

# Colby High girls' streak ends at six

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Sometimes the ball just won't go into the bucket. This was certainly the case for the Lady Eagles when they played Goodland on Thursday in the first round of the 25th annual Paul Wintz/Tom Bowen Orange and Black Basketball Classic.

Colby made only 9 of 56 shots in the game during a 38-27 loss to the Cowgirls at the Community Building. The loss snapped the Lady Eagles' six-game winning streak.

At first, while the Colby girls trailed, the game was close. In the first quarter, Junior Kayla Hockersmith drove to the basket and drew a foul while attempting to make a layup. She made both her free throws to shrink Goodland's lead to 7-4.

Sophomore Katherine Kaus missed a layup, but her sister Katrina Kaus grabbed the rebound and laid it in to cut the Cowgirls' lead to 9-6. Sophomore Morgan Bell scored on a nice drive from the right wing to bring Colby within one during the final seconds of the quarter.

Bell scored inside early in the second to keep Goodland's lead at 1, 11-10, but the Cowgirls scored

the game's next four points to put them a 15-10. Bell drilled a three-pointer to shrink Goodland's lead to 15-13 near the end of the half.

Katherine Kaus hit a three-pointer and made two free throws in the third quarter, but Colby was unable to take control of the game.

The girls trailed Goodland 29-23 with 3:07 left in the fourth. The Cowgirls hit some free throws to widen their lead to 33-23 with 2:35 to go. Katherine Kaus was hacked on a drive to the basket from the right wing. She knocked down two free-throws to cut the Cowgirls' lead to 33-25.

A few minutes later, Bell dribbled the ball down the lane and hit a turnaround jumper that rolled around the rim, hit the backboard and fell in to cut Goodland's lead to 34-27. Colby was unable to get any closer, however, finishing the game at 38-27.

Bell led the team in scoring with 11 and Katherine Kaus added 7. Katrina Kaus had 4, Hockersmith and freshman Shelby Gardner 2 each and junior Kelsey Shields in 1. Katherine Kaus led in rebounds with 7.

With the loss, the girls dropped to 7-3. The Lady Eagles will take on Wichita West at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the high school gym.



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press  
Colby High junior Kayla Hockersmith prepared to make a pass during the Lady Eagles' game against Goodland on Thursday at the Colby Community Building.

# K-State Wildcats gaining confidence

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Bob Huggins quoted John F. Kennedy at his introductory news conference at Kansas State, telling anyone who'd listen there was no reason to shoot for second when first was available. You know, the kind of statement fans and supporters expect to hear from a new coach.

Frank Martin bought into it. Still does.

A former assistant to Huggins, Martin has the Wildcats reaching for No. 1 four years later, raising excitement and expectations to unprecedented levels in the Little Apple.

"That thought process never changed because he left," Martin said. "That's who we are. I'm not telling you we're better than the next guy, but that's how we prepare. We come in here every day and compete real hard."

That approach led to one of the biggest wins in the program's history.

Fighting past a slew of personal issues and the type of pressure they've come to embrace, the Wildcats manhandled Texas on Monday night, riding their smothering defense and the energy of a raucous crowd to knock the Longhorns from the unbeaten ranks.

How they did it is a sign of how far Kansas State has come.

A year ago, an off night by

guards Jacob Pullen and Denis Clemente would have been disastrous for the Wildcats. Those two went a combined 4 for 24 against the Longhorns, but the front line, led by Jamar Samuels' double-double, made up for it by scoring 46 of the team's 71 points against one of the best front lines in college basketball.

And Kansas State did it on a night three of its players could have had their minds elsewhere: freshman Martavious Irving had a death in the family a few days before, Jamar Samuels' mother had undergone surgery and Luis Colon's cousin was shot and killed in his native Puerto Rico the day of the game.

Even the Longhorns were impressed.

"Let's feel good for K-State," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "I've been in the league for 12 years, been here when it wasn't so good. You've got to feel good if you know Frank Martin."

He's not finished. Martin has instilled his chip-on-the-shoulder mentality since the day he took over for Huggins in 2007, relentlessly riding the Wildcats, screaming at them, pushing them to never accept failure or lack of effort.

Two years ago, the Wildcats pulled off a victory against eventual national champion Kansas.

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January 12, 2010 - Pinbusters League				January 13, 2010 - Ladies Nite Out League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place	Team	Won	Lost	Place
Cummins Central Power	111	49	1	Stike-Outs	4	0	1
Roommasters	92	68	2	Susie's Circus	4	0	2
Colby Automotive	87.5	72.5	3	Assist-Ur-Sale	4	0	3
Subway	80	80	4	Minds in the Gutter	3	1	4
Al's Painting	72	88	6	Bop Shop Betties	3	1	5
Carona Kids	71.5	88.5	7	Straightline	2	2	6
Colby Bowl	65	95	8	Twisters	2	2	7
Bargos	61	99	9	Service Oil	1	3	8
First high Individual game: Marc Pearce, 266				Swartz Veterinary Clinic	1	3	9
First high Individual series: Vernon Schwanke, 639				Don's Electric	0	4	10
				Twisters II	0	4	11
				First high Individual game: Mary Hurr, 215			
				First high Individual series: Mary Hurr, 569			
January 11, 2010 - First Nighters League				January 15, 2010 - Ten Pin League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place	Team	Won	Lost	Place
Sparky's Firework	81	39	1	Once Upon a Sign	35.5	28.5	1
Grinnell Furniture	70.5	49.5	2	Colby Bowl	33	31	2
Kansas Quicklube	67	53	3	Cal Williams	28.5	35.5	3
Woolter Well & Pump	66	54	4	First high Individual game: Deb Norman, 201			
Frontier Ag Inc.	64	56	5	First high Individual series: Deb Norman, 530			
Pepsi	64.5	58.5	6				
Fire Xtrikers	57	63	7				
McKee	56	64	8				
Parking Lot Maintenance	55	65	9				
Wild Ride	54	66	10				
NW Refrigeration	49.5	70.5	11				
Discount Repair of	38.5	81.5	12				
First high Men Individual game: Matt Gerdes, 267							
First high Men Individual series: Scott Williams, 613							
January 14, 2010 - King Pin League				January 3, 2010 - King and Queen non-smoking			
Team	Won	Lost	Place	Team	Won	Lost	Place
Drinkin Mates	65.5	14.5	1	Norman-Mackley	29	7	1
5 Pony Men	64.5	15.5	2	Benson-Schmidtbe	24	12	2
Balls Deep	47	33	3	Team RB	23	13	3
Colby Automotive	44	36	4	Cook-Lanning	22	14	4
Kurts Pro	43.5	36.5	5	Pancake-Unruh	20	16	5
Thomas County Feeders	40	40	6	Schissler-Wolf	17.5	18.5	6
T.J. Tire	23	57	7	Niermeier-McCarty	16	20	7
Morgan Construction	20	40	8	Kreutzer-Garret	15	21	8
www.visitcolby.com	10.5	69.5	9	Prochazka-Jacobs	15	21	9
First high Individual game: J.R. Bargo, 278				Swartz-Barnett	14	22	10
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