

Golden Plains out after one

Randolph-Blue Valley denied the Golden Plains girls basketball team the chance to improve from their fourth-place finish at the state tournament from a year ago.

Randolph-Blue Valley defeated Golden Plains 48-44 Wednesday in first-round action at the 1A state tournament at Fort Hays State University.

Golden Plains trailed 44-40 with :52 seconds left in the game before

Randolph-Blue Valley was able to make three free throws to secure their lead. Trailing by five with 24 seconds, Golden Plains was unable to make a basket and was forced to foul.

Katelyn Spreser led Golden Plains with 16 points. Kendra Spreser scored 12 and Birttany Ritter scored nine points.

Golden Plains shot 40 percent from the field, 19-47. At the free

throw line Golden Plains was 4-7.

The game was tied at 23 at halftime and Golden Plains led at the beginning of the fourth quarter 35-31.

Randolph-Blue Valley outscored Golden Plains 17-9 in the fourth.

Golden Plains ends the season 23-2. Randolph-Blue Valley plays South Haven at 3 p.m. Friday in the semifinal round. South Haven defeated Quinter 75-50 Wednesday.

Colby girls: Experience has helped

By John Van Nostrand
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A year later, Colby High girl's basketball team is a little older, more experienced, has more weapons — and headed to the state tournament.

"It's the experience," said coach Derek Bissitt comparing this year's team to last. "And being more comfortable in the system and it's the same system as last year."

Colby plays its first-round game in the 4A state basketball tournament 8:15 p.m. today against Columbus at the Bicentennial Center in Salina.

Colby lost its chance to play in state last year. Goodland beat Colby in substate semifinals. That rematch happened again Saturday in the substate finals, but the results of that game, and last season, were different.

"We have three seniors and four juniors," Bissitt said. "That makes a difference in experience, maturity."

Last year, Colby finished 16-6. Colby is 21-2 this year.

But there is more to Colby's improved record than the starters.

Junior Lissa Mazanec said she was focused on what this year's Eagles team can do to make it to state.

"We are a lot better rounded team," she said. "We can shoot from the outside and not rely on one person. If you stop one of us, there are still four others to deal with."

Bissitt knows what Mazanec is talking about.

"We all got better during the year. Players understanding their role is part of any great team."

Colby's players off the bench, like Aubrette Stephens, April Gee and April Weaver, know their duties, Bissitt said. Gee, a freshman, was key in Colby's win Saturday over Goodland at substate. She scored eight points in the fourth quarter to give Colby a 10-point lead.

Colby's two losses this year were at Goodland, once in December and in February.

Colby junior Tasha Wagoner said those losses were forgotten after tip-off in the substate championship game.

"Our goal was to go to state," Wagoner said. "We knew Goodland had beat us twice, but that was not important. Going to state, that is what we focused on. Goodland is the rival. We had to play better."

Wagoner's perception of the team relates to what Bissitt has seen this year's team do.

"The best thing about this group is their consistency as the season



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Colby's Ashley Barnes defended the Pratt shooter during the first round of substate action. Colby's defense, including a full-court press, has helped the Eagles reach the 4A state tournament which starts today in Salina.

went along. We have not played to the level of the competition. It has all been about getting better and performing night in and night out."

What has also helped Colby reach 21 wins this season has been the use of a full-court press. When effective, the press disrupts the opponent's offense, creates turnovers and eventual baskets, or all three.

"We like to mix it up as the game progresses," Bissitt said. "But we do the same press against everybody we play."

Wagoner said the more the team practices the press, the better it can get.

"We do it every practice," she said. "We're hooked on it."

Mazanec said the press can be a

way to put the game out of reach. "The press keeps us intense," she said. "We don't look at the clock or the scoreboard. If you're up by 20 points, great."

The Eagles might want to glance at the scoreboard at the state tournament. Colby is seeded fourth. Columbus is seeded fifth with the same record. All eight teams have 20-plus wins.

"State is loaded, even the eighth seed is 20-3," Bissitt said.

What Bissitt knows about the rest of the state teams is limited. He said Columbus prefers a slower paced game and relies on their 6-2 post player.

The players know state tournament games will be different.

"Playing in western Kansas you see the same players every year, you know what to expect," Mazanec said.

At least Colby knows what to expect from themselves.

