaver both finished with 7 points and 1 rebound apiece. Shea McKee recorded 2 points, 3 boards, 2 steals and a team-high 4 assists, while Jenna Johnson put in 1 point.

Johnson had 6 rebounds and 1 assist as well. Caitie Henry had one assist.

As a team, the Eagles connected on 37 percent of their shots from the floor, 28 percent beyond the arc and 63 percent at the charity stripe.

In C-team action, Colby lost to Hays, 44-38. The score was knotted at 19 at half-time.

Nikole Schroeder led the way with 9 points, and Jeanna Johnson and April Weaver both contributed 8. Kristin Cox, Caitie Henry and Carleigh Dempewolf all finished the game with 4 points apiece. Dempewolf was perfect from the line hitting on all 4 tosses. Tisha Bieker had 1 point.

The C-team's record now stands at 0-2.

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# SportsLine

## C-team game canceled

Colby High School announced this week that the C-team girls' basketball game scheduled for Thursday in Goodland has been canceled.

## Colby activities

- Thursday — 7th/8th NWKL basketball tourney (7th at Goodland and 8th at Atwood), departure times and tip-offs not available in the weekly calendar.

- Friday — C-boys basketball with Oakley at Colby High gym, 4:30 p.m., followed by JV boys, then JV girls. C-team girls basketball (only 2 quarters) with Oakley at the Colby Community Building, 5:30 p.m. Varsity girls basketball with Oakley at the Community Building, 6:30 p.m., followed by varsity boys vs. Oakley. V/JV wrestling at Oakley, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday — 9th/10th wrestling at Oberlin, 9 a.m.

## Golden Plains activities

- Thursday — Junior High basketball with Cheylin at home, 4 p.m.
- Friday — High School basketball vs. Eastern Heights, 6:30/8 p.m. at Agra.

## Brewster activities

- Friday — High School basketball at Sharon Springs, 6:30/8 p.m.

## Menlo woman elected

At the recent annual fall meeting of the Kansas Amateur Softball Association in Topeka, Lynette Ball, Menlo, was elected secretary of the association for a two-year term. Jim Westerhaus, Junction City, was elected president and Sarah McMahan, Salina, was elected vice president. Joe Sproul, Edmond, is the Kansas ASA Commissioner and also Region 12 director. The spring meeting will be held in Topeka on March 20-21.

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