

Colby's bench helps in win

By Tracy Rogers
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Colby Lady Eagles clicked on all cylinders at Quinter Friday in a 63-40 victory. Colby coach Derek Bissitt finally got what he's been looking for all season, at least three girls in double figures scoring.

Lissa Mazanec led the way with 20, followed by Paige Stephens 14 and Tasha Wagoner 10.

"We had an all around good team effort. I thought we shared the ball extremely well in the first half and made the extra pass to get the open shot. We definitely played nine deep very well," he said.

Quinter's Crystal Quint hit the game's first shot, but that would be the only time Colby would trail. Mazanec had a three point play at the six minute mark, followed by a basket from Wagoner a few seconds later.

Jocelyn Anderson made a three footer to make the score 5-4 before Rishonna Martin got an offensive rebound and put back to make it 7-4. Martin then hit a jumper from the left wing.

After another Anderson basket, the Eagles took control of the game by going on a 15-0 run that lasted midway into the second quarter. Stephens came in off the bench to have six of the 15 points during that run.

The Eagles took a 21-point lead into the lockerroom, 36-15, and maintained that margin throughout most of the second half.

Bissitt commented, "It was good to get Jessica Stephens and Brittany Kersenbrock back to playing, and Paige Stephens and April Weaver really played solid off the bench for us."

Stephens is still recovering from a dislocated shoulder and Kersenbrock saw her first action of the year after having surgery on her ankle in November.

The Eagles pressing defense forced 26 Bulldog turnovers and converted those to 18 points. Colby shot 43 percent from the field to Quinter's 53 percent, but the Eagles got 30 more shots off than did Quinter.

The win raises Colby's record to 14-3 on the year. Quinter is now 8-9. Next up for Colby is another league game as the Goodland Cowgirls, 14-4, come to Colby Tuesday. Colby 15 21 13 14 63 Quinter 6 9 15 10 40

Colby: Martin 40-08, Wagoner 5 0-0 10, J. Stephens 0 0-0 0, P. Stephens 5 4-4 14, Kersenbrock 0 0-00, Barnes 00-00, Weaver 30-06, Young 00-00, Mazanec 84-520, Baird 0 5-8 5.

Quinter: Coberly 2 1-1 5, Stover 0 0-0 0, Kesler 2 3-4 8, Leathers 1 0-0 2, Bird 20-04, Machen 00-00, Quint 2 1-2 5, Harvey 0 0-0 0, Nemechek 2 0-0 4, Evans 0 0-0 0, Anderson 44-6 12.

3-point goals - Colby none. Quinter 1, Kesler. Team fouls - Colby 15, Quinter 11. Fouled out - none.

