

# Bulldogs finish in second place

## Golden Plains gets two wins in tournament

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The Golden Plains Bulldogs placed second at the Castle Rock tournament in Quinter last week, beating Word of Life from Wichita and Hoxie High, but losing to Quinter in the finals.

The boys beat Word of Life 51-19 on Thursday.

The Bulldogs got the tip from Aaron Emigh to get the game underway with Cole Christensen, Rilee Spresser, Devinn Ritter, and Tate Preston on the floor. The boys controlled the game from beginning to end, and led 27-13 at halftime. The Bulldogs stretched their lead to 47-18 by the end of the third quarter, and went on to pick up the victory.

"We came out and played hard and controlled the rebounds the entire game," Preston said. "We were able to have our bench come in and play with the same intensity as the starting five."

Christensen led the team with 24 points and Preston and Spresser each scored 8. Other scorers included: Emigh 4, Kalyn Weber 2, Ethan Walter 1 and Tristan Schwarz 1.

Golden Plains slipped by Hoxie 52-51 in the second game on Friday. The two teams battled to a 15-15 tie by the end of the first quarter, but Hoxie held a slim 28-27 lead by halftime.

The teams continued to trade baskets throughout the third, but Hoxie held a 40-37 lead at the end of the quarter. The Bulldogs made some crucial free throws at the end of the fourth period and beat the Indians 52-51.

Christensen once again led the scoring with 17 points and Spresser put in 12. Preston added 9, Emigh 7, Weber 3 and Casey Gould and Ritter 2 each.

The Bulldogs were soundly defeated 66-37 in the championship on Saturday.

Spresser put in a quick two, only to have Quinter rebound and push the ball to the other end of the floor for a bucket.

Quinter pressed hard and the Bulldogs did all they could to stay caught up, but some fouls and turnovers gave Quinter the opportunity to score. Quinter led by 6 at the end of the quarter.

Christensen put in a quick two off a bounce pass from Preston to start the second quarter before Quinter's pressure defense forced turnovers. Quinter's offense went on a shooting run that quickly put Golden Plains behind 30-11.



COLE CHRISTENSEN SHOT OVER A HOXIE PLAYER IN THE SECOND ROUND OF THE CASTLE ROCK TOURNAMENT IN QUINTER LAST WEEK. CHRISTENSEN SCORED 17 POINTS AGAINST HOXIE AND LED THE BULLDOGS WITH 51 TOTAL POINTS DURING THE TOURNAMENT.

Quinter led 32-15 at halftime.

Golden Plains didn't give up as the second half got underway. The boys scored 12 points in the third, but allowed Quinter to put in 19. Quinter held a comfortable 51-27 lead at the end of the third.

Quinter continued to push the ball hard and apply defensive pressure, but Golden Plains still

posted 10 points in the fourth. Quinter ended up winning 66-37. Christensen, Preston and Spresser each had 10 points for the Bulldogs, while Ritter put in 4 and Schwarz 3.

For fans, video of the Hoxie and Quinter games has been archived and can be viewed at [www.openspacesports.com](http://www.openspacesports.com).

Golden Plains lost to Healy 55-39 on Tuesday in a road game. With the loss, the Bulldogs dropped to 2-3.

The team will play Wheatland/Grinnell about 8 p.m. Friday, directly after the Lady Bulldogs' game at Rexford.

# Lady Trojans win two in Nebraska tournament

The Lady Trojans' basketball team won two of three games at the Western Nebraska Community College Lady Cougar Classic this weekend in Scottsbluff.

After losing 74-55 to undefeated Western Nebraska, ranked No. 17 in the junior college ratings, on Thursday, Colby hammered Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture of Curtis 92-36 on Friday and whipped Trinidad State Junior College from Colorado 89-66 on Saturday.

Western Nebraska led Colby 40-23 at the half, but the Lady Cougars outscored the Lady Trojans by just two, 34-32, in the second half.

Sophomore Brooke Bursiek was the team's high scorer with 11 points and sophomore Tayler Puttergill added 10. Freshman Kelli

Crittenden scored 8, sophomore Brittany Schamberger 7 and sophomores Elina Gutmane and Hannah Thornton six each.

The Lady Trojans drilled 11 three-pointers in their 92-36 rout against Nebraska Tech.

