

Class 6A Dodge City beats Eagles by 38 points

The Colby High boys fell to a strong Dodge City basketball team in a road game on Thursday.

The Red Demons, 13-2 in Class 6A, jumped out to a double-digit lead in the first quarter and never looked back. By the half, many of their fans had gone home, and they ended up beating the Eagles 75-37.

Senior Braden McKee hit a 15 footer to tie the game at four early in the first quarter. Dodge City ticked off six unanswered points to make it 10-4. Later in the quarter, Braden McKee drilled a three-pointer to narrow the gap to 10-8. The Demons' Terrence Williams got a dunk off a Colby turnover. Williams stole an inbound pass and took it in for another dunk to extend Dodge City's lead to 26-8.

Coach Jon McKee said he thought his team had a slow start because they had to adjust to the Demon's athletic ability.

"They got the ball down the court quicker than any team we've seen," he said.

Coach McKee said when his players tried to split Dodge City's defenders, they would collapse on them and take the ball. He said the referees were not calling the game too tightly, which played to the Red Demons' advantage because they were the physically stronger team.

Junior Spencer Tubbs missed a jumper from 10 feet away, but Braden McKee got the rebound and laid it in to cut the Demons' lead to 26-10 at the start of the second quarter. Then senior Chaz Winger scored a bucket to make it 26-12. Dodge City scored the games next five points to stretch its lead to 31-12.

The coach said Braden McKee and Winger both played well.

Later in the quarter, Winger scored while drawing a foul. He made his free throw to narrow the gap to 33-17. The Red Demons led 35-19 at the half. Colby had 19 turnovers that led to 23 Dodge City points in the first half.

Junior Corbin Stephens dished it to Tubbs, who scored while being fouled to cut the Red Demons' lead to 39-21 at the start of the second half. He missed his free throw.

Rico Hogan of Dodge City drilled a three-pointer to stretch his team's lead to 44-21 later in the half. He hit another three a few minutes later to make it 50-21.

Braden McKee momentarily stopped the bleeding for Colby by banking a shot off the glass. Tubbs scored on two consecutive possessions near the end of the third to cut the Red Demons' lead to 56-29. "His size really helped us off the bench," said Coach McKee.

Stephens hit a long three to make it 60-32 in the fourth. Sophomore Braden Sager made a shot off the glass to cut Dodge City's lead to 62-34. The coach said Braden did a good job using his body to score inside, but Colby was too far behind to mount any sort of comeback and they ended up losing 75-37.

Braden McKee led the team in scoring with 11 and Winger added seven. Tubbs scored six, Stephens five, Sager four, Christian Wilson two and sophomore Jordan Rasmussen 1.

With the loss, Colby dropped to 5-11 for the season. They will play at 8 p.m. tonight at undefeated Quinter.



ROBIN TUBBS/Colby Free Press
Sophomore Jordan Rasmussen shot a three-pointer during the Eagles' game Thursday at Dodge City.

Colby High School girls lose to southwest powerhouse

The Colby High Lady Eagles never recovered from Dodge City's 9-0 run to start the second half Thursday night.

"We came out flat in the second half," said coach Parker McKee.

The Lady Demons' spurt gave them a 23-12 lead and they went on to win 48-31 at Dodge City.

After falling behind 5-0 in the first quarter, the Colby girls went on a 10-0 run that gave them a five-point lead.

Colby cooled down considerably in the second quarter. The Lady Demons' Valerie Ortiz drilled a three-pointer to tie the game at 10. Sophomore Katrina Kaus knocked down a 15 footer to recapture the lead for Colby. Dodge responded by scoring the

next four points to take a 14-12 halftime lead.

The Lady Demons went on a 9-0 run at the start of the second half. Ortiz got things started for Dodge when she scored while drawing a foul to make it 16-12. She missed her free throw but moments later, Briggs buried a three-pointer to increase the lead to five. The Lady Demons scored the next four to give them a 23-12 lead.

Sophomore Katherine Kaus scored inside to cut the Lady Demons' lead to 23-14. Briggs of Dodge City buried yet another three with less than a minute left in the third to make it 28-16. The Lady Demons led 28-18 at the end of the quarter.

Sophomore Morgan Bell hit a

long jumper from the wing to narrow the gap to 28-20. Moments later, Katherine Kaus knocked down a jumper to make it 28-22. A little later in the fourth, freshman Alexa Haas hit a three-pointer from the corner to cut Dodge City's lead to 30-25. But the Lady Demons put a stop to Colby's small rally and extended their lead to 39-27. They went on to win 48-31.