Golden Plains girls move to 17-1

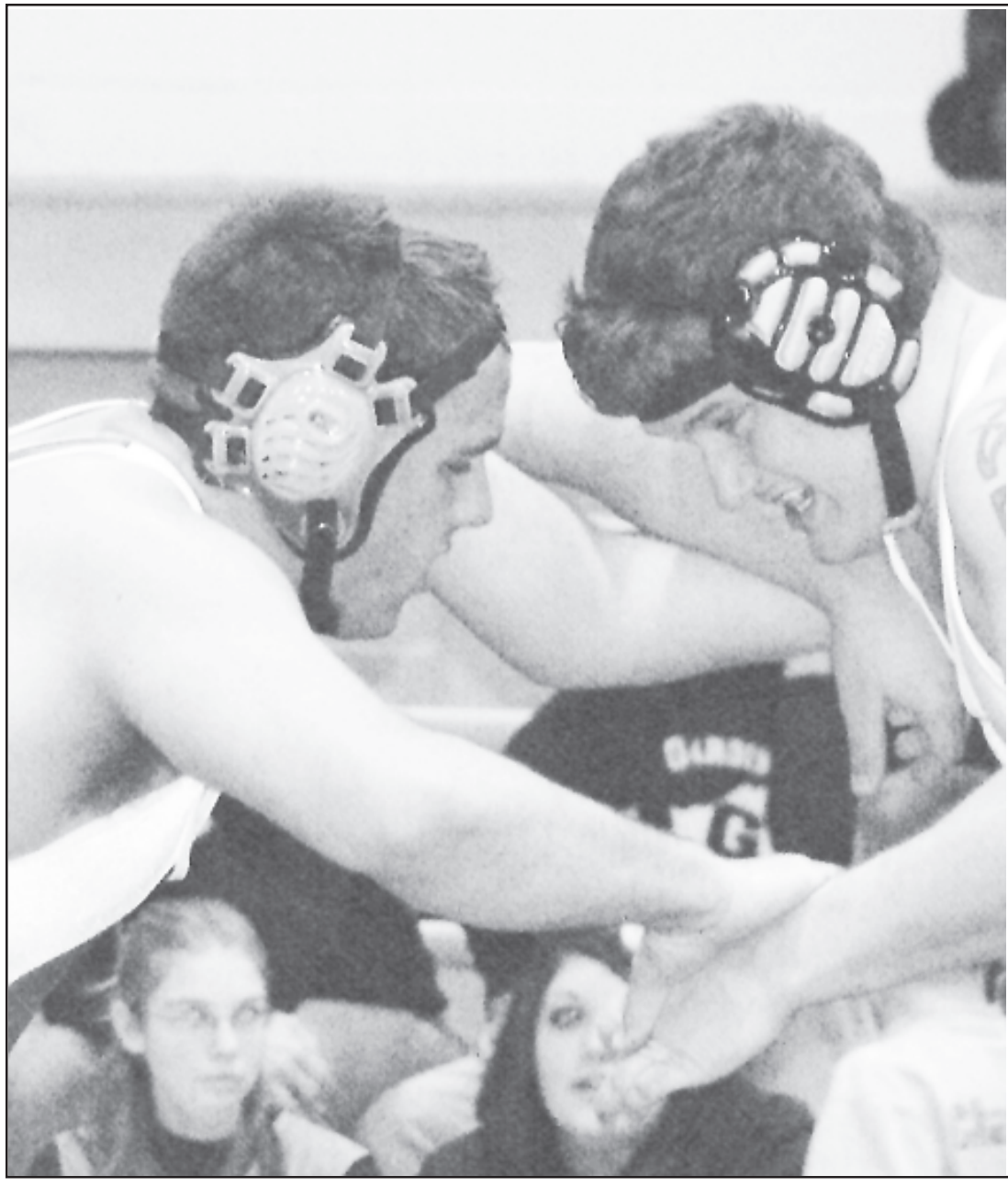
Golden Plains downed Rawlins County Saturday 58-42 in non-league action in Rexford.

The Lady Bulldogs bolted out to an 18-7 lead after one quarter and increased that lead to 56-35 midway through the fourth period before emptying the bench.

Eight players got in the scoring column led by Katelyn Spresser's 15 points and Jessica Shaw's 14. Kendra Spresser added 10 while Megan Juenemann scored six.

Golden Plains shot 49 percent (22-45) from the field. The Lady Bulldogs could manage only 39 percent (18-46) from the floor. Golden Plains had a dominating 37-13 advantage on the boards led by Shaw's nine caroms.

Golden Plains defeated



PATTY DECKER/Free Press Editor

Colby High School's Taylor Brown (right), a sophomore, put on his game face Friday night when he went up against Rafe Schafer, a senior, with the Garden City Buffaloes in the heavyweight class at Colby. Brown lost by a fall in the second period.

Eagle wrestlers lose last duals

By Tracy Rogers
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Colby wrapped up their dual competition for the year Friday hosting the Garden City Buffaloes in Senior Recognition night.

The Eagles came out on the short end in a 44-16 loss. This marks just the second loss on the season in duals, the other coming to the hands of Goddard in December.

Colby coach Mitch Beims said, "We won only five of 14 matches. We had some guys out due to illness, etcetera, but they out wrestled us on this night. We will be better prepared this weekend for regionals."

