

Boys fall in OT

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If someone were to just watch the first quarter of the Colby vs. McCook game Tuesday they would see why the Eagles are still seeking their first win of the season.

But for those who watched the entire game, it's hard to believe that several wins aren't already in the books.

Colby junior Trey Barnett had a career night as he led the Eagles in a comeback attempt that again fell short in overtime, 85-77.

Barnett's 40 points were impressive considering he only missed four shots all night and was a perfect 10 for 10 from the foul line.

Barnett matched his third quarter production in the final quarter by scoring 14 points, the last two coming on two free throws with five seconds remaining in the game to tie the score at 73. McCook's swingman Arterburn missed a desperation three-pointer at the buzzer sending the game to overtime.

"The guys made a heck of a comeback but we have to get out to a better start and not dig ourselves such a deep hole," said Colby coach Derek Bissitt. "Trey Barnett was definitely in the zone last night. To score 40 points on only 17 shots is pretty amazing. But, I was even more impressed with his 14 rebounds."

In overtime, McCook got an offensive rebound and scored giving the Bison a two point lead. Colby freshman Stephen Dinkel was fouled at the 2:24 mark, but missed both foul shots. McCook promptly came down and hit a three pointer to give them a five-point margin. Stover canned a baseline jumper with 1:27 remaining to get the Eagles back within three, but that would be as close as they could get.

McCook scored the game's first 15 points before a jumper by junior Trevor Siebert finally put Colby on the board.

The loss drops the Eagles to 0-9 on the season Colby travels to Hoxie Friday.

Colby wrestlers take second

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The Colby High School wrestlers finished second in the 24th annual Southwest Classic in Liberal Saturday.

A field of 15 teams from as far away as New Mexico and Amarillo, Texas, competed. Garden City, a 6A school, took the title with 226 points, followed by Colby 186.5.

Three Eagles qualified for the championship finals and all three brought home individual championships in their respective weight classes. Another similarity of all three was they each defeated a number one ranked wrestler to win their titles.

Those included Brent Luedke 4-0, at 112 lbs., Cole Garcia 3-0, at 140, and Taylor Finley 4-0, at 145.

Luedke pinned New Mexico's number one ranked wrestler in 112 lb class. Garcia pinned the number one ranked 5A wrestler in his weight class from McPherson. Finley defeated a Ulysses wrestler who was ranked number one in 4A at 6-0.

Two others who won the consolation finals giving them third place honors were Trenton Powell, 4-1 at 119 lbs. and Daniel Gonzales, 4-1 at 135. Bryan Brewer, 2-2 at 103 lbs. and Hunter Olsen, 3-2 at 125 lost in their consolation finals matches and finished in fourth place.

Other Eagle wrestlers, their place, and records are as follows:

130 lb.: Jared Flanagan, fifth, 4-2.
152, Kyle Withington, fifth, 3-2.
160, Tanner Kriss fifth 3-2.
171, Tyson Plumisto, did not place, 2-2.
189, Treat Bugbee sixth, 2-3.
215, Nick Kriss, did not place, 1-2.
275 Taylor Brown, did not place, 2-2.

Senior Cole Garcia, who remains unbeaten on the year, also was voted the Outstanding Wrestler of the Classic. Colby hosts Hoxie Thursday for a dual competition. Matches begin at 6:30 at the high school gym.



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Colby High School Lady Eagle Lissa Mazanec, left, defended against McCook's Jessica Harris during their game Tuesday at the Colby Community Building.

Eagle girls deny McCook

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The Lady Eagles didn't give the McCook Bison a chance when they needed one in Colby's 58-56 win Tuesday at home.

Colby's Paige Stephens made the front end of a one-and-one with four seconds left to give the Eagles a two point lead. She missed the second free throw and McCook grabbed the rebound but was not able to get the ball down the court for a last shot.

Sophomore Lissa Mazanec again led the way for Colby netting 25 points and eight rebounds, seven of them on the offensive end. She had 13 of her points in the first half.

Colby found themselves down by as many as nine points before intermission. They were able to put on a run at the end of the second quarter

to tie the game at 34.

