

# 23rd Annual Paul Wintz Orange and Black Classic

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5th Place Game 2 p.m. @ CB	<b>GIRLS</b> 6:30 p.m. @ HS	Colby 6:30 p.m. @ CB	Weskan 6:30 p.m. @ CB	1st Place Game 6 p.m. @ CB	5th Place Game 2 p.m. @ HS	<b>BOYS</b> 4:45 p.m. @ HS	Wichita South 4:45 p.m. @ CB	McCook 4:45 p.m. @ CB	1st Place Game 8 p.m. @ CB	
		Scott City 8:15 p.m. @ HS	Ulysses 6:30 p.m. @ CB				Scott City 6:30 p.m. @ HS	Ulysses 6:30 p.m. @ CB		
		<b>LOSERS</b> 3 p.m. @ HS	Wichita South 3 p.m. @ CB				<b>LOSERS</b> 8:15 p.m. @ HS	Colby 8:15 p.m. @ CB		<b>WINNERS</b> 8:15 p.m. @ CB
		McCook 3 p.m. @ CB	Liberal 4:45 p.m. @ HS				Goodland 8:15 p.m. @ HS	Liberal 3 p.m. @ HS		Beloit 8:15 p.m. @ CB
7th Place Game noon @ HS	<b>LEGEND:</b> HS- High School CB- Community Building			3rd Place Game 4 p.m. @ HS	7th Place Game noon @ CB	<b>LEGEND:</b> HS-High School CB- Community Building			3rd Place Game 4 p.m. @ CB	

## Eagle basketball teams poised for success at Orange and Black

By Joey Falkoff

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In the 23 year history of the Paul Wintz Orange and Black Classic, only once before in 1999 have the Colby Eagle boys and girls basketball teams both reached the tournament finals.

The Colby Lady Eagles have won six of the last seven tournaments, but the boys have only gone as far as the third place game in that time.

In fact, besides their '99 appearance in the championship game, the Colby boys team has made the finals only one other time (1986).

The current Eagle players weren't even in middle school yet when the Eagles had their best run at the Orange and Black, but with both teams set to tip-off play tonight against Goodland at the Colby Community Building, the prospects of an all Colby tournament final look as good as they have in while.

Fresh off a 67-38 win at 1A #5

ranked Hoxie, The Colby Lady Eagles enter play 10-0 and ranked #2 in class 4A. The Colby boys are off to an 8-3 start and are ranked 10th in 4A.

"The girls have had really good focus since last Thursday," said McKee. "This is a great opportunity for us to get exposure statewide."

"It's our home tourney and we've never won it, so that's always motivation," said Sheets. "If we can some big games here, it will be a good measuring stick

for us."

If both squads are to make a splash this weekend, they will have to do so against the toughest competition they've seen all year.

On the girls side, the Colby Lady Eagles are the #1 seed but will likely have to go through either 6A Wichita South or 5A #9 ranked Liberal (5-3) if they want to win their seventh title in eight years.

McKee said he has not seen Liberal play, but was informed from former Colby High coach Tom

Bowen Wichita South is "legit."

As tough as it will be for the girls to repeat, the Colby boys may be in for a tougher battle.

They face the prospect of having potentially having to beat 5A #5 ranked Liberal (7-1) in the semifinals and 6A #10 ranked Wichita South (7-3) should they reach the finals.

"The boys side will be very tough. Every team except Goodland and McCook has a winning record," said Sheets. "Wichita South and Liberal have some ath-

letes we're not used to seeing. In a lot of years, this tournament is more difficult to win than the state tournament."

While thinking about the athleticism of a Liberal or Wichita South, may make for sleepless nights this weekend, Sheets says he relishes the opportunity his team has.

"Playing bigger schools may not be the best thing for wins or losses, but it helps to play quality teams," said Sheets. "Any of these teams we would want on the schedule."



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Colby freshman forward Brantrel Graham, front, was denied at the rim by Cloud County defenders Dallas Blocker, left, and Tyler Antenen during the Trojans 76-51 loss to Cloud Wednesday at the Colby Community Building.

## Trojans lose third straight in league

By Trent Rose

Colby Community College  
Sports Information

The Colby Community College men's basketball team (5-13, 2-3) lost 76-51 Wednesday to visiting Cloud County.

Freshman Mike Boyd returned to the line-up and led the Trojans with 21 points, but Cloud capitalized on the absence of Koance Davis and a poor showing effort by the Trojan squad. The Trojans struggled to find shots on the offensive end and were out-rebounded by Cloud 48-27.

