



Colby's Zanae Baird, left, fought for position against Goodland's Emily Murray Tuesday in Goodland's 44-42 win in Colby.

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Colby boys can't corral Cowboys

By Tracy Rogers
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Chalk this one up as another lesson learned for a young team — the lesson being you can't let yourselves get down by 20 points and expect to make it all the way back.

The Colby Eagle boys came away with another single-digit loss Tuesday to the Goodland Cowboys, 61-53. The Eagles fell victim to the red hot shooting of Goodland's Mikey Doll, 6-7 from three point range and game high 20 points overall.

Also, Jace Herl's 19 points, eight rebounds and nine assists helped Goodland rise to 13-6 on the year. Colby falls to 3-15.

In the first quarter teams traded baskets with Colby's scoring coming from juniors Trevor Siebert and Trey Barnett.

Junior Anthony Rohr hit a 12 foot jumper to cut the lead to five. That would be the closest Colby could get for the remainder of the game. Two free throws by Doll and a three pointer by Herl quickly built up a 10-point lead for Goodland, before freshman Levi Schlick made a conventional three-point play. The Cowboys went on a 7-0 run, but Colby scored eight of the quarter's last 10 points to make the halftime score 33-23.

Goodland had another 7-0 run to extend their lead in the third quarter. Baskets by

Ladenburger and sophomore Ethan Stover closed out the period to make the score 47-31 going into the final quarter.

The Eagles refused to go away. Siebert opened the period with a three pointer of his own then freshman Stephen Dinkel hit a 15 footer from the right wing to cut the Cowboy lead to 11.

Two three pointers from Doll and one from Herl got the Cowboys some more breathing room before Colby tried in vain to make a final run at the visitors from Goodland.

Colby was led in scoring by Siebert with 17 and Barnett 14, followed by Stover with seven. The Eagles won the rebounding edge 25-21 and only had 12 turn-overs for the game.

"Our guys didn't give up and battled back from down 20 points to make it a tight game. I thought we shot the ball really well but in the end our young guys don't have the experience of their seniors and juniors," said Colby coach Derek Bissitt. "With age and maturity comes experience, and that was a key in Goodland winning this game."

Next up for Colby is the season's final home game Friday against Atwood.

Colby 8 15 8 22 - 53
Goodland 14 19 14 14 - 61

Colby - Stover 30-27, Siebert

6 4-4 17, Barnett 6 2-2 14, Dinkel 10-0-2, Ladenburger 30-0-6, Howard 00-0-0, Schlick 21-4 5, Rohr 10-0-2.

Goodland - Herl 8 1-2 19, Beeson 00-0-0, Chatfield 00-0-0, Fenner 20-0-4, Dautel 31-1 7, Angelos 12-2-4, Doll 70-1 20, Smith 12-3-4, Williams 11-2-3.

3-point goals - Colby 2(Stover, Siebert). Goodland 8(Herl 2, Doll 6). Team fouls - Colby 13, Goodland 16. Fouled out - Ladenburger - Colby.

JV Eagle boys lose

Colby junior varsity boys basketball team lost to Goodland 57-27 Tuesday.

Stephen Dinkel and Mitchel Tuma each had seven points to lead Colby. Anthony Rohr scored four.

Colby also lost to Quinter 54-32 Friday. Dinkel led Colby with 14 points. Levi Schlick scored 10 points.

Colby is 7-10 overall.

Goodland girls escape with win

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Right from the start this game looked like one that would come down to a last second shot or overtime, but unfortunately for Eagle fans it was neither.

Goodland's Katie Billinger hit a wide open jumper from the left wing with 4 seconds remaining to give the Cowgirls a 44-42 victory over Colby Tuesday.

Colby's attempt to get a last-second shot off failed after contact was made near midcourt and the ball was knocked away from Jessica Stephens.

After leading the first half, the Eagles fell behind Goodland in the third quarter when Whitney Archer went on a three-point shooting spree. She hit one with 2:33 remaining in the period and then another one a minute later to give the Cowgirls an eight-point lead.

Colby's Paige Stephens made one of two free throws with 35 seconds left and then Lissa Mazanec got an offensive rebound and put back with five seconds remaining in the third quarter to close the Goodland lead to 35-30.

Mazanec was fouled going to the basket to start off the fourth quarter and made one of her free throws to cut the lead to four. But Archer drilled another three-pointer to extend the lead back to seven.

The two teams traded baskets over the next four minutes before Mazanec made a turnaround jumper in the lane to cut the deficit

to four again with 2:48 left in the game. When Goodland failed to score on their next possession, the Eagles got the ball into Mazanec again and was fouled. She made the front end of a one and one, but missed the second.

Seventeen seconds later Goodland's Emily Murray was fouled and went to the line for two shots. She made one of two to give the Cowgirls a four-point lead. Eagle Tasha Wagoner came down and hit a shot from 15 feet to cut it to two.

Goodland was trying to run the clock out when Paige Stephens made a steal near midcourt and drove in for a game tying layup with 34 seconds left. That's when it was looking like another overtime game. Colby beat Goodland earlier this season in overtime at Goodland, but that's when Billinger hit her game-winning shot.

The Eagles were led in scoring once again by Mazanec with 22, followed by Rishonna Martin, six, and Ashley Barnes, four.

Mazanec led in rebounds completing another double-double with 12. Rebounding was a problem for the Eagles. As a team, they were outrebounded by the Cowgirls.

"Rebounding killed us. They doubled us up 38-19 on rebounds and when it comes to big games, rebounding wins championships. That's why they will be league

champs and not us," said Colby coach Derek Bissitt.

There was also a 15-3 difference on the offensive rebounds, which lead to 12 second chance points for Goodland.

There's a good chance these two teams will meet again this season in Sub-State, and it's likely that game could determine which one makes it to state.

Colby falls to 14-4 on the year, and Goodland raises their record to 15-4. Colby's four losses have each been to a team from a different class; Hoxie, 2A; Beloit, 3A; Goodland, 4A and Hays 5A.

Colby hosts Atwood Friday which is also Senior Recognition night.

Colby 14 8 8 12 - 42
Goodland 10 11 14 9 - 44

Colby: Martin 22-2 6, Wagoner 10-0 2, J. Stephens 10-0 2, P. Stephens 11-2 3, Kersenbrock 00-0 0, Barnes 20-0 4, Mazanec 10 2-5 22, Baird 11-2 3.

Goodland: Billinger 20-0 4, Raymer 20-0 4, Murray 12-4 4, Shields 10-0 2, Swager 00-0 0, Koehler 81-3 17, Archer 50-0 13.

3-point goals - Colby none. Goodland 3, (Archer 3). Team fouls - Colby 12, Goodland 10. Fouled out - none.

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