

Free Press Picks

K-State Basketball vs. Alabama:



"At No. 17, the Wildcats are ranked for the first time in a long while and that'll give them a lot of confidence. K-State has the better record and has been outscoring opponents by much more than the Tide."

Winner: K-State 85-80

Chiefs vs. Browns: Chiefs 21-17
Broncos vs. Raiders: Broncos 35-21
Giants vs. Redskins: Giants 30-14
KU Basketball vs. Michigan: KU 92-72

Accuracy: 59%

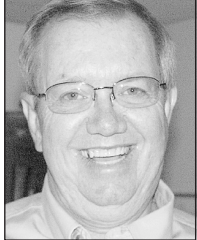


"Kansas State has one of the best backcourts with Denis Clemente and Jacob Pullen. They are riding a wave of momentum that Alabama won't be able to stop."

Winner: K-State 65-60

Chiefs vs. Browns: Chiefs 21-14
Broncos vs. Raiders: Broncos 35-3
Giants vs. Redskins: Redskins 28-21
KU Basketball vs. Michigan: KU 80-55

Accuracy: 44%



"The Wildcats are hot right now."

Winner: K-State 72-67

Chiefs vs. Browns: Chiefs 17-13
Broncos vs. Raiders: Broncos 31-13
Giants vs. Redskins: Giants 24-17
KU Basketball vs. Michigan: KU 86-57

Accuracy: 52%



"Good guard play for both teams... K-State needs this road victory against a quality SEC opponent to legitimize their #17 national ranking."

Winner: K-State 71-65

Chiefs vs. Browns: Browns 19-16
Broncos vs. Raiders: Broncos 24-17
Giants vs. Redskins: Giants 31-13
KU Basketball vs. Michigan: KU 89-78

Accuracy: 67%

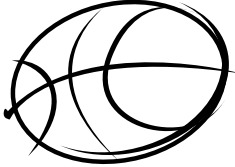


"The Wildcats backcourt of Denis Clemente and Jacob Pullen will be too much for Alabama. The Tide will keep it close, but the Wildcats experienced guards lead them to the victory."

Winner: K-State 68-65

Chiefs vs. Browns: Chiefs 20-14
Broncos vs. Raiders: Broncos 27-13
Giants vs. Redskins: Giants 17-10
KU Basketball vs. Michigan: KU 75-62

Accuracy: 67%



Winner: Alabama 85-77

Chiefs vs. Browns: Browns 21-17
Broncos vs. Raiders: Broncos 28-17
Giants vs. Redskins: Giants 31-17
KU Basketball vs. Michigan: KU 80-57

Accuracy: 70%

Golden Plains boys receive football honors

By Arianna Valdez, Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains High football varsity had an amazing season, winning both their district and the league.

Along with the team's success, many of the players have received honors for their play this season.

Receiving Western Kansas Liberty League All-League honors for First Team Offense were senior Isaac Broeckelman, running back; senior Jeremy Hunter, offensive guard; and junior Devinn Ritter, center.

Receiving First Team Defense honors were senior Corey Shaw, linebacker and kicker; and Hunter, defensive line.

Awarded Second Team Offense honors were Shaw, running back; and senior Jordan Spresser, senior,

guard. He also was named on Second Team Defense for his play on the defensive line.

Receiving honorable mention were junior Rilee Spresser, quarterback, and senior Drake Moss, defensive line.

The Topeka Capital-Journal named four Bulldogs to its all-state team. Receiving honorable mention honors in the Eight-Man Division were Hunter, defensive line; Devinn Ritter, offensive line; Shaw, linebacker; and Isaac Broeckelman, running back.

The Hays Daily News recognized named Isaac Broeckelman to the All-Area first team in eight man. Shaw was named to the third team.

Receiving All-League volleyball honors were junior Melissa Ritter, first team, and senior Jenna Bruggeman, honorable mention.

