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Sophomore Katherine Kaus went up toward the basket and took a shot during the Lady Eagles' game against McCook High on Tuesday. Colby won the game 41-35.

## Lady Eagles defeat Bison

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The Colby High girls basketball game against McCook was a tale of two halves.

The Lady Eagles shot a phenomenal 61 percent in the first half and took a seven-point lead into the break. In the second half, they shot just 9 percent. But despite horrid second half shooting, Colby still managed to pick up a 41-35 victory.

"The thing we can take from the McCook game is we played bad and we still found a way to win," said Coach Parker McKee.

The girls came out aggressive in the first half, said McKee.

"In the second half, we came out passive and stopped attacking," he said. "We played not to lose."

While the girls couldn't hit the ocean in the second half, their

stingy defense held the Bisons to only 10 percent shooting in the half.

A possible reason for the Lady Eagles' low shooting percentage was a half court press the McCook defense applied throughout the half. In the first half, McKee said, the Lady Eagles' offense got to work against a man-to-man defense, allowing Colby to score on set plays. The press made things a lot tougher for the Lady Eagles in the second half and caused Colby to commit 14 of its 22 turnovers.

But the Lady Eagles still were able to pull out the victory, he said.

Sophomore Katherine Kaus scored a team-high 11 points and senior Taylor Young had eight points and 11 rebounds. Sophomore Shelby Terrell had eight points.

The girls will play Hoxie at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Colby Commu-

nity Building.

McKee encouraged fans to come out and support the team.

"I feel the girls have worked hard," he said, "and I think in their second home game, they are going to need a lot of local support to be able to show what they've got."

## Golden Plains boys teams beat the St. Francis Indians

The Golden Plains Bulldogs went up against the St. Francis Indians last week in their first home basketball game of the new year.

The varsity boys' game started out intense, with the lead changing on every trip down the floor. Although the boys worked hard, the first quarter ended with St. Francis ahead 11-10. The seesaw game continued in the second period. Grabbing the lead with five minutes left in the half, the boys kept up their momentum and led 21-19 at the break.

In the third quarter, the boys let up their pace. This allowed St. Francis to catch up. The third quarter ended with the score 41-40 in favor of the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs came out in the

fourth quarter playing aggressive and at a fast pace. They increased their lead against St. Francis by not letting the Indians score too many points. This exciting game ended with a 54-46 win for the boys.

The high scorer was Tate Bruggeman with 26 points. Jordan Spreser put in 11, with Corey Shaw adding 10. Rilee Spreser contributed 4 points and Tanner Moss scored 3.

First up for the boys was the junior varsity. The younger Bulldogs jumped out to a good lead, finishing the first quarter with a 10-0 advantage. Hustle and good defense kept the boys in the lead. They finished off the first half with a huge lead of 32-8.

Coming back from half-time

with enthusiasm, the boys ended the third quarter ahead 42-17. The Bulldogs eased up the pressure in the last period, allowing St. Francis to score some — not enough to catch up. The final score was 63-27.

The varsity headed into their next game against Logan last week with a 2-4 record. This week, the teams are playing in the Western Kansas Liberty League tournament in Brewster and Goodland. The boys will play at 3 p.m. Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse against Healy. The girls play at 9:30 a.m. Saturday against Cheylin in the junior high gym at Max Jones. Finals will be Saturday night.

## Sooners hand Lady Wildcats a loss

NORMAN. (AP) — Sherri Coale saw her starters beginning to wear down and Oklahoma's lead dwindling and decided to make a change.

Suddenly, with her reserves leading the way, the third-ranked Sooners were pulling away and putting the first blemish on Kansas State's perfect record.

Courtney Paris had 19 points and 12 rebounds for her 107th consecutive double-double and Oklahoma leaned on its bench to distance itself in the second half for a 64-48 victory Wednesday night against No. 17 Kansas State.

"Both teams looked really tired because of the type of game it had been," Coale said. "When we're able to come in with three guys who are focused and attentive to detail and fresh and full of energy against their guys who are worn down a little bit, I thought it really made a significant difference."

After the Wildcats (14-1, 1-1 Big 12) had trimmed the lead to two, Paris scored inside and Danielle Robinson stole the ball from Shalee Lehning for a fast-break layup. Coale immediately called timeout, and put in a lineup featuring four reserves.

That group put together a string of six straight points, and Ashley Paris' basket inside gave Oklahoma (13-2, 2-0) its largest lead at 53-44 with 6:18 to play. The starters returned and continued to stretch the lead by scoring the final nine points of the game.

"They played hard, made big plays and us sitting on the bench, we were like, 'We want to play like that,'" Courtney Paris said.

Marlies Gipson led Kansas State with 14 points, and Ashley Sweat scored 13. The Wildcats' 14-game winning streak matched the second-best in school history, and was the longest to start a season.

"Tonight what we experienced is that they have that versatility and that stick-to-itiveness that they're going to punish you if you make a mistake and they're going to stick at it. That's why they're No. 3 in the country," Kansas State coach Deb Patterson said.

"They don't get there by quitting after 20 minutes or 30 minutes."

Oklahoma was the first ranked team on K-State's schedule, and the Wildcats didn't have the depth to keep up down the stretch.

Coale went with a grouping that she hadn't used all game, and it paid off with four baskets inside.



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