Results of the individual matches were:

103 lbs.: Bryan Brewer won 4-0 over Josh Arellano
112: Cody Wark lost by fall to Qunitanar
119: Trenton Powell lost 4-5 to Blackburn
125: Hunter Olsen lost 2-7 to Servin

130: Garrett Zwegardt lost by fall to Michael Arellano
135: Jared Flanagan won 10-9 over Martinez
140: Daniel Gonzales lost 6-7 to Padilla
145: Cole Garcia won 4-2 over Kemp
152: Kyle Withington lost by fall to Maldonado
160: Eric Jurek won 8-4 over Rupp
171: Tanner Kriss lost 0-15 to Isrik
189: Michael Juenemann lost by fall to Marez
215: Earren Sporing won 10-2 over Juarez
275: Taylor Brown lost by fall to Schaeffer

The Eagles travel to Russell Friday to compete in a 4A regional.

Junior Varsity results
119 lbs.: Luke Schroeder won by fall over Martinez
119: Jeremy Harter won 6-4 over Martinez
119: Darren Sporing won 6-4 over Franco

125: Nic Harlow lost 8-9 to Johnson
130: Kendall Wehkamp lost 7-9 to Harman
130: Kendall Wehkamp lost by fall to Groth
135: Ryan Baalman won by fall over Claussen
135: Lincoln McClure won 11-4 over Patterson
145: Breck Arnberger won by fall over Garrison
145: Jesse Hawk won 7-2 over Garrison
152: Adam Schroeder lost by fall to McGraw
160: Austin Taylor won 19-3 over Romero
160: Scott McCoy won by fall over Romero
171: Chase Vaughn lost by fall to Rapp
189: Matt Ryan lost by fall to Rupp
215: Aaron Morton lost by fall to Rodriguez
275: Zach Thompson lost 0-4 to Reyes
275: Zach Thompson won by fall over Ortiz

Poor shooting sinks Colby boys

By Tracy Rogers
Colby Free Press

On a night when both teams shoot 28 percent, one would expect a low scoring game. That's exactly what fans got Friday when Colby boys lost 45-38 Friday at Quinter.

Colby trailed 6-2 after the first period, with the only Eagle basket coming from Trevor Siebert at the

3:32 mark. The second quarter saw the scoring pick up somewhat as Quinter built an 11-point lead, 24-13, going into the break.

Colby coach Derek Bissitt changed the starting lineup for the third quarter, trying to find some offensive spark. He found it in freshman Levi Schlick. After Ethan Stover hit the first shot of the second half for the Eagles, Schlick proceeded to score the next 12 points for Colby. After three periods, the score read 30-23 still in favor of the hometown Bulldogs.

Colby was able to get to within five points several times during the last quarter, but couldn't close the gap more than that. Bissitt had high praise for the freshman after the game.

"Levi Schlick had a great game. His effort was outstanding. To be a freshmen and come off the bench and play that hard was awesome. I was very proud of him. We as a team need to get healthy and get back to playing with the intensity

we played with in January."

Schlick led the team with 14 points, followed by Siebert and Trey Barnett each with seven. Senior Nick Howard led the team with 11 rebounds, Schlick completed a double-double, grabbing 10 boards.

The loss drops Colby to 3-14 on the season and Quinter is 12-5. The Goodland Cowboys come to Colby Tuesday, after defeating the Oakley Plainsmen Friday.

Colby 2 11 10 15 38
Quinter 6 18 6 15 45
Colby: Stover 30-06, Siebert 30-07, Barnett 31-27, Dinkel 00-00, Ladenburger 00-00, Howard 20-24, Schlick 46-614, Rohr 00-00.

Quinter: Machen 04-54, Kesler 21-15, Blackwill 48-1316, Reed 31-38, Roesch 00-00, Thielen 00-00, Benisch 01-21, Wittman 00-00, Finger 51-211.

3-point goals - Colby 1, Siebert. Quinter 1, Reed. Team fouls - Colby 21, Quinter 14. Fouled out - Colby, Stover. Quinter, Finger.

Trojan women battle back for win at Seward Co.

By Matt Dickson
Colby Community College

Colby Lady Trojans and coach Tom Stephens have won eight consecutive games but Saturday's 79-67 win at Seward County may have been the most impressive.

