

# Shot heard round (Colby's) world gives Eagles big win

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The shot heard round the world — Colby's world, that is.

That long-to-be-remembered shot came with just a few heartbeats left on the clock in the game between the Colby Eagle boys and Goodland Cowboys in the Colby Community Building Tuesday night.

And pulling the trigger was the Eagles' Matt Augustine.

The game was knotted at 51, the clock was running down, the ball went to Augustine who had just enough time to let 'er fly... and he did — bingo!

Colby 53, Goodland 51, sending the Eagles into the semifinals of the Class 4A Sub-State Tournament at Ulysses Friday night. There, they will take on the Larned Indians at 6 p.m. Larned earned the right to play the 16-5 Eagles after beating Pratt 57-43, also Tuesday night. Larned will bring a 13-7 record onto the floor at Ulysses.

The other Friday night semifinal game at Ulysses will pit host school Ulysses (17-3) against Hugoton (11-9). Ulysses beat Nickerson 68-42 to advance and Hugoton defeated Scott City 50-46 to move on.

The game in the Colby Community Building Tuesday night had the

Colby crowd in somewhat of a nervous state. The visiting Cowboys rolled to a first-quarter 14-8 lead and at the half-time buzzer were up by 10, 29-19.

The game was played on even terms in the third period, with both teams pocketing 13 points, but Goodland was still out front by 10, 42-32.

"What to do! What to do!" was on the minds of the Colby fans, the team and the coaches.

Well, the Eagles did what they had to do and that was score — BIG TIME.

In their furious attempt to close the gap and win the game, the Eagles connected on 21 BIG points while limiting the Cowboys to just 9.

In the final seconds, the Eagles fouled sending the Cowboys to the line and the score at 51-50, Colby's favor.

Goodland managed just one of those charity tosses to tie the score at 51 and set the stage with hardly any time remaining for Eagle marksman Matt Augustine's shot, after the inbound from Jordon Cranston, that shattered the hopes and dreams of the visiting Cowboys while breathing new life into the hopes and dreams of the Colby Eagles.

Wow! It was a beauty — in the end.

Colby connected on 25 of 46 field goals — 0 for 1 from 3-point range — for 54.3 percent shooting. From the line, the Eagles were 3 of 5 for 60.0 percent.

The Cowboys connected on 5 of 12 3-pointers and 16 of 25 from 2-point range for overall shooting of 56.8 percent. From the line the Cowboys were 4 of 8 for 50.0 percent.

The Eagles had four players in double figures — Irvin Dinkel with 17, Bruce Arnberger with 12, Augustine with 10 and Brian Sulzman with 10. Also adding to the Colby cause was Jordon Cranston with 2 and Chris Finley with 2. Derek Elliott saw action but didn't score.

Watching from the sidelines was the Eagles' Shane Stover who was injured in a game at Norton last week putting him out of commission for some time.

The win was certainly good therapy for the wounded Eagle, as was the standing ovation as he entered the gym at the outset of the game.

Lance Tedford led the Cowboys' charge with 12 points. Jase Herl popped in 11, Derrick Raymer 10, Jared Duke 10, Winter 4 and Taylor 4.



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When they say a picture is a good as a thousand words — this is one of those pictures. This was the final act of desperation as the Colby Eagles' Matt Augustine (hidden in the photo near the basket) put the ball up and in in the closing ticks to hand Colby a 53-51 win over Goodland Tuesday night at the Colby Community Building.

## Lady Eagles' machine manhandles Ulysses to advance to semifinals

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"...And those ladies keep rolling along." (You need to hum the Army tune as you read that line.)

The ladies in this case are the Colby High Eagles.

The basketball Eagles.

The team with an awesome 20-1 record.

The team that, thanks to a lopsided victory over Ulysses in the Colby Community Building Monday night moves them into the semifinals of the Class 4A Sub-State Tournament on Thursday night when they will take on Hugoton, winner over Goodland Monday night, 53-48.