Both teams traded baskets throughout the third quarter and it ended with McCook holding a 48-46 lead.

Placzek from McCook hit a basket and was fouled to start the fourth quarter. She missed the free throw, but got the rebound and put it back to give the Bison a six point lead.

Paige Stephens grabbed an offensive rebound at about the 5:00 mark and made a shot to pull the Eagles to within one.

The Bison got a jumper to fall with 4:38 left to stretch the lead back to three at 54-51. Mazanec made both sides of a one-and-one and then got another put back of a missed shot with 2:30 left to give the Eagles a one point lead.

McCook made a jumper that would end up being their last points

with 1:26 left.

Paige Stephens shot underneath with 50 seconds remaining to put Colby on top again 57-56.

After a McCook turnover, Colby was in the process of running out the clock when Mazanec was fouled with 12 seconds left for a one and one. Her free throw rimmed off, but junior Ashley Barnes was able to tip the rebound to Paige Stephens who was able to grab it before she was fouled to set up her final free throw that sealed the game.

For the game, the Eagles shot 41 percent. Barnes and Zanae Baird each scored eight points. Colby outrebounded McCook 32-30. Jessica Stephens had four rebounds, and Tasha Wagoner had three.

The win raises Colby's record to 8-1. Friday Colby travels to Hoxie. Game starts at 6:30 p.m.

JV Eagle girls still unbeaten

Colby Eagles junior varsity girls basketball team extended its perfect season to 9-0 Tuesday with a 63-51 win over visiting McCook, Neb.

Colby had as much as a 18 point lead in the second half.

Aubrette Stephens led Colby with 21 points. April Weaver added 14 points. Rishonna Mar-

tin scored 11 points.

Colby girls defeated Thomas More Prep 49-40 Jan. 3. Stephens led with 17 points. Weaver scored 10. Tasha Wagner and Taylor Young each scored eight.

JV boys

Colby Eagles junior varsity boys fell to 2-7 after a 65-30 loss Tuesday to McCook. Levi Schlick led

Colby with eight points.

Colby also lost to Goodland Jan. 6. Miller led with seven points. Schlock and Cade Carter each scored six points.

Thomas More Prep defeated the Colby boys 69-30 Jan. 3. Wieland and Carter each scored seven points to lead the Eagles. Zhe Du scored five points.

Trojan women edge out Cloud County

The Colby Community College Lady Trojans improved their record to 13-2 with an overtime win Saturday at Cloud County Community College.

Trojan Val Jackson completed two free throws to seal the 79-77 victory.

The Trojans had knotted the game at 77-77 when Suzana Sormaz knocked down a three-point shot with 30 seconds left in overtime. Cloud County then had the opportunity to get a final shot for the win. Freshman guard Lindsey Klug missed a shot and Jackson grabbed the rebound.

Cloud County's Stanecia Graham fouled Jackson with 5.9 seconds left. Cloud County's Kina Miller's three-point attempt bounced off the rim as time expired.

The Lady Trojans are 2-0 in Jayhawk Conference competition and 11-2 in non-conference games.

Colby head coach Tom Stephens was pleased with the team's performance.

"All the women played hard," said Stephens. "We had three of our starters who fouled out. The depth on the bench was instrumental in securing the win."

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Sormaz knocked down a three-point shot with 30 seconds left.

"The only way we could lose is the way we did," Cloud County coach Brett Erkenbrack said.

The loss was the first at home this season for the T-Birds, and snapped their nine-game winning streak. Cloud County is now 14-2 overall and 1-1 in the conference. Colby improved to 13-2 overall and 2-0 in the West.

"That was a pretty high level game," Erkenbrack said. "That was a marquee matchup in the nation, and I think it lived up to that."

Cloud County, which led by as many as seven points in the second half, trailed 71-69 in the closing seconds of regulation when freshman Kelsey Nelson drove to the basket. Nelson didn't get the shot to fall, but drew a foul with 3.8 seconds on the clock. She made both free throws to draw the T-Birds even at 71-71.

Shareka Purnell missed a long attempt as time expired, and the game went to overtime.

