

Ulysses outfights Colby

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The Colby High Eagles were no match for a gritty, aggressive Ulysses basketball team on Thursday. The Tigers' physical play just overwhelmed Colby, 62-43.

Colby senior Brock Wagoner nailed a three-pointer and junior Corbin Stephens scored on a transition layup to keep Colby close in the first half. Senior Braden McKee, however, hurt his right knee in the second quarter and had to leave for the rest of the game.

Senior Ryley Haas hit two of his six free throws to cut the Tigers' lead to 21-17 in the quarter. Ulysses' Edwinn Porass nailed a three to extend the lead to 24-17. The Tigers' Josh Sullivan stole the ball from Andrew Ketchum under the Ulysses basket and scored to make it 26-17.

The Tigers eventually widened their lead to 29-17. Stephens penetrated down the middle and laid one in to cut the Tigers' lead to 29-19. Ulysses scored again and led 29-19 at halftime.

Haas penetrated down the middle of the lane and dished it to junior Spencer Tubbs, who made a short jump shot that hit the rim and backboard before falling in to cut Ulysses' lead to 33-21 in the third. A few minutes later, Stephens scored on a drive down the left baseline to make it 35-23.

An errant Tubbs pass in backcourt led to an easy layup for Ulysses. Moments later, the Tigers scored off another Colby turnover, giving them a 42-25 lead. Stephens buried a three-pointer to shrink the Tigers' lead to 43-28, but Ulysses scored the next five



Colby High junior Corbin Stephens sized up his opponent during the Eagles' game against Ulysses in the first round of the Orange and Black Classic. ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press

points to extend the lead to 48-28. The Tigers led 51-30 at the end of the third.

Sophomore Braden Sager caught the ball inside, spun to his left and got fouled trying to make a turnaround jumper. He made both free throws to narrow the gap to 62-37 with 3:15 left. The Eagles scored 6 more points and lost the game 62-43.

Stephens had a team-high 17

points and 6 rebounds. Haas and Tubbs both had 6 points. Tubbs led the team with 7 rebounds, and Haas had 6. Sager had 4 points,

senior Chaz Winger and Brock Wagoner added 3 each, junior Christian Wilson had 2, and junior Kale Arnerberger and sophomore

Justin Slavens each had 1. "They played more physical than us," said coach John McKee. With the loss, Colby dropped to

2-8 for the season. The boys will play Scott City at 8:15 p.m. tonight at the high school gym.

Colby College wrestlers fall to Pratt in close dual

The Colby Trojans' wrestling team lost a dual last Tuesday, not because they were outwrestled, but because they didn't have as many wrestlers as the other team.

Colby lost at Pratt 27-23 because the Trojans had nobody to wrestle the Beavers in the 184- and 197-pound weight classes. The shortage of wrestlers led to the Beavers getting 12 points from two forfeit victories.

Freshman Brent Luedke pinned Pratt's Devan Bingham at 133 and freshman Pat Fletcher pinned the Beavers' Austin Hamm at 285. Sophomore Ganbayar Sanjaa beat the Beavers' Scott Wise by tech-

nical fall at 157. (A technical fall is when a wrestler wins a match by 15 or more points.) Sophomore Bekzod Abdurakhmonov hammered Travis Budke 8-0 at 165. Jared Schroeder beat Chris Wright 4-2 at 149.

Freshmen Cody Wark and sophomore James Hirsch got pinned at 125 and 174.

Freshman Luis Camacho lost to Ramon Willis, 12-2.

Colby will have a chance for revenge when the team faces Pratt in a dual rematch at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Community Building.

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