TV LISTINGS

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SATURDAY												MARCH 10	
	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	Good Morning Kansas Saturday	Good Morning America (CC)	Good Morning America (CC)	Good Morning America (CC)	That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	Emperor New	Replacements			
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	Today (CC)				Paid Program	Paid Program	Babar (E) (CC)	Dragon (E)	3 2 1 Pen	Veggie-Tales	Jane-Dragon	Jacob Two Two	
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	Saturday Early Show (CC)				News				Cake (E) (CC)	College Basketball: Conference USA Final			
K15CG (2)	Business	Market-Market	Mister Rogers	Thomas-Friends	Jay Jay the Jet	Bob the Builder	Signing-Time!	Dragon-flyTV	Real Moms	Bellydance Fitness Fusion Jazz (CC)	Jerry Baker		
ESPN (28)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)						College GameDay (Live) (CC)		
USA (37)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Monk An actor gets in the way. (CC)				Movie: The Substitute ** (1996, Action) Tom Berenger, Ernie Hudson. (CC)			Movie: Substitute 2: School's Out	
TBS (38)	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Movie: See Spot Run * (2001, Comedy) (PA) David Arquette. (CC)						Movie: Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star ** (2003, Comedy) David Spade.			Movie: Eddie **½ (1996) (CC)	
WGN (39)	Enterprise	Adelante Chicago	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	HomeTeam Best of Compilation (CC)	
TNT (40)	Movie: Starship Troopers *** (1997, Science Fiction) Casper Van Dien. (CC)				Movie: Galaxy Quest *** (1999) Aliens kidnap actors from an old sci-fi TV series.							Movie: The 6th Day (2000) A helicopter pilot is cloned without his consent. (CC)	
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Mega Builders Power plant. (CC)				Mega Builders Moving Mountains	Ultimate Cruise Ship		MythBusters Beat the Radar Detector	
A&E (47)	Murder, She Wrote Killer Radio (CC)	Murder, She Wrote Petrified Florist (CC)			Biography Sandra Bullock (CC)				Biography Angelina Jolie (CC)	Star Wars: Empire of Dreams The trilogy becomes a phenomenon. (CC)			
HIST (48)	Heavy Metal Patrol Torpedo boats. (CC)	Gener-atn	Mail Call (CC)		Wild West Tech Outlaw Tech (CC)				Modern Marvels Candy (CC)	UFO Files Canada's Roswell (CC)		UFO Files Hangar 18: UFO Warehouse	
NICK (55)	Lazy-Town	OddPar-ents	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	OddPar-ents	Tigre: Rivera	Avatar: The Last Airbender (CC)	Nick-toons TV		Nick-toons TV	
DISN (56)	The Wiggles	Higglytown	Ein-steins	Ein-steins	Mickey Mouse	Mickey Mouse	Johnny-Sprites	Handy Manny	Doodle-bops	Charlie & Lola	Lilo & Stitch	Replacements	
FAM (58)	Family Matters	Family Matters	Step by Step	Step by Step	Full House	Full House	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Ground-ed-Life	Ground-ed-Life	Sabrina-Witch	Sabrina-Witch	
HALL (60)	Little House on the Prairie (CC)	Little House on the Prairie (CC)			Movie: That Darn Cat *** (1965) A Siamese cat helps an investigator collar kidnappers. Hayley Mills.							Movie: That Darn Cat ** (1997, Comedy) Christina Ricci.	