Hugoton brings a 9-12 record onto the semifinal floor. The game will be played at Ulysses, site of this year's semifinals and finals. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Colby's win over Ulysses here Monday night was big, by 36 points — 67-31. From the tip-off to the final buzzer, the game was never even

in doubt.

First quarter — Colby 27, Ulysses 2

Second quarter — Colby 35, Ulysses 6

Third quarter — Colby 52, Ulysses 18

Final buzzer — Colby 67, Ulysses 31

Senior Amanda Seemann and Ivy Ramsey did not see any playing time during the second half, while the other three starters — Emily Sloan, Jessica Stephens and Zanae Baird — all saw limited action in the second half. Colby had 11 players total getting floor time.

Sloan and Brittany Kersenbrock led the way with 14 points apiece. Sloan had 2 rebounds, 6 steals and 1 assist and Kersenbrock connected on four 3-pointers, was 2-2 at the free throw line, had 3 rebounds, 1 steal, 4 assists and 1 blocked shot.

Baird scored 9, and grabbed a team-high 4 rebounds. Seemann counted 8 points, 3 boards, 3 steals and 1 assist. Ashley Barnes added 6 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal and 1

assist, while Ramsey, Stephens and April Weaver all contributed 4 points apiece. Ramsey also finished with 1 rebound, 3 steals and 4 assists, Stephens with 1 rebound, 1 steal and 3 assists and Weaver with 1 rebound.

Rounding out the scoring for the Eagles were Marcia Kaus and Rishonna Martin with 2 points each. Kaus also cleared the glass 3 times and Martin grabbed 2 rebounds and had 2 assists.

Ouch! Playing with a broken toe, Lauren Cox came away with 3 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 blocked shot and Shea McKee was still sidelined with an ankle injury.

Eagles shot 48 percent from 2-point range and 41 percent from beyond the arc, while cashing in on 61 percent from the charity stripe.

Allison DeLeon was top scorer for Ulysses with 12. H. Fry pocketed 7, Heaton 6, and Trejo, Franco and A. Fry 2 apiece.

The 2003-04 season for Ulysses comes to a close with a record of 0-21.

<h3>Sports Line</h3>	<b>Colby activities</b>	<b>Colby College</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday — Colby Eagle basketball ladies vs. Hugoton at Ulysses, semifinals of 4A Sub-State Tournament, 7:30 p.m.</li> <li>Friday — Eagle basketball boys vs. Larned at Ulysses in the semifinals of the 4A Sub-State Tournament, 6 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Today — Trojan ladies vs. Allen County, 7 p.m., Colby Community Building, Region VI Tournament; Trojan men vs. Allen County, at Iola, 7 p.m., Region VI Tournament; Trojan baseball plays Otero Junior College this afternoon here.</li> </ul>

