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Brewster's Caitlan Rush (#20) and Jalyn Reid (#21) were two tough defenders during the championship game of the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament on Saturday at the Colby Community Building.

Brewster wins league tourney

Lady Bulldogs beat Grinnell for the crown

By JAY KELLEY

Colby Free Press

The Brewster High School girls' basketball team weathered a third quarter rally by the Grinnell Lady Warriors to win the Western Kansas Liberty League tournament 58-56 Saturday night at the Colby Community Building.

The game started slowly on the scoreboard, with Brewster scoring first blood off an Avery Schultz free-throw with 6:53 left in the first. Brewster scored another 13 straight off a high-percentage ball-control offense.

They also controlled the boards, keeping Grinnell from more than one shot at the basket, while they got two and sometimes three if needed. The Brewster girls also played aggressive defense, getting some big steals.

Grinnell isn't a top-ranked team for nothing, however. They battled back in the last two minutes of the quarter to a 16-9 deficit after Brewster put a couple of starters on the bench to rest.

Brewster jumped out to another big lead in the second quarter, scoring 11 unanswered points in the first four minutes. The Lady Warriors began to score, but Brewster was able to stay with them and the first half ended with the Lady Bulldogs in the lead 31-18.

The third quarter found Grinnell working in some adjustments and closing the gap quickly, especially with both Brewster's inside players, Schultz and Amy Carpenter, playing with three fouls. Grinnell tied the game at 41 as the third quarter buzzer sounded.

The fourth quarter found the lead

going back and fourth until Grinnell got a couple of scores starting at the five minute mark and went up by five. Brewster came back, tying the score at 50, then taking a 52-50 lead with 3:42 left.

Poor free-throw shooting hurt the Lady Bulldogs all night and two missed charity shots would cause some tense moments with two seconds left.

With Brewster leading 58-56, Caitlan Rush missed from the stripe twice and Grinnell got the ball back. Quick work by Rush saved the win when she deflected a Grinnell pass and both teams were chasing the ball out of bounds when the buzzer sounded.

The Lady Bulldogs are on the road again Tuesday night with a 6:30 p.m. match-up with the Tribune ladies.

Eagle boys get 9th victory

By TOMA. DREILING

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The trip Friday night to Hoxie paid off for the Colby Eagle varsity boys as they picked up their 9th victory of the season against 1 loss. The showing at Hoxie also propelled the Eagles to move up a notch from #8 to #7 in this week's Kansas Basketball Coaches Association poll.

It wasn't an easy win. The Indians were out to make a statement — but the Eagles also had a statement of their own to make.

The host bunch closed out the first quarter with a 6-point lead — 19-13. Statement one.

By half-time, however, the Eagles came romping back to knot the game at 35-all, outscoring the Indians 22-16. Statement one.

As the buzzer called a halt to the third quarter of action, the Indians were again on top, 54-52, outscoring the Eagles by a mere 2

points, 19-17. Statement two.

The fourth quarter was all Eagles with feathers fluttering all over the place and resulted in Colby outscoring the host team by 10 points — 17-7 — to cap the 69-61 win. Final statement.

Four Eagles scored in double figures, with Irvin Dinkel leading the way with 16 points. Bruce Arnberger scored 15 and Derek Elliott and Matt Augustine, each put in 11 points.

Brian Sulzman scored 9, Jordon Cranston 5 and Shane Stover 2.

Colby hit 4-5 from 3-point land with Arnberger going 3-3 and Sulzman 1-1. Stover was 0-1 at that range.

Overall, the Eagles shot at a 62.8 percent clip from the field (2-point and 3-point range) and went 11-20 from the free throw line for 55.0 percent.

Hoxie was 26-55 from the field

for 47.3 percent and 3-7 from the line for 42.9 percent.

In the rebounding department, the Eagle cleared the glass 29 times — 10 offensive and 19 defensive — with Dinkel the top rebounder with 9.

Next action for the Eagles is this week's Orange and Black Classic that gets underway here on Thursday.

Tracking the Eagles:

Wins...
over Scott City, 63-34
over Russell, 77-47
over Burlington, 97-54
over Oakley, 72-59
over St. Francis, 75-30
over TMP, 75-64
over Goodland, 60-51
over McCook, 58-54
over Hoxie, 69-61
Losses...
to Hays High, 72-53

Ouch! Lady Eagles taste defeat

By RALPH WOLF

Free Press Contributor

The Colby High School Lady Eagles suffered their first loss of the season at the hands of the Hoxie Indians at Hoxie Friday night, 75-70. Their record now is 9-1 and they are ranked #5 in this week's Kansas Basketball Coaches Association poll, down from last week's #3 placing.

Hoxie held a two-point (17-15) advantage at the end of the first period of play and by half they had increased their lead to 35-30.

Leading the way for the Eagles was Emily Sloan with her sixth double double this season scoring 29 points and hauling down 14 rebounds. Sloan was also credited with two steals and two blocked shots. Amanda Seemann contributed 8 points, grabbed 8 rebounds, recorded 2 steals and dished out 6 assists. Brittany Kersenbrock came away with 7 points, 2 boards and 3

assists. Zanae Baird finished the game with six points, 3 rebounds and 4 assists. Jessica Stephens recorded 1 rebound, 1 steal and 1 assist while Marcia Kaus had 1 rebound.

The Eagles shot only 36 percent from two-point range, 30 percent from three-point land and 69 percent from the free throw line.

Next action for the Lady Eagles is later this week in the Orange and Black Basketball Classic in Colby.

Jayvee girls

The junior varsity Lady Eagles picked up their 10th win of the season without a loss Friday night with an 80-23 thrashing of the Hoxie Indians.

Colby outscored Hoxie 26-5 in the open period and 17-8 in the second stanza for a comfortable 43-13 lead at the intermission.