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Inside Basket.	Count-down	NASCAR Racing: Busch Series -- Sam's Town 300. From Las Vegas. (Live) (CC)						Paid Program	ABC News	
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	Jeopardy!	Paid Program	Snowboarding: USSA GP		PGA Golf: Tampa Bay Championship -- Third Round. From Tampa, Fla. (Live) (CC)						Paid Program	NBC News	
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	Basketball	College Basketball: Big Ten Tournament Semifinal -- Teams TBA. Chicago. (Live) (CC)			College Basketball: Big Ten Tournament Semifinal -- Teams TBA. Chicago. (Live) (CC)						College Basketball: Pac-10 Final		
K15CG (2)	Jerry Baker	Jerry Baker's Year Round Rose Care			America's Home Cooking: Comfort Food More than 100 recipes that define comfort food.						Brenda Watson's Fiber 35: Nature's Weight Loss Secret		
ESPN (28)	Game-Day	College Basketball: ACC Tournament Semifinal -- Teams TBA. Tampa, Fla. (Live) (CC)			College Basketball: ACC Tournament Semifinal -- Teams TBA. Tampa, Fla. (Live) (CC)						College Basketball: Atlantic 10 Final		
USA (37)	(11:00) Movie: Substitute 2		Movie: Mercury Rising ** (1998, Suspense) Bruce Willis, Alec Baldwin. (CC)						Movie: A Man Apart *½ (2003) A DEA agent searches for his wife's murderer.			Movie: The Fast and the Furious	
TBS (38)	(11:15) Movie: Eddie **½ (1996) Whoopi Goldberg. (CC)		Movie: Little Nicky **½ (2000, Comedy) Adam Sandler.						Movie: A Night at the Roxbury *½ (1998, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Chris Kattan. (CC)			Movie: Road Trip ** (2000) (CC)	
WGN (39)	NASCAR Angels	Cosby Show	Soul Train Carl Carlton: Vanity G.		Movie: Soapdish (1991) A calculating rival plots to sabotage an actress's career. (CC)				America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)			American Idol Rewind CBS 10 to 8	
TNT (40)	Movie: Torque ** (2004, Action) Martin Henderson. (CC)		Movie: The Matrix Reloaded *** (2003, Science Fiction) Freedom fighters revolt against machines. Keanu Reeves. (CC)						Movie: The Fifth Element *** (1997) Bruce Willis. (CC)				
DSC (42)	Dirty Jobs Wine Maker Wine making.	Dirty Jobs Bell Maker (CC)			Really Big Things Largest Telescope				Really Big Things Giant Tree Spade	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	
A&E (47)	Intervention Cristy (CC)	Intervention Betsy (CC)			Intervention Lauren Heroin addiction.				Sell This House! Sell This House!	Clean House	Sell This House!	Sell This House!	
HIST (48)	UFO Files (CC)	Lost Worlds The Pagans (CC)			Lost Worlds (CC)				Lost Worlds (CC)	Last Stand of the 300 Greek soldiers face the Persian Empire.		Seven thousand	
NICK (55)	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Jimmy Neutron	Danny Phantom	OddPar-ents	Avatar: Last Air	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Ned's School	OddPar-ents	
DISN (56)	Movie: The Princess Diaries **½ (2001, Comedy) Julie Andrews. (CC)		American Drgn	American Drgn	Emperor New	Emperor New	Replacements	Replacements	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody		Zack & Cody	
FAM (58)	Sabrina-Witch	Sabrina-Witch	Movie: Agent Cody Banks ** (2003, Adventure) Frankie Muniz, Hilary Duff. (CC)						Movie: Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London ** (2004) Frankie Muniz. (CC)			Movie: Thunderbirds **	
HALL (60)	(10:30) Movie: The Runaway (2000, Drama) Dean Cain, Maya Angelou. (CC)				Movie: The Judge *½ (2001, Mystery) A lawyer must defend a judicial adversary accused of murder. Chris Noth, Edward James Olmos. (CC)								

