# Lady Eagles maintain perfection

By Joey Falkoff

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A night after the New England Patriots fell short of perfection, the #2 ranked Colby Lady Eagles made sure they wouldn't suffer the same fate.

After a sluggish first half, Colby used a 21-6 third quarter spurt to pull away from Thomas More Prep-Marian (Hays) for a 59-41 victory Monday at the Colby Community Building.

The win improved the Lady Eagles record to 16-0. They are now just four wins away from a perfect regular season.

"All of us want to keep our perfect season," said sophomore April Gee, who finished with a gamehigh 20 points on 9-14 shooting and nine rebounds.

"We could have had a better first half, but we definitely realized what we were doing wrong and corrected it."

Despite being ahead 21-19, it was a first half to forget for the Lady Eagles who were just 7-30 (23.3 percent) from the field with eight turnovers.

A few halftime adjustments made all the difference as Colby shot a sizzling 57 percent in the second half, which helped them expand their lead to 42-25 by the start of the fourth quarter.

"It was just finding the right players in the right positions," said Lady Eagle head coach Parker McKee. "We worked the ball inside out and actually started making post moves with our back to the basket."

TMP never got within 15 the rest of the way and trailed by as many 22 in the fourth quarter.

"I thought we came out in the third quarter a little flat," said Lady Monarch head coach Allen Billinger whose team fell to 9-6. "They came out and pressed and we turned it over too many times. We knew if we got down by seven or more it was going to be tough. With our shooting problems, we can't play catch up.

Even when the Lady Eagles did miss, their 19 offensive rebounds made stops hard to come by for the Lady Monarchs.

Colby finished the game with a 39-26 rebounding advantage.

"Colby does a good job of putting a body on you. I wish our girls would play like that." said



JOEY FALKOFF/Colby Free Press Eagle senior guard Tasha Wagoner, left, dribbled past TMP's Maddy Mall Monday during Colby's 59-41 victory over the Monarchs at the Colby Community Building. Wagoner finished with

Billinger.

While the Lady Eagles eventually found their offensive rhythm in the second half, TMP only continued their struggles.

nine points on 4-11 shooting.

TMP followed their 29 percent first half shooting effort up with just three field goals in the third

"We came out in a 2-2-1 press in the second half. They didn't one of the first half. She had nine handle it well and we were able to force a lot of turnovers,"said

A few late baskets allowed the Lady Monarchs to finish just above 36 percent shooting for the

"We've had several shooting nights like this," said Lady Monarch head coach Allen Billinger whose team fell to 9-6. "When it starts, it just seems to multiply. A lot of it is how tall, quick and athletic they are."

Colby's size and athleticism didn't seem to bother TMP too much in the first half.

quarter and found themselves in a of the New York Giants, but there 19-19 tie with less than a minute remaining in the half.

"The fact that we haven't seen good pressure defense like TMP's p.m. Friday at Quinter.

the last two weeks really threw us off," said McKee. "Their pressure forced us into a lot of hurried shots around the basket."

The Lady Eagles still managed to head to the locker room with the lead after Mazanec put back a Tasha Wagoner miss with 1.7 seconds left in the half.

Mazanec's basket was her only second half points to finish with 11 in her first game back from a back injury after a two-game ab-

Paige also finished with 11 points and had a standout defensive game, finishing with five steals. Taylor Young started in place of Mazanec and had just three points, but tied Gee for the team lead with nine rebounds.

TMP was led by Jessa Stramel with 16 points and Alicia Hammeke with 12 points. Stramel had all six of the Lady Monarchs third quarter points.

For one half, the Lady Mon-Colby led just 12-9 after the first archs did their best to play the role was no denying perfection on this night.

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Date: 1-30-08

John C. Schweder

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