Not only was it Stephens' first victory at Seward in his tenure with Colby, but his team was down by as much as 13 points in the second half. The Seward County loss is only their third at home since 1992.

The Lady Saints held Colby to 33 percent (10-for-30) shooting in the first half and took a nine-point lead into the half.

Colby had jumped out to a seven-point lead early, but the 2-2-1 zone Seward implemented made it difficult for the Lady Trojans to find open passes.

In the second half #10 ranked Colby proved they are the team to beat in the Jayhawk West. Trailing by 13 with 16 minutes to go, the Lady Trojans figured out how to beat the zone.

Colby (22-3, 10-1) shot an incredible 83 percent from the floor,

making 19-of-23 shots. Colby shot 7-for-10 from three-point range and also hit 70 percent of free-throws in the second-half.

Rita Kollo and Shareka Purnell were held to two points in the first half and combined for 24 in the second.

The offensive load was carried by Suzana Sormaz (21 points, 5-9 three pointers). Her outside shooting kept Colby in the game early and put Seward away later in the game.

Purnell got into foul trouble early and played the last nine minutes of the game with four fouls. Although she only tallied one steal, she was a constant disturbance for the opposing guards.

For Seward, Amanda McCue and Taushele Rushing each had 18 points. McCue, a solid 5-9 forward from Hutchinson bullied her way to the basket for most of the night.

Colby travels to Great Bend Wednesday to take on Barton County. Colby was defeated by the Lady Cougars 64-61 at home in their previous meeting for their only conference loss of the season. Tipoff is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Trojan men fall behind

By Matt Dickson
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The Colby Community College Trojans dropped their second straight game Saturday in front of a Seward County Homecoming crowd 90-74.

The loss is critical for Colby as they drop to 11-13 overall (4-7 conference). The Saints improve to 18-7 overall (4-7 conference).

Seward began the season 15-0 and sat atop the Jayhawk West until they met the Trojans in Colby Jan. 15. In that match-up, the Trojans ended the Saints' winning streak and began to turn their season around.

Saturday, Colby jumped out to a 4-0 lead before allowing Seward to go on a 23-1 run. The hole the Trojans dug for themselves proved to be too deep as they pressed to get back in the game.

Colby's guard duo of Nate Bowie and Hellion Knight was stifled for

much of the game. Bowie ended the game with 20 points but had only four in the first half. Knight finished with two points, zero assists and one rebound.

The Trojan bright spot was 7-1 freshman Jorge Canedo who was impressive shooting 6-13 from the field, one three pointer and a game high 9-10 from the free-throw line. Canedo also had team high six rebounds and five assists.

Seward used their bench in the win as they pressed for much of the game. Saints point guard, \ Green came off the bench but ended up leading Seward in scoring a career-high 21 points. Green shot 8-8 from the field and made 5-7 free throws while chipping in a team best five assists.

The Trojans are now tied for seventh place with the Saints. Colby travels to Great Bend Wednesday to take on Barton County. The Trojans defeated the Cougars in Colby in their first match up 88-86. Tip off is 8 p.m.

Brewster girls beat Healy

The Brewster High School girls basketball team dominated the Healy Lady Eagles 79-54 Friday in Brewster.

The Lady Dawgs led 24-9 at the end of the first quarter and 43-21 by halftime. They led 66-35 at the end of three.

Four Brewster girls were in double figure scoring. High score came from a Lady Eagle. Shannon Haug nearly single-handedly kept any hopes Healy might have had alive with a 32-point performance.

Dani Bedore led the Lady Bulldogs with 25 points, four rebounds, three steals and two assists. Avery Schultz had 14 points, five rebounds and a steal.

Jalyn Reid had 12 points, three rebounds, two steals and five assists. Audrey Hoyt had 11 points, two rebounds, six steals and four assists.

Megan Allen had seven points, three rebounds, two steals and two assists. Amy Carpenter and Sarah Flanders had four points each. Flanders had four rebounds and Carpenter had two rebounds, three steals and an assist.

Brewster's next action is in Hill City Tuesday. Game time is 6:30

p.m. Brewster plays Grinnell Friday in Brewster. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

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