Cloud keyed on Boyd and Andrew Engel, constantly double-teaming both when the ball was in their hands. Boyd was 4-14 from the field while Engel had 12 points on 4-13 shooting, but also had five assists and five steals. Erick Peguero led the Trojans with eight rebounds. The Trojans shot a paltry 27 percent from the field for the game and committed 17 turnovers.

The Trojans started the game with an 8-0 run, but eight points from Cloud forward Oleg Kovalov keyed a Cloud run that allowed them to tie it at 13. It was all Cloud

from there as they closed the half with a 32-14 run.

Boyd was able to return to the lineup a game early from his Jan. 9 suspension for fighting after an appeal from the school was upheld by the league.

Davis, who was also suspended for fighting, is scheduled to be out for Sunday's 4 p.m. contest against Hutchinson Community College at the Colby Community Building.

Hutchinson enters Sunday's game in sole possession of first place in the Jayhawk West with a record of 14-4 overall and 4-0 in

## Brewster girls improve to 7-3

A strong start to the game and a 19 point performance from sophomore Nichelle Erskine allowed the Brewster Lady Bulldogs to improve to 7-3 with a 49-43 win over Hitchcock, Neb., Tuesday in Brewster.

Brewster was firing on all cylinders in the first quarter, outscoring Hitchcock 18-8. The Bulldogs continued their solid execution in the second quarter and took a 29-18 lead into halftime.

Hitchcock trimmed the deficit to eight at the end of the third quarter and tried to rally late in the fourth quarter, but came up short.

"This was a really good game for us, because it made us work hard," said Lady Bulldog assistant coach Keith Hoyt. "They played a man-to-man defense and we really hadn't faced one like that this year. We needed to work out the kinks, so this was a good practice game for us."

Joining Erskine in double-figures was Abbie Allen with 11 points.

Melissa Baird scored seven. Britt Kammer had five. Melissa

Crumrine added four and Baylee Westover had three

Brewster will look to move to 8-3 on the year 6:30 p.m. Friday when they host Golden Plains.

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## Lady Trojans squelched by #16 Cloud

By Trent Rose

Colby Community College  
Sports Information

The Colby Community College Lady Trojan basketball team (8-11, 3-2) lost 76-53 Wednesday to Cloud County at the Colby Community Building.

The Lady Trojans shot just 34 percent from the field and struggled against Cloud County's half-court pressure defense.

Cloud also struggled from the field, connecting on just 34.3 percent of their shots in the first half, but rebounded with a 51.4 percent shooting effort in the second half.

"Our backside defenders didn't rotate well," said Lady Trojan head coach Tom Stephens of the team's

second-half defense. "They got a bunch of easy shots."

Stephens also mentioned the 11 offensive rebounds Cloud got as a reason field goal percentage disparity in the second half.

"Their defense was pretty good, but they got a lot more shots than us," said Stephens.

Leading 33-19 at the half, Cloud started the second half with easy baskets inside and were able to stretch the lead out.

The Lady Trojans committed 19 turnovers in the game and shot just 4-15 from three-point range. Jessi Hilliard led the Lady Trojans with 11 points off the bench. Hilliard made just two field goal attempts, but was able to get to the free-throw line frequently,

making 7-9 attempts. Lauren Fortin had another solid all-around game, finishing with 10 points, six assists and four rebounds.

Molly Phelan added nine points and five rebounds for the Lady Trojans, who took no moral victories from their performance against the 14-2 #16 ranked Cloud team.

"We wanted to win. We don't worry about records," said Stephens.

Next up for the Lady Trojans 2 p.m. Sunday at the Colby Community Building is another tough opponent, the 15-3 Hutchinson Lady Blue Dragons. Hutchinson is tied with Cloud County for first place in the Jayhawk West with a 4-0 league record.

## Golden Plains boys win by 27 at Triplains

The Golden Plains boys basketball team defeated Triplains for the second time in three days with a 58-31 win Tuesday in Winona.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a

14-5 lead after the first quarter and never trailed the rest of the way.

Golden Plains was led by Dan Rogers with 18 points. Corey Shaw was also in double-figures

with 12 points. Tate Bruggeman chipped in eight. Jordan Spresser had six. Andrew Broeckelman, Rilee Spresser and Issac Broeckelman each had scored four.

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