

Nap time



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Colby senior Schuyler Sharp easily defeated his Goodland opponent, Mike Zimmerman, 13-2 in a recent dual meet at Goodland. Next action for the Eagle varsity/junior varsity will be Thursday at Atwood at 6:30 p.m.

Trojans' problems must be corrected soon

You might think that we would be satisfied being ranked #8 in the nation sporting an 18-2 record with the 2 losses coming on the road to co-conference leaders Butler (4-1) and Hutch (4-1) by 3 and 2 points, respectively. We are not satisfied and are not at all happy how we have started our 6 conference games. We have been a slow starting team this year and I am not sure why we start slowly, but we will correct the problem. Championship teams start fast and finish strong. We certainly have the finishing part down, as we have been able to make some good comebacks to win games.

A year ago we only trailed at half-time 5 times in 16 conference games. We went 2-3 in those games. We had a half-time lead 11 of 16 times and won 9 of those. Already this season we have trailed 4 of 6 games at the half. We are 2-2 when trailing at the half. We have been tied once and lead once and won both of those games. Starting games fast doesn't assure a victory but it certainly increases the odds that you will win. We must find a way to start games faster.

The problem is we start games



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poorly. It must be because of preparation or personnel or both. We are going to be making some changes and as with anything in life when there is change there is adjustment. How quickly we accept the changes will determine how much success we will have. We will implement the changes this week and we will begin finding out this Sunday (at the Colby Community Building vs. Pratt 4 p.m.) and in the coming weeks if the changes have the positive impact that we need. Remember championship teams start fast and finish strong!

Jottings

The Lady Trojans are 18-2 and ranked #13 this week. The Pratt ladies are receiving votes in the national poll. Should be a great women's game Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Colby Community Building.

The NJCAA basketball poll men-

tioned Colby three times in the 2002-03 poll. (Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Feb. 18). The Trojans entered the 2003-2004 season ranked #7 in the nation. They were ranked as high as #2 in the Dec. 16 poll and are ranked #8 in the nation in the Jan. 20 poll.

The Trojans are 24-6 at home the past two seasons (10-4 in 01-02 & 14-2 in 02-03). This year they are 9-0. Their current home win streak is at 15. The school record is 19 straight home wins set in 1976-1978.

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On Saturday, Jan. 31 prior to our

Jayvee Eagles beat Cheylin varsity

The Colby Eagle junior varsity girls picked up a 76-64 road victory over the varsity Cheylin Cougars at McDonald on Tuesday evening. That brings their record to 11-0.

The teams were tied at 14 at the end of the first quarter and at half-time the Eagles were 4 points better, 28-24.

Scoring for the Eagles were: Shea McKee with a game high 21 points; Ashley Barnes was in double figures with 18; Rishonna Martin hit the double digits with 17; Brittany Kersenbrock also joined the double scoring club with 16; April Weaver hit for 4; and Lauren Cox saw action but didn't break into the scoring column.

The Eagles connected on 46 percent of their shots from 2-point range and 38 percent from 3-point range. From the free throw line, the Eagles were 60 percent.

C-Team

The Eagle C-team improved to 4-

3 with a 61-16 pounding of the Cheylin Cougars' junior varsity. The first-quarter score was 14-0, at half-time it was 34-6 and at the end of the third it was 39-16. In the fourth period, Colby popped in 22 points, while holding the Cougars to 0. Scoring for Colby: Jeanna

Johnson, 12; April Weaver, 11; Caitie Henry, 10; Carleigh Dempewolf, 9; Tisha Bieker, 7; Michelle Kaus, 6; Jacquie Fry, 4; and Kristin Cox, 2.

As a team, the Eagles shot 38 percent from the floor and 8-14 from the line for 57 percent.

Jayvee boys defeat Hoxie

The Colby Eagle junior varsity boys claimed an 81-56 win over the Hoxie Indians on the road last Friday.

Jordan Sharp was top scorer with 18 points. Also scoring in double figures were Chris Finley with 14,

Dustin Quenzer with 11 and Sean Mengel with 10. Others contributing to the cause included Stuart Aiken, 6 points; Nick Howard, 5; Jeremy Dietz, Joey Melnyk and Jordon Cranston, 4 apiece; Heath Bieker, 3; and Tanner Matzek, 2.

Brewster boys in tournament

The Brewster Bulldogs' varsity boys will be taking part this week in the Tournament of Champions tournament at Dodge City.

Brewster meets Hutchinson at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday in opening round action. The tournament continues Friday and Saturday.

SportsLine

Colby activities

- Thursday, Friday and Saturday — 19th Annual Orange & Black Basketball Classic, Colby Community Building and Colby High School gym.
- Thursday — JV/V wrestling at Atwood, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday — Varsity wrestling at Beloit tourney, 3 p.m.
- Saturday — JV wrestling at Hill City tourney, 9 a.m.; varsity wrestling at Beloit tourney, 9:30 a.m.

Golden Plains activities

- Thursday — Junior high basketball at Sharon Springs, 4 p.m.
- Friday — High school basketball vs. Triplains at Rexford, 6:30 and 8 p.m. —

Brewster activities

- Thursday, Friday, Saturday — High School basketball boys in Tournament of Champions at Dodge City

Triplains activities

- Friday — High school basketball at Golden Plains (Rexford), 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Colby College

- Friday — Indoor track at Nebraska Invitational, Lincoln, 3 p.m.
- Saturday — Indoor track at Nebraska Invitational, Lincoln, 3 p.m.
- Sunday — Women's/men's basketball vs. Pratt, Colby Community Building, 2 and 4 p.m.

game vs. Butler County we will honor each of our corporate sponsors for the 2003-2004 season.

The Trojan Dunk-O-Meter is at 74 after 20 games. Justin Williams is the team leader with 44 slams!

Ostermann is head men's basketball coach at Colby College.

Oakley girls post big win

The Oakley High School ladies crushed Kinsley, 63-23 in Monday action.

The Plainsmen were on top throughout, 12-6 at the end of one, 40-8 at half-time and 58-15 at the end of three.

Scoring for Oakley, were: Katie Kersenbrock, 9; Emily Pilkington, 9; Megan Dennis, 3; Whitney Hubert, 11; Tori Chaput, 4; Veronica Kuhlman, 15; Brooke Inlow, 5; Amber Ziegler, 4; and Lisa Taylor, 3.

Oakley's points came on 15 2-pointers, 5 3-pointers and 18 charity tosses.

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