

Colby girls beat Hays

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The Lady Eagles basketball team managed to win its home opener against Hays High 41-25 on Tuesday at the Community Building, despite shooting only about 22 percent from the field.

The Colby High School girls got their extra points from the free-throw line, making 17 of 24. The Lady Indians made an abysmal 3-of-20 free throws. The Lady Eagles out-rebounded their opponents 38-29. Colby committed 13 turnovers and Hays 20.

"Our pressure defense was consistent," said coach Parker McKee.

Both teams made 11 field goals, but Colby took 17 more shots than the Lady Indians. Hays shot about 32 percent from the field.

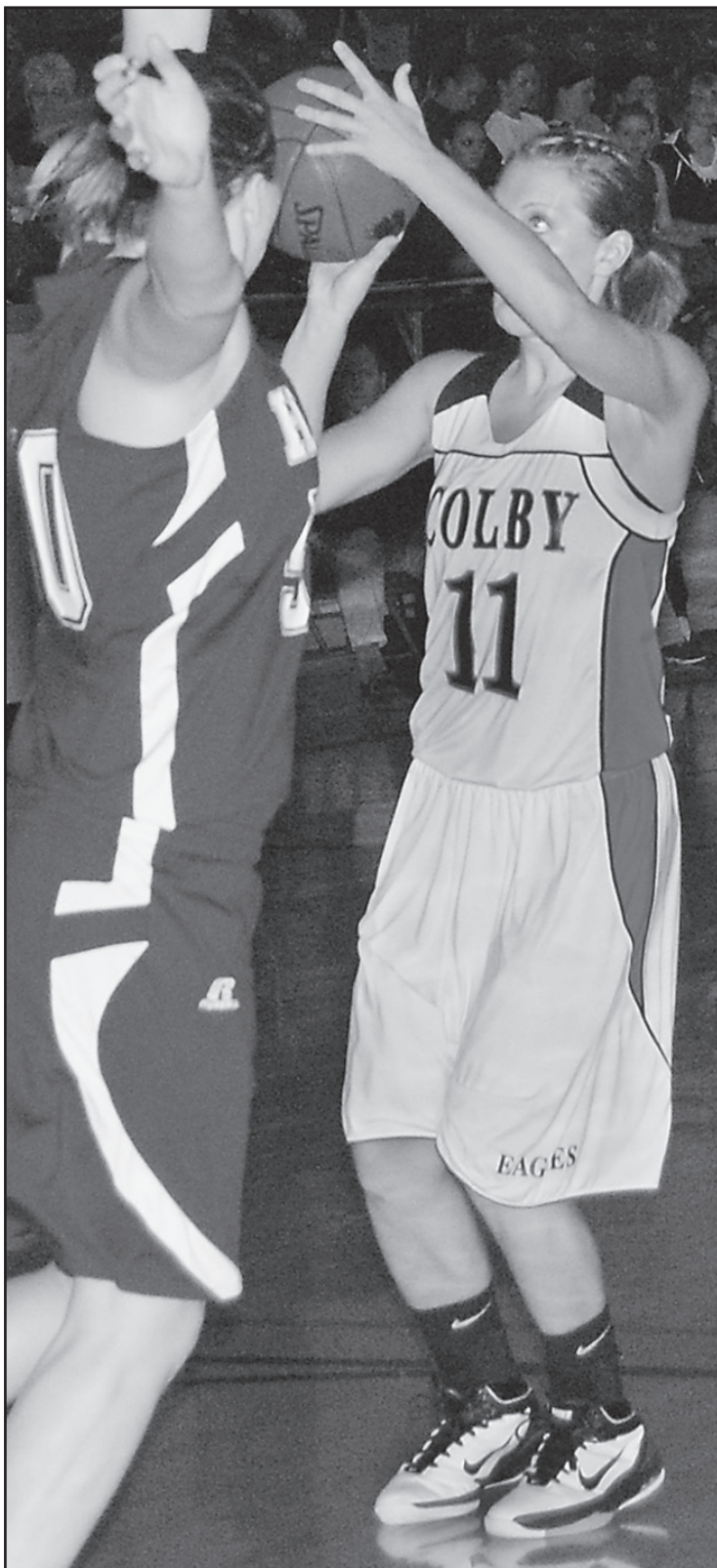
Colby controlled the early part of the game and led 9-2 at the end of the first quarter. Senior Katrina Kaus rebounded a missed shot by junior Morgan Bell, and fed senior Kayla Hockersmith, who missed a mid-range jumper. Kaus got another rebound and stuck it back in, giving Colby a 12-4 lead in the second quarter. Then Hays' Taylor Herman banked in a shot, cutting the lead to 12-6. The Lady Eagles led 13-9 at the half.

Bell drilled a jumper in the lane and got a layup off a steal in the third and Colby led 22-16 going into the final quarter.

Senior Katherine Kaus, Katrina's twin sister, knocked down a three-pointer a few minutes into fourth, giving Colby a 28-18 lead. Hockersmith found Katrina Kaus with an inbounds pass near the basket for a layup.

A baby hook shot by senior Kelsey Shields extended the girls' lead to 34-19. Sophomore Lauren Bell, Morgan Bell's sister, hit a cutting Katrina Kaus with a bounce pass from the free-throw line that Kaus laid in, giving the Lady Eagles a 41-25 lead with less than a minute left. No one scored for the rest of the game.