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### League Bowling Results

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
<b>February 19 - King Pin League</b>			
T.J.'s Tire	15.5	8.5	66964
Thunderballs	15	9	67312
5 Pony Men	14	10	68539
Colby Automotive	13.5	10.5	68083
A & R Farms	12	12	66615
Colby Bowl & Fun Center	11.5	12.5	67698
Stephens Construction	8.5	15.5	67498
Triple K Racing	6	18	66923
First high individual game: Brandon Hellmuth, 266			
First high individual series: Lonnie Brogan, 709			
<b>February 23 - First Nighters League</b>			
Schlick Construction	3	1	77727
Coors	3	1	70516
Colby Implement	2	2	77510
Code Red	2	2	76964
Frontier Equity	2	2	76703
Woolter Well & Pump	2	2	76487
OutCasts of Oakley	1	3	78099
Colby Bowl	1	3	72730
First high individual game: Tom Lawson, 249			
First high individual series: Jay Hipp, 742			
<b>February 25 - Ladies Nite Out League</b>			
Horlacher Jewelry	18	6	51327
Lobo Liquor	17	7	51636
Sunflower Bank	16	8	51416
Strike Outs	13	11	51667
Colby Bowl	13	11	51270
Who-No's	12.5	11.5	51577
Straight Line	10.5	13.5	50650
Brooks Inc.	7.5	16.5	50459
Clear Choice	6.5	17.5	51212
Premier Auto	6	18	50808
First high individual game: Ronda Lane, 190			
First high individual series: Ronda Lane, 501			
<b>February 24 - Early Bird Ladies League</b>			
NW Vacuum	20	8	54237
Bowlerettes	18	10	53988
www.strike	15.5	12.5	53679
<b>February 25 - Powderpuff League</b>			
Camouflage Lawn Care	12	8	49261
Western Sprinklers	11	9	49727
Nightmares	11	9	44666
Weiser Insurance	10	10	48987
Service Oil	7	13	49311
First high individual game: Dee Hovda, 214			
First high individual series: Dee Hovda, 612			
<b>February 20 - Ten Pin League</b>			
Western Times	18	6	51682
Sunflower Kitchen Bakery	16.5	7.5	50794
Comfort Inn	16	8	51595
Colby Bowl	15	9	51530
Hurt Enterprises	14	10	51664
Don's Electric	11.5	12.5	51054
Cal Williams	10.5	13.5	51140
Passion Party	9	15	50861
Colby Community College	8	16	50791
Oasis Travel Center	8	16	45992
L & R Promotions	7.5	16.5	46160
First high individual game: Mary Hurtt, 202			
First high individual series: Rachel Smith, 513			

## Trojan men take it to the road

Our season could be hours from over as you're reading this column. We ended the regular season at 24-6 with a 10-6 conference mark for a share of third place. Due to tie breakers we were seeded the #5 team out of the West and are in Iola preparing for tonight's Region VI playoff game vs. Allan County.



**Brian Ostermann**

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age everyone to make the trip. Our challenge tonight is great but where there is a great challenge there is an even greater opportunity.

**Jottings**

The Lady Trojans finished the regular season 27-3 and ranked #8 in this year's final junior college poll. The women finished as co-champions of the Jayhawk West. Congrats to coach Stephens and the team. The school record for the ladies was 24-8. This is the best women's team in Colby Community College history. The Ladies have locked up a home playoff game for the second straight year and will be the #2 team (due to tie breaker) in the Jayhawk West. They play Allen County in the Colby Community Building at 7 p.m.

The men finished the regular season at 24-6 and are ranked #15 in the final NJCAA Division I poll. We started the season ranked #7 in the pre-season poll and climbed as high as #2 on Dec. 14. The men finished the season in a 3-way tie for third place at 10-6. Due to the complicated tie breaker the Trojans are the #5 seed and must play on the road. This is the second consecutive season the Trojans have finished 24-6 in regular season play.

The sophomore class has won more games in their two season's (50) than any other Trojan class in school history. This team tied the school record with 14 consecutive wins and also holds the second

longest home court winning streak set at 18 straight.

Branden Miller has connected on 95 3-pointers on the season (95 of 232 for 41 percent). The school record is 96 (96 of 266 for 36 percent) set by Demetrius Sommerville in 1994-1995. Sommerville did hold the career 3-point mark (177 of 485 for 37 percent) until Branden surpassed him on Saturday night. Branden's career mark is 180 made 3's (180 of 475 for 38 percent).

Justin Williams is the career and single season shot block leader in Trojan history. This season he has 143 and counting and during his stellar career he is at 266 and counting. Justin also has 599 career rebounds and 779 career points.

E.J. Drayton is the school's second all-time leading scorer passing Larry House (1,044 points). E.J. has 1,101 points and still counting. Curtis Gates is the school's all-time leading scorer with 1,529 career points. Branden Miller is closing in on 1,000 points — he currently has 950 points in his career. Only four Trojans have scored 1,000 points (Terrell Harris is the other, he scored 1,001).

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