



KALYN WEBER/Golden Plains High School
Golden Plains freshman Hailee Spresser pushed the ball up the floor during the Lady Bulldogs junior varsity game at Tribune last Friday. This was the first full junior varsity game the girls have been able to play for some time.

Junior varsity team loses season opener

By Brandy Gilbert
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The Lady Bulldogs' junior varsity basketball team lost to Greeley County 37-28 on Friday at Tribune in the first junior varsity girls game in about five years.

Golden Plains was fired up and ready to start its season with a strong attitude. The Bulldogs fell behind due to heavy defensive pressure, but freshman Jordan Christenson was able to fight through and score the Lady Bulldogs' first two points.

Inspired by their classmate and teammate, freshmen Macayla Easton and Hailee Spresser also

scored two points each for the Lady Bulldogs.

The first quarter ended with the score of 8 all. The girls worked hard to keep the score close in the second quarter, but trailed 14-12 at the half.

The Lady Jackrabbits pressed the whole third quarter and the Lady Bulldogs were unable to score. Greeley County led 23-12 at the end of the third.

The girls kept fighting in the fourth. After a bucket by Easton, the team got fired up and made a comeback. The rally fell short and the Lady Jackrabbits picked up a 9-point victory.

Slow start leads to Eagles' loss

The Colby High boys basketball team was unable to overcome an early deficit in a 61-45 loss to Thomas More Prep-Marian on Thursday in Hays.

Coach Jerad Johnson said his team played a lot better in the second half than they did in the first half.

"They (the Monarchs) came out ready to play and we didn't really respond," the coach said about his team's play in the first half.

Marian led 20-6 at the end of the first quarter and outscored Colby 14-10 in the second, giving the Monarchs a 34-16 lead at the half.

The Hays team extended its lead to 51-28

by the end of the third quarter, but the Eagles' offense got things going in the fourth. Junior Braden Sager and sophomore Zane Winger both had a couple of buckets and senior Spencer Tubbs hit a jumper.

Senior Corbin Stephens made a layup while drawing a foul. He knocked down his free throw to complete the play. The surging Eagles out-scored Marian 21-8 in the quarter.

Stephens was the team's high point man, finishing with 11, and Sager added 9. Tubbs had 8 points and 4 blocks. Tubbs had three blocks in a row at the end of the first half, Johnson said.

Colby shot just 28 percent from the field.

The coach said the Eagles were getting high percentage shots, but they missed a lot of layups and short shots off the glass.

The boys made 17 of 28 free throws and missed all five of their three-point attempts. The Eagles had 13 steals, including four by senior Kale Arnberger. The boys had 22 turnovers and the Monarchs 25. The two teams combined for 39 fouls.

With the loss, the Eagles dropped to 0-5. They will play Hugoton next Friday at 8 p.m. at the Community Building.

Football teams from the West have struggled

By Arnie Stapleton
AP Pro Football Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Head West, young man, and leave behind any notions of finding good football.

Only one of the 11 NFL teams west of the Mississippi owns a winning record heading into the final four weeks of this oddball season — not counting New Orleans, which straddles the river that serves as the league's very

own continental divide.

Yet, in this wild and wretched West, the only team that's already been eliminated from the playoff race is the Denver Broncos. Even the region's lone winners, the Kansas City Chiefs (8-4),

have dealt with a fair amount of drama, from coach Todd Haley's handshake snub of McDaniels last month to quarterback Matt Cassel's emergency appendectomy on Wednesday.

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