

Eagles boys C-team defeats Burlington

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The Colby High basketball C-team boys strung together a solid game Monday that proved to be too much for the Burlington High squad from Colorado.

The Eagles picked up a hard-fought 50-41 victory over the Cougars at the high school gym. Burlington took an early 5-2 lead. Freshman Zane Winger hit sophomore Tate Query under the basket with a cross-court pass that he laid in to cut the lead to 5-4. Moments later, freshman Todd Kane drilled a three-pointer from the right corner to tie the game at 7.

Later in the quarter, Kane hit another three to give his team a 12-10 lead. Winger found Jared Nally with a bounce pass under the basket, and he laid a shot off the backboard to make it 14-10. Colby created a turnover and Winger sped down court and made a contested layup to give the Eagles an 18-10 lead. This remained the score for the rest of first quarter.

Kane banked in a three pointer to early in the second period. Both teams had trouble scoring in the second, and Colby led 25-16 at the half.

Winger hit a jumper from the

baseline to start the second half to make it 27-18. Later in the quarter, Winger stole the ball and took it down court, where he faked a pass to Kane and scored on a layup while being fouled to give the boys a 31-23 lead. He missed his free throw.

The Cougars cut the lead to 33-26 a few minutes later. Burlington's Patrick Carson muscled in a layup to bring his team within five. Moments later, Carson hit a rainbow three-pointer to make it 33-31.

The Cougars tied the game at 33 early in the fourth, but Colby scored the next four points to give them a four-point lead. Later in the quarter, Winger took the ball the length of the court and made a contested layup to extend the boys' lead to 43-36. Colby held on to its lead throughout the fourth.

Query caught a deflected ball and scored inside while being fouled. He knocked down his free throw to complete the three-point play and extend Colby's lead to 48-39 with 1:20 left. The Eagles went on to pick up the victory.

Winger led the team in scoring with 14 and Kane added 13.

The boys lost to McCook 59-33 on Tuesday at Colby High School.

Lady Eagles crush McCook

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The Colby High Lady Eagles won their fifth straight game on Tuesday, pounding an outmatched McCook team 63-29.

The Lady Bison really struggled at handling the full-court press Colby applied for most of the game. They turned the ball over 32 times. The Lady Eagles scored 20 points off of McCook's turnovers.

"The scouting report on this team showed they turned the ball over a lot," said coach Parker McKee.

The game got off to an unusual start. A few minutes into the first quarter, Colby players discovered the game was being played with the men's ball. It was replaced with a women's ball and play resumed.

With Colby leading 2-0, Gretchen Sehnert of McCook made a jumper from the baseline to tie the game at 2-2. It turned out to be the last points the Lady Bison would score in the quarter.

Junior Kayla Hockersmith found sophomore Morgan Bell who made a layup while being fouled. She made the free-throw to give them a 5-2 lead. Hockersmith buried a three to make it 9-2 a few minutes later. Colby continued to extend its lead throughout the quarter.

Junior Katrina Kaus recovered the ball off a McCook turnover and passed it ahead to sophomore Morgan Bell who laid it in to extend Colby's lead to 17-2 with 8 seconds left in the quarter.

Junior Katherine Kaus dribbled in for a layup to give Colby a 19-2 lead early in the second quarter.

Moments later, Katherine Kaus and junior Kelsey Shields ran a textbook pick and roll that ended with Shields making an easy layup to make it 21-2. McCook finally got its second basket of the game cutting the Lady Eagles' lead to 25-4 with 1:04 left in the half. The girls led 26-4 at the half.

Katherine Kaus caught the ball inside and fired a pass across the lane to Shields who made an uncontested layup extending Colby's lead to 28-4. Katherine Kaus had few more buckets in the third including a nice spin move. The Lady Eagles had several players contribute offensively in the third including freshman Kenzie Curry, Morgan Bell, Hockersmith and Katrina Kaus.

With Colby firmly in control of the game, Coach McKee played his substitutes for most of the fourth. They played well and the Lady Eagles led 54-13 with 5:09 left in the fourth. The girls went on to pick up an easy win.

Colby shot an unbelievable 73.3 percent in the second half, making 11 of 15 of its shots. They shot almost 58 percent in the game.

"Our defense created high percentage shots for us on offense in the second half," said coach McKee.

Hockersmith scored a team-high 13 on 6 of 8 shooting and Katherine Kaus added 11. Morgan Bell had 8, Katrina Kaus scored 7 and had a team-high 5 steals. Shields added 4, freshmen Lauren Bell, Morgan's sister, and Shelby Gardner both scored 4, Curry had 3, and junior Shelby Terrell chipped in 1.

With the win the Lady Eagles improved to 6-2. The girls will play again at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Hoxie.



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Colby High junior Kayla Hockersmith looked for someone to pass to during the Lady Eagles' game against McCook on Tuesday. Colby hammered the Lady Bison 63-29.

Chiefs pick up New England staff

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Just call them the Kansas City Patriots.

When they take the field next year, they Chiefs will have the same defensive coordinator, offensive coordinator and top front office executive who helped lead New England to three Super Bowl titles between 2002-05.

Throw in quarterback Matt Cassel, who backed up Tom Brady during the Patriots' dynastic run, and the New England-Kansas City connection becomes even stronger as Scott Pioli attempts to reverse the fortunes of the long-suffering Chiefs.

Romeo Crennel, the defensive coordinator on the Patriots' Super Bowl teams, agreed Wednesday to join the Chiefs in the same capacity, his agent said. Crennel, who was out of football this past season following hip surgery, will be reunited with Charlie Weis, who was New England's offensive co-

ordinator and agreed last week to take that job with the Chiefs.

They'll be working for Pioli, who one year ago resigned as Patriots personnel director to become general manager of the Chiefs. One of Pioli's first acts was to trade for Cassel and make him the foundation quarterback for his long-term rebuilding project in Kansas City.

Crennel's agent, Joe Linta, said Crennel would begin working for the Chiefs in a "couple of weeks" after attending to some family business and coaching in the East-West all-star game. The Chiefs declined comment.

Crennel and Weis will be joining a franchise that has won only 10 games in three years and went 4-12 last year in Todd Haley's rocky rookie season as a head coach. As defensive coordinator, Crennel will replace Clancy Pendergast, whose status on the staff has not yet been redefined.

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