Ashley Barnes had a career-high game by scoring 31 points, hauling down 12 rebounds, stole the ball 6

times and dished out 3 assists. Lauren Cox joined Barnes recording a double double with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Cox added 2 steals and 2 assists as well. Shea McKee contributed 12 points, had 1 rebound, 4 steals and a team high 4 assists. Rishonna Martin tossed in 10 points, grabbed 1 rebound and had 3 steals and 2 assists.

Brittany Kersenbrock finished the game with 6 points, 5 rebounds, 4 steals and 1 assist. Jenna Johnson scored 4 points and Marcia Kaus added 3 points, 5 boards and 1 steal. Rounding out the scoring was Caitie Henry with 2 points, 2 boards, 1 steal and 2 assists. April Weaver had 1 rebound and 3 steals.

As a team the Lady jayvee Eagles shot 39 percent from the field and 55 percent from the free throw line.

The next action for the junior varsity takes place on Tuesday when they travel to McDonald to take on the Cheylin varsity squad.

Orange/Black Classic this week in Colby

The 2004 edition of the annual Orange and Black Basketball Classic begins in Colby on Thursday of this week and concludes Saturday night.

Action will be held in the Colby Community Building and the Colby High School gym.

First round action on Thursday involves:

Girls' Bracket

3:30 p.m. — Scott City-Beloit, Community Building
5:15 p.m. — McCook, Neb.-

Ulysses, High School Gym
7 p.m. — Colby-Wichita South, Community Building.
8:45 p.m. — Goodland-Liberal, High School gym
Boys' Bracket
3:30 p.m. — Ulysses-Wichita South, High School gym
5:15 p.m. — Liberal-Goodland, Community Building
7 p.m. — McCook-Scott City, High School gym
8:45 p.m. — Colby-Beloit, Community Building

Eagle Wrestling Results

The Colby High School varsity wrestlers lost to the Indians of Hoxie High, 49-28 in dual action in Colby Friday night.

Individually (Colby mentioned first):

103 lbs. — Daniel Tibbles won by a fall over Tanner Popp
112 — Lincoln McClure won with an open
119 — Travis Powell lost by a fall to Cale Farber
125 — Doug Hurtt lost by a fall to Tyler Baker
130 — Cole Garcia won by a fall over Bowe Neuenschwander
135 — Taylor Finley won a ma-

jor 11-2 decision over Jeremiah Moss

140 — Kyle Withington lost by a fall to Mat Gililand

145 — Hoxie's Jason Schippers won with an open

152 — Ben Jurek lost by a fall to Matt Schippers

160 — Ross Wright lost by a 9-1 major decision to Doug Campbell

171 — Tucker Olsen won by a fall over Ryan Shipley

189 — Brady Strange lost by a fall to Matt McGinty

215 — Theo Kleinsorge lost 5-2 to Alex Gaede

275 — Kraig Cersovsky lost by

a fall to Tim Erwin

Next action for the Eagle wrestlers will be in the Beloit Tournament on Friday and Saturday.

This Week's Prep Rankings

1A Girls

1. Little River
2. Centralia
3. Grinnell
4. Tipton
5. Moscow
6. B & B - Baileyville
7. Burrton
8. Macksville
9. South Haven
10. White City

2A Girls

1. Olpe
2. Sublette
3. Hoxie
4. Claflin
5. St. John
6. Smith Center
7. Southwestern Heights
8. Horton
9. LaCrosse
10. Moundridge

3A Girls

1. Riley County
2. Hesston
3. Burlington
4. Sabetha
5. Lakin
6. Oakley
7. Hutchinson Trinity
8. Shawnee Maranatha Academy
9. Neodesha
10. Belleville

4A Girls

1. Baldwin
2. Chaparral
3. Topeka - Hayden
4. Abilene
5. Colby
6. Iola
7. Columbus
8. Buhler
9. Wichita Collegiate
10. Kingman

5A Girls

1. Shawnee Heights
2. McPherson
3. Carroll
4. Miego
5. Ottawa
6. Hays
7. Kapaun
8. Newton
9. Great Bend
10. Highland Park

6A Girls

1. Wichita Heights
2. St. Thomas Aquinas
3. Washburn Rural
4. Hutchinson
5. Goddard
6. Blue Valley North
7. Olathe East
8. Manhattan
9. Shawnee Mission NW
10. Wichita North

1A Boys

1. Cunningham
2. Ashland
3. Hanston
4. Frankfort
5. Jetmore
6. Berean Academy - Elbing
7. Southern Coffey County
8. Hartford
9. Quivira Heights
10. Weskan

2A Boys

1. Pittsburg Colgan
2. Quinter
3. Moundridge
4. St. John
5. Immaculata
6. Sedan
7. Sublette
8. Solomon
9. Claflin
10. Wakeeney

3A Boys

1. Burlington
2. Belle Plain
3. Hillsboro
4. Norton
5. Hesston
6. Cimmaron
7. Hays- TMP
8. Belleville
9. Mission Valley
10. Cherryvale

4A Boys

1. Fort Scott
2. Atchinson
3. Andover Central
4. Marysville
5. KC - Sumner
6. Anderson Co.- Garnett
7. Colby
8. Coffeyville
9. Buhler
10. Andale

5A Boys

1. Blue Valley
2. McPherson
3. Mill Valley
4. Topeka West
5. Highland Park
6. Salina South
7. Hays
8. Great Bend
9. Schlagle -K.C.
10. Wichita -Campus

6A Boys

1. Olathe South
2. Hutchinson
3. Emporia
4. Blue Valley NW
5. Shawnee Mission North
6. Dodge City
7. unction City
8. Wichita NW
9. Blue Valley North
10. Lawrence Free State

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