Down to the mat



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press

Colby High sophomore wrestler Dalton Snyder (pictured here wrestling against Oberlin in the Eagle Invitational on Saturday) and the rest of the Eagles wrestling team will face St. Francis and Oakley in a "triple dual" meet at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the

high school gym. The Eagles' Class 4A state championship banner will be displayed before the dual between Colby and Oakley and after the dual between Oakley and St. Francis. The first dual will be between Colby and St. Francis.

Colby Eagles teams take on Oakley

By Andy Heintz, Colby Free Press

The Colby High girls and boys basketball teams will take on the Oakley Plainsmen tonight at 6:30 and 8 p.m. at the Community Building.

Both teams defeated St. Francis on Tuesday. The Lady Eagles trounced the Lady Indians 52-9 and the boys rallied from a nine-point halftime deficit to best the Indians 49-42.

The win was huge for the boys, who were in desperate need of a victory after dropping their first four games. Hopefully, the victory should give them renewed confidence.

Junior Corbin Stephens and senior Riley Haas are the only players who saw much playing time on last year's senior-heavy varsity team. Both are threats from beyond the three-point line, and Stephens is big enough to bang with the big guys down in the paint if he needs to. His size also gives the Eagles an extra rebounder on both ends of the court.

Braden McKee, a senior, and son of coach Jon McKee, is also a threat from three-point range. He hit a number of threes in the Eagles' game against Thomas More Prep-Marian earlier this season. His hot hand from behind the arc was almost enough to get Colby a victory that night.

Senior Kale Arnberger had a breakout game on Tuesday, hitting three three-pointers in the fourth to help his team secure a victory. If McKee and Arnberger can each hit three or four three-pointers a game, the Eagles will be hard

to beat. Good three-point shooting would also give Colby's post players, including juniors Spencer Tubbs and Braden Sager, more room to maneuver inside because the opposing team's guards would be less willing to leave their men and double team them.

The Eagles have also gotten some offensive help from senior Chaz Winger. Winger scored 18 points in the season opener against Riley County, and he made some key baskets during Tuesday's game. Senior Brock Wagoner can knock down midrange jumpers and three-point shots, and sophomore Justin Slavens also poses a threat to opposing teams on offense.

Given the fact that this year's team is inexperienced, it's understandable that the boys hit a rough patch early in the season. They seemed like they were walking on egg shells in the first half Tuesday. But they loosened up in the second half and played 10 times better. Hopefully, this attitude will carry over into tonight's game.

Coach McKee said he would like to see his team improve their execution on offense tonight.

They will be taking on a Plainsmen team that is on a two-game losing streak. Colby can pick up a win tonight if they play well.

The Lady Eagles are 3-2 this

season. Their only losses have been an overtime defeat by Newton High School and a 43-40 loss to Thomas More Prep-Marian. This year's team is kind of unusual because they're young but experienced. Four of last year's starters returned this season and sophomore Morgan Bell and junior Kelsey Shields saw a lot of varsity action last year.

Junior Katherine Kaus has been the team's most effective scorer so far. She scored 13 against Thomas More Prep-Marian, 17 against Riley County and 18 against St. Francis.

Shields broke into the starting lineup this season. Her ability to score has given the team a dual threat inside. Shields' offensive skills keep opposing teams from double-teaming Katherine Kaus in the paint.

Junior Kayla Hockersmith is off to a solid start. She is a tough defender who has a knack for getting the ball. She had eight steals against Hays and six each against both Newton and St. Francis.

Bell has the athletic ability to score inside and outside, and juniors Katrina Kaus and Shelby Terrell can knock down three pointers and midrange jumpers. Bell also is a good rebounder on both ends of the court. Katrina Kaus' speed and endurance allows her to beat

her opponents down the court and score fast-break layups.

Freshman guard Alexa Haas has been a welcome addition to the team. She had a team-high 9 points against Newton.

The girls will be playing an Oakley team that has yet to lose a game this season. McKee said Dana Kuhlman is the Lady Plainsmen's best players. He said she shoots the ball well and can to score inside.

"We will have to always be aware of where she is on the court," said McKee.

Bake Sale Wings Upon the Prairie 485 N. Franklin Saturday, December 19 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cookbooks available. Proceeds benefit NWKS adults who suffer from a severe and persistent mental illness.

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