Katherine Kaus had a team-high 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Lady Eagles and Hockersmith added seven. Freshman Alexa Haas scored six, freshman Lauren Bell four and Morgan Bell and Katrina Kaus both had two.

With the loss, the Lady Eagles dropped to 10-6. They will play at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Quinter.

Trojans wrestlers plan regionals here

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The Trojan's wrestling team will be the hosts for the West Central Regionals at the Community Building on Saturday, the first time in at least six years the event has come to Colby.

The action will begin at 10 a.m. It will be the last time legendary coach Steve Lampe will lead the Trojans into regional competition. After 38 years of coaching at the college, Lampe decided retire this spring. After announcing his retirement, the coach accepted a job as wrestling coach and athletic director for the new sports program at the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland.

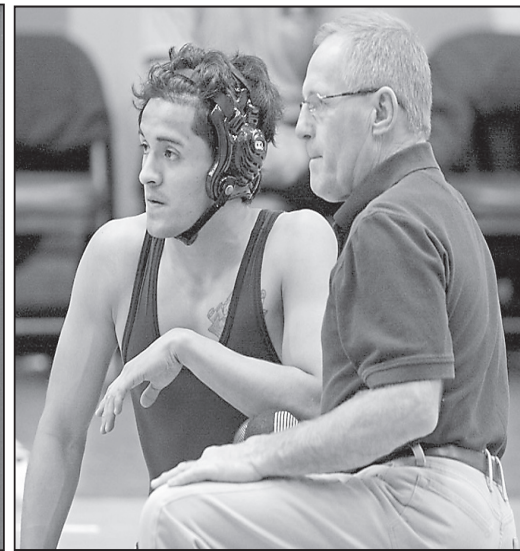
The other teams in the regional will be Northwest Wyoming, Western Wyoming, Neosho County, Pratt, Labette County, Powell, Rock Springs, Wyo., Chanute and Pratt community colleges. Lampe said Labette County is the favorite to win the tournament because of their well-balanced lineup.

Colby sophomores Ganbayar Sanjaa and Bekzod Abdurakhmnov will be trying to repeat as national champions at 149 and 165

Lampe said how the Trojans do at regionals will depend on the performance of rest of the team.

The coach said sophomore Nick Kriss and freshman Patrick Fletcher shouldn't have any trouble qualifying for nationals and freshman Brent Luedke will make it if he wrestles well.

Come Support Steve Lampe In His Last Colby College Tournament

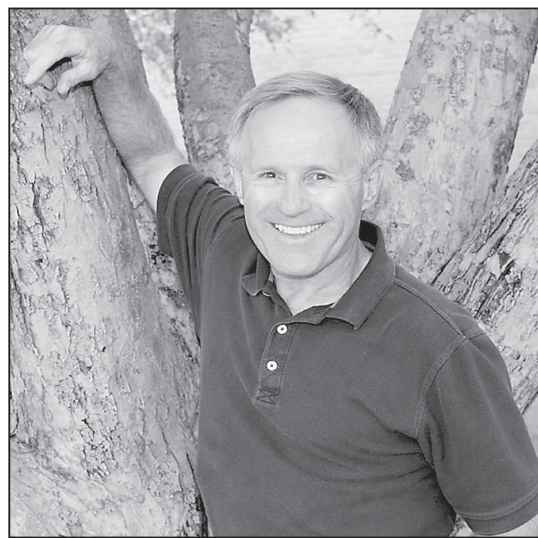


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and the College to new heights in his 35 years as head coach.

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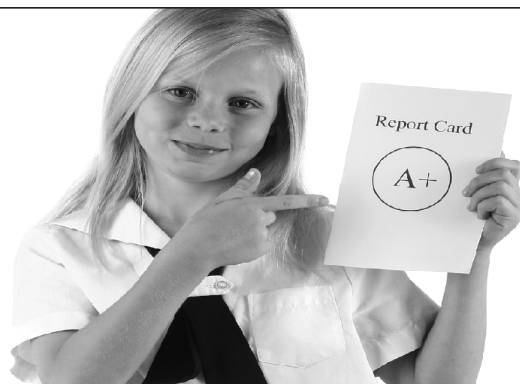
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