Katherine Kaus led all scorers with 15 points. The senior only connected on 4 of 16 shots, but



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
Colby High senior Katherine Kaus took a jumper with a hand in her face during the Lady Eagles' home opener against Hays High on Tuesday at the Community Building.

she went 6 for 6 from the free-throw line. Katrina Kaus added 8 on 3-of-5 shooting. Morgan Bell had 7, Lauren Bell 5, Hockersmith 4 and Shields 2.

With the win, the girls improved to 3-1 for the season. They play Thomas More Prep-Marian at 6:15 p.m. Thursday in the Lady Monarchs' gymnasium in Hays.



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
Colby High senior Spencer Tubbs took a baby hook shot during the second half of the Eagles' home opener against Hays on Tuesday at the Community Building.

Eagles basketball team loses to powerful Hays

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The Colby boy's basketball team lost to Hays 69-46 in their home opener on Monday at the Community Building.

The Indians' inside-outside game overwhelmed the Eagles' defense. Hays High's 6' 5" post player Zack Gaughan had a huge game, scoring 28 points on 10-of-12 shooting. Gaughan managed to catch the ball deep in the paint throughout the first half, forcing the Eagles to foul him. Senior Spencer Tubbs and junior Braden Sager, Colby's starting post players, picked up three fouls each in the first half.

Colby senior Clint Goosen said the team was trying to front Hays' big man while having someone on the backside ready to play "help" defense if the Indians could throw it over the top to Gaughan. He said the problem they ran up against was every time the help defender had to guard Gaughan, he would pass it to the open man for a bucket.

Eagles' senior Corbin Stephens supplied Colby with most of its

offense. He scored 20 points on 8-of-16 shooting, grabbed a team-high 6 rebounds and turned the ball over 6 times.

The Eagles shot about 35 percent from the field while Hays made almost 53 percent. Colby out-rebounded the Indians 34-30. The boys had 22 turnovers and Hays 15.

Tubbs found an open Stephens, who knocked down a short jumper, cutting the Indians' lead to 5-4 early in the first half. Then junior Braden Sager found Tubbs with a nice shovel pass that he laid over the rim, narrowing the gap to 7-6. Still, Hays extended its lead to 15-8 by the end of the quarter.

The Indians' Trey Lynd picked off a pass and took it down court for a layup to make it 19-8 in the second. Hays' lead had grown to 40-19 by halftime.

The Indians' Trey Herman hit three three-pointers early in the second half and Gaughan continued to score inside. Hays led 65-30 by the end of the third.

Goosen and sophomore Zane Winger gave Colby a spark on offense in the final quarter, scoring several buckets in the game's final minutes. Colby out-scored the In-

dians 16-4 in the fourth quarter, but Hays picked up the 69-46 win.

"They are a good team," Stephens said. "We need to work on turnovers and be more physical down low."

Goosen had 9 points and Winger added 8 while committing 6 turnovers and dishing out three assists. Tubbs had 7 points and pulled down 5 rebounds and Sager added 2 points, 5 rebounds and 3 assists.

With the loss, the Eagles dropped to 0-4. They play Thomas More Prep-Marian High at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Monarchs' high school gymnasium in Hays.

B-team wins by double digits

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The Golden Plains B-team girls continued to win, defeating the Triplains Lady Vikings 28-17 in Winona.

The girls took an early lead in the first quarter, outscoring their opponents 10-2. They continued to play strong in the second and went into the half with a 16-4 lead.

The Lady Vikings played a little stronger in the second half, adding 5 points in the third quarter and 8 in the fourth. The Lady Bulldogs put in 7 and 5 in the third and fourth for the win on Nov. 30.

Taylor Petersen and Maddy Walz each put in 8

points for the Bulldogs, while Gabrielle Schiltz posted 5, Kaycie Clapp 3, Breanna Stoll 2 and Jessica Koerperich 2.

In the A-team game, the girls played hard, putting up 19 points, but the Lady Vikings scored 26 and picked up the win.

Brooke Wark scored all six of the girls' points in the first quarter. The Lady Bulldogs were unable to get any shots to fall in the second and they trailed 12-6 at the half.

Petersen and Ana Bermudez each got a bucket in the third, cutting the lead to 10-10.

The fourth had lots of scoring. Wark added three more shots and a free throw to the total along with a bucket from Kamii Miller. Triplains scored another 12 points and won 26-19.

Kansas Jayhawks defeat Memphis

NEW YORK (AP) - Bill Self sounded like a coach whose team had just won a game with a less-than-perfect outing.

"We've got a fun team, but we're wild, we've got to harness some of that," Self said after No. 4 Kansas beat No. 13 Memphis 81-68 on Tuesday night in the Jimmy

V Classic at Madison Square Garden.

The Jayhawks (8-0) had a tough first half with the ball, turning it over 12 times, a little more than their season average of 11.9 for a game.

"I don't think we did a great job against pressure, anybody," Self

said, indicating that seven players had at least one turnover in the game.

Markieff Morris had 16 points and his twin brother Marcus added 14 for the Jayhawks.

Tyshawn Taylor had 13 points and Thomas Robinson added 10 points and 10 rebounds.

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