The Lady Trojans play Barton County 6 p.m. today at the Community Building.

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Late surge leaves Trojan men behind

The Colby Trojans wouldn't go away, so the Cloud County Thunderbirds had to put them away.

When Colby's Nate Bowie hit a three-point shot with 4:05 remaining, Colby had trimmed a 16-point Cloud County lead to 75-71.

Cloud County responded by holding the Trojans without a field goal the rest of the way and using a 15-2 surge to lock up a 90-73 Jayhawk Conference Western Division win, Saturday.

Colby dropped to 7-8 overall and 0-2 in the conference.

"We have to stop being of the position of being behind and making a comeback," said first year head coach John Woods. "The team is getting better each game and fought hard to get within four points in the second half, but we have to work even harder and come up with the win."

Cloud County seemed to be on its way to an easy win when it led 61-45 seven minutes into the second half, but Colby didn't back down. Trailing 64-50, the Trojans went on a 10-2 run to close the gap to 66-60.

Cloud County's Geremey

Gibson hit two free throws and Reid Hein made one of two to extend the Cloud County lead to 69-60.

Trojan Hellion Knight connected on four free throws in a span of 26 seconds, and Colby trailed 69-64 with under eight minutes to play. Cloud County responded with baskets by Cassin Diggs and Mamadou Sy to push the lead back to nine points at 73-64.

It was a 75-67 T-Birds lead when Bowie hit one of two free throws and then buried a three to make it 75-71.

Cloud County, which has won seven straight games, wouldn't let the Trojans get any closer. James Williams scored on a drive. Egan Grafel completed a three-point play and then hit two more free throws, and Gibson threw down a dunk to put the T-Birds up 84-71.

Bowie led Colby with 21 points. Knight had 20 for the Trojans. Colby was just 22 of 57 from the field for 39 percent and 23 of 39 from the line for 64 percent. Colby faces Barton County at 8 p.m. today in Colby.

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Discussing the latest technology, methods, and conservation practices to improve crop production on the High Plains

Time	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Exhibit Hall
7:30 - 7:45 a.m.			Registration		
7:45 - 9:15	Management of Jointed Goatgrass* - Room 1			Registration	
University Sessions			Industry Sessions		
9:25 - 10:13	NW KS Crop Rotations	Auto Steer for Farm Machinery*	Skip-row Corn & Grain Sorghum	Do's/Don't's Strip-till	Sponsor Displays
10:20 - 11:08	Impact of Wheat Stubble Height in No-till	Grazing Crop Residue	No-till/Wildlife Enhancement	4720 John Deer Solution (Mach/ Equip/Industry info)	
11:15 - 12:03	No-till Wheat Versus Conventional-till				
12:10 - 12:58	Skip-row Corn and Grain Sorghum			Lunch will be	
1:05 - 1:53	Economic Impact of No-till on Land Rental Arrangements		No-till/Wheat Stubble Height	served	
2:00 - 2:48	Farmer Panel - fallow versus Continuous Wheat	Soil Quality and No-till	Economic Impact of No-till	Sunflower Prod/Prob.	Sponsor Displays
2:55 - 3:43	Wildlife Enhancement & Rodent Control in No-till	No-till Wheat vs Conventional-till	Effect of Planting Wheat Late	Natl Grain Sorghum/50 yrs (Mach /Equip/Industry info)	
3:50 - 4:38	Farmer Panel - Crop Rotations	Dryland Strip-till	No-till/Land Rental Arrangements	Drift Control/Case IH spray	
4:45 - 5:33	Long-term Economic Impact of No-till	The Effect of Planting Wheat Late	Soil Quality and No-till	GPS/Auto Steer solutions	
5:35 - 8:00 p.m.	Industry Sponsored Bull session (refreshments and heavy hor d'oeuvres provided) in commercial display area				

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\$15.00 - Attend sessions from 9:25 a.m. on throughout the day

\$30.00 - **After January 27 or at the door**

All registrations include proceedings for conference along with refreshments and mails (breakfast, lunch, supper). For questions, please call 785-462-6281.

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