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Colby High School Lady Eagle Jessica Stephens shadowed a Hugoton player during a first-round substate matchup Monday at the Colby Community Building. Colby beat the Hugoton Eagles.

Colby girls cruise in first round

By Tracy Rogers
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The Colby Lady Eagles took care of business against the Hugoton Lady Eagles Monday at the Community Building.

Everyone on the team saw playing time and got on the scoreboard during the 76-38 Colby first round substate victory.

Ashley Barnes started the scoring for Colby by hitting her first two shots. Hugoton's Britta Gustafson made two free throws and Kristen Schnitker hit a jumper with 5:24 on the clock to tie the game at four.

That's when momentum changed. Zanae Baird drove the baseline and made a lay-up to start a 9-0 run for Colby. She made one of two free throws 30 seconds later, and then got an offensive rebound and put back at the 4:14 mark.

Baskets by Jessica Stephens and Tasha Wagoner closed out the run before Hugoton's Kaylan Martin got one to fall. Then Barnes started a 14-point run with a jumper from the right wing that didn't stop until the seven minute mark of the second quarter. Colby took a 20-point lead into the locker-room at 34-14.

The Eagles full court press didn't allow Hugoton to get anything

started in the third quarter as Lissa Mazanec scored the first 10 points of the second half.

A couple of the baskets came as the result of some nifty passes from Jessica Stephens. The Eagles extended their lead to 54-23 by the end of the third quarter.

The fourth quarter saw everyone getting playing time and when Aubrette Stephens hit a 5 footer at the final buzzer, it sealed the deal of all Colby players contributing to the final score.

Three Eagles were in double figures for the game with Mazanec leading the way with 19, followed by Baird's 11 and Barnes' 10. Colby's bench outscored Hugoton's bench 25-2.

Mazanec led the team in rebounds with seven, Baird had five, and Jessica Stephens and Paige Stephens both had three boards.

"It was a good first round game for us and a nice way for the two seniors to play their last home game," said Colby coach Derek Bissitt.

The Eagles travel to Scott City Thursday for a semi-final game against rival Goodland, who defeated Scott City 66-35.

On the other side of the bracket, top seeded Larned downed Russell

67-30, and fourth-seeded TMP defeated Ulysses 47-32.

Colby 22 12 20 22 — 76
Hugoton 6 8 9 15 — 38

Colby: Martin 20-04, Wagoner 2 0-0 4, J. Stephens 3 1-2 7, A. Stephens 1 0-0 2, P. Stephens 3 0-1 6, Kersenbrock 2 1-1 5, Barnes 5 0-0 10, Weaver 2 0-0 4, Young 2 0-0 4, Mazanec 9 1-1 19, Baird 3 5-9 11.

Hugoton: Ghumm 0 0-0 0, Concannon 1 1-2 4, Bohl 0 0-0 0, Schnitker 3 0-1 7, Slaughter 0 2-2 2, A. Gustafson 1 2-4 4, Duncan 0 0-0 0, Intres 0 0-0 0, Martin 2 0-0 4, Jimenez 0 0-0 0, B. Gustafson 6 5-6 17.

3-point goals — Colby, none. Hugoton 2 (Concannon, Schnitker). Team fouls — Colby 15, Hugoton 16. Fouled out — Hugoton, A. Gustafson.

Wrestling banquet March 9

The Colby High School wrestling awards potluck dinner will be 6:30 p.m. March 9 at the high school commons.

Drinks will be provided. People are asked to bring their own table service.

Thomas More Prep ends Eagles season

By Tracy Rogers
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Colby's boys basketball team ran into some buzzsaws disguised as Monarchs from Thomas More Prep.

The defending 3A state champ from a year ago is attempting to add the same title in the 4A classification this year. Thomas More Prep began their quest with a 81-46 win over Colby Tuesday in first round substate play in Hays.

The Eagles had trouble getting good looks at the basket for much of the first half, and an even harder time getting shots to fall as evidenced by their 23 percent shooting in the first half. TMP jumped out to a 17-8 lead after one, and extended it to 39-16 by halftime on 60 percent shooting.

Coming out in the third quarter, Colby turned the ball over on their first three possessions and the Monarchs converted each of them into points to build a 29 point lead.

"I was really impressed with the way TMP passes the ball. With their size and quickness, it made it very difficult for us to throw around or over their traps," said Colby coach Derek Bissitt.

TMP won the rebounding battle

Golden Plains girls advance

Cross-county rivals Brewster and Golden Plains girls met for the fourth time this season in the regional finals Saturday with Brewster coming out on top 48-45.

Golden Plains' Valerie Broeckelman led the scoring with 17 points while Katelyn Spreser added 15.

Golden Plains will face Grinnell 7:30 p.m. Friday in Phillipsburg in the sub-state.

Friday in semi-final play, Golden Plains jumped out to a 22-5 lead after one quarter and never looked back in defeating Weskan 62-44.

Brockelman scored a career high 21 points.

37-20, and both teams ended with 13 turnovers.

Stover and Trevor Siebert led the Eagles each scoring with 12 points. They were followed by Levi Schlick's seven points. Barnett scored six and Ladenburger and Anthony Rohr each had four points. Nick Howard scored one.

Howard played his final game as a high school athlete, as he is the only senior on the roster.

Bissitt challenged his guys to "get in the weightroom this summer to become stronger and faster."

"I would encourage all my players to stay active and go out for other sports between now and next year's basketball season."

The Eagles finished with a record of 5-16, while TMP moves to 18-3. Bissitt was assisted this year by coaches Tom Bowen and Beau Sheets.

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