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KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	News (CC)	Kake News	Movie: The Sixth Sense *** (1999) (PA) A child psychologist counsels a boy who can see dead people. Bruce Willis.						News (CC)	American Idol Rewind CBS 8 to 7	Ent. Tonight		
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Movie: The Italian Job *** (2003, Crime Drama) A thief and his crew plan to steal back their gold. Mark Wahlberg. (CC)						News	Saturday Night Live Drew Barrymore, Lily Allen. (CC)			
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	College Basketball: Pac-10 Final		CSI: NY Fare Game (CC)		Shark Dr. Feelbad (CC)				48 Hours Mystery (CC)	News (CC)	Hilil-ities	Without a Trace Light Years (CC)	
K15CG (2)	Johnny Mathis: Wonderful, Wonderful! A Gold 50th				Daniel O'Donnell: Can You Feel the Love				Elvis Lives: The 25th Anniversary Concert (CC)			Soundstage Jewel	
ESPN (28)	College Basketball: Atlantic 10 Final		College GameDay (Live) (CC)						College Basketball: Big East Tournament Final -- Teams TBA. From New York. (Live) (CC)	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	Midnight Madness	Fast-break	
USA (37)	(5:00) Movie: Fast & Furious		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU				Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Criminal Intent 30		Movie: Breakdown *** (1997) (CC)	
TBS (38)	(5:00) Movie: Road Trip ** (2000) (CC)		Movie: Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle *½ (2004) (CC)						Movie: American Pie Presents: Band Camp (2005, Comedy) Tad Hilgenbrink.			Movie: Vegas Vacation *½ (1997, Comedy) Chevy Chase.	
WGN (39)	Circle of Care: Living		Movie: Basic Instinct ***½ (1992, Suspense) Michael Douglas. (CC)						WGN News at Nine (CC)	Sex and the City	24 Day 2: 12:00 - 1:00PM (CC)	24 (CC)	
TNT (40)	(4:30) Movie: The Fifth Element ***		Movie: Men in Black (1997) Secret agents monitor extraterrestrial activity on Earth.						Movie: The Bourne Supremacy *** (2004, Suspense) Matt Damon. (CC)			Movie: Paycheck ** (2003) (CC)	
DSC (42)	MythBusters Speed Cameras (CC)		Predators of the Great Barrier Reef		Mythbusters: Jaws Special (Part 1 of 2)				Mythbusters: Jaws Special (Part 2 of 2)	How It's Made	How It's Made	Predators of the Great Barrier Reef	
A&E (47)	Sell This House! Sell This House!		Flip This House (CC)		Flip This House (CC)				The First 48 Blood Trail: 50G Murder	American Justice Payback for a Bully		Flip This House (CC)	
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels (CC)		The Dark Ages (CC)						Calligula: Reign of Madness (CC)	History of Sex: From		The Dark Ages (CC)	
NICK (55)	OddPar-ents	SpongeBob	Ned's School	Naked Brothers	Drake & Josh	Mr. Meaty	Full House	Growing Pains	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	
DISN (56)	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Kim Possible	Ameri-can Drgn	Movie: Get a Clue (2002, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan. (CC)				Phil of Future	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Hannah Montana	
FAM (58)	(5:00) Movie: Thunderbirds **		Movie: Home Alone 3 (1997) A clever 8-year-old boy defends his home from spies.						Movie: Home Alone 4 *½ (2002) A boy wants to reunite his estranged parents.			Movie: Catch That Kid *½ (2004) (CC)	
HALL (60)	Movie: McBride: Semper Fi (2007, Mystery) John Larroquette. (CC)				Movie: McBride: Dogged (2007, Mystery) John Larroquette. (Premiere) (CC)				Movie: McBride: Dogged (2007, Mystery) John Larroquette, Maria Dubois. (CC)				

Trojans finish year

The Colby Community College Lady Trojan basketball team lost 75-63 to Labette in the first-round of the Jayhawk Conference/Region VI tournament.

The Lady Trojans and Labette were tied at 32 at halftime and it was a two-point game at 37-35 early in the second half.

Labette went on a run and stretched the lead to 52-35. The Lady Trojans were unable to make up the difference and lost by the 12-point margin.

Individual statistics were not available by press time today. With the loss, Colby finished the season 10-21. Labette plays Seward County in the second round Saturday in Wichita.

State high school basketball scores

By The Associated Press
Kansas Boys Prep Scores
Results of state tournament games Wednesday night: Quarterfinals

Class 6A
Blue Valley West 57, Topeka 43
Lawrence Free State 53, SM West 35
Leavenworth 65, Wichita North 60
Washburn Rural 73, Garden City 69

Class 4A
Fort Scott 66, Smoky Valley 47
Girard 56, Andover 42
Piper 52, Andover Central 49
TMP 56, Atchison 50

Class 2A
Colgan 51, Hoxie 39
Frankfort 75, Jackson Heights 56
St. John 52, Syracuse 28
Yates Center 60, Bennington 58

Kansas Girls Prep Scores
Results of state tournament games Wednesday night: Quarterfinals

Class 5A
Bishop Miege 49, Topeka Seaman 36
Hutchinson 36, Gardner-Edgerton 32
Kapaun Mount Carmel 37, Newton 35
St. Thomas Aquinas 59, McPherson 41

Class 3A
Hillsboro 54, Garden Plain 39
Neodesha 36, Wellsville 33
Sacred Heart 53, SW Heights 45

Class 1A
BV-Randolph 48, Golden Plains 44
Centralia 43, Claflin 30
Olpe 58, Little River 55
South Haven 75, Quinter 50

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