Thornton and Gutmane each had 16. Thornton scored all her points in the first half and went 8 for 10 from the field, while Gutmane hit 3 three-pointers. Freshman Morgan Rickwartz added 14 points, including 4 three-pointers.

Nebraska Tech turned the ball over 25 times, while the Lady Trojans only had 4 turnovers.

Colby out rebounded the Lady Aggies 40-35.

Crittenden had a team-high 23 in the Lady Trojans 89-66 win over Trinidad State. She went 10

for 12 from the foul line.

The Trojans had a balanced offense, with four players scoring in double figures.

Puttergill had 13, Thornton 12, Rickwartz 10, Gutmane 9 and freshman Christina Anderson 8.

Colby made almost 47 percent of its shots, shooting 27 for 58 from the field.

Colby out-rebounded Trinidad State 37-31. The Lady Trojans had 13 turnovers and Trinidad State 20. The 13 turnovers represented half the turnovers the Lady Trojans committed when they faced Trinidad State in their season opener.

Colby's record now stands at 5-9.

"We executed pretty well this weekend," coach Brady Jasper

# Eighth graders crush Scott City

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The Colby eighth-grade girls team combined pressure defense and explosive offense in its 29-7 rout of Scott City in the first round of the Great West Activities Conference tournament on Monday in the elementary school gym.

"We set up our offense and utilized it really well," player Brooklyn Bange said. "Our defense was really rocking tonight."

Hannah Strange, who led all scorers with 10 points, said the girls' success stemmed from working better as a team.

Colby controlled the entire game and carried a comfortable 23-5 lead into the fourth quarter. Strange and Shaila Giebler both got layups off Scott City turnovers in the fourth. Strange also knocked down a jumper and Darby Sager got a stick back after rebounding her own miss. Colby went on to pick up an easy victory.

The Lady Eagles jumped out to a 13-2 lead after the first quarter. Bange hit two jumpers to put Colby out in front 4-2 in the game's opening minutes. Phoebe Pfeifer and Strange both knocked down jumpers before the quarter came to an end.

Colby's offense slowed down in the second quarter and the girls led 17-4 at halftime.

"We did an incredible job on defense," coach Shirley Arntberger said. "They are really starting to understand the game and becoming smarter players."

"I saw a lot of good teamwork. They are starting to gel."

Hailey Schindler pulled down 10 rebounds. Sager scored 6 and Bange, Cheyenne Ortner, Hailey Schindler and Kelly Sloan all had 4 and Giebler had 3 points. Schindler pulled down 10 rebounds and Giebler had 7, Sloan, 6; Strange, 3; Bange and Ortner, 2 each, and Pfeifer and Courtney Reilley, 1 each.

The Lady Eagles play their next tournament game against Holcomb at 10 a.m. Saturday at Holcomb Elementary School

# Seventh-grade team remains undefeated

The Colby girls seventh-grade A team remained undefeated after beating Grant Junior High 24-13 in their last game of the regular season in Goodland.

Brenly Terrell and Lara Stephens both had 9 points in the game on Dec. 2.

The Lady Eagles will head into the Great West Activities Conference tournament Saturday in Holcomb with a 5-0 record.

The team won its opening game 37-2 over Scott City at the Colby Elementary School gymnasium on Nov. 9. Stephens led all scorers with 20 points. The Eagles whipped Grant 25-10 in the elementary school gym two days later. Stephens had a team-high 12 and Terrell added 10.

The girls crushed Scott City 32-9 in the Lady Eagles' first road game. Stephens and Desi Schippers both had 8 points a piece. Colby got a 31-19 win over Holcomb in their fourth game. Terrell led Colby with 10 and Schippers and Stephens both added 7.

"We continue to do very well on defense," coach Norm Behring said. "We are continuing to work on our transitional part of the game which is getting better."

The coach said Brielle McKee leads the team in assists and Gabrielle Wilson leads the team in rebounds.

"Sydney Stephens, Andrea Browne, Elissa Zerr, Kylee Martin are doing a great job off the bench," the coach said.

The girls' B team went 4-1. The Lady Eagles beat Scott City 23-16, defeated Grant twice, 29-12 and 19-6; and beat Holcomb 20-11.

Other members of the Lady Eagles' squad include Julie Schroeder, Rachel Browne, Jenna Crampton, Ami Ronvelia, McKayla Hoffman, Paige McNinch, Kalea Roberts, Taylor Thummel, Ali Friesen, Amber McDonald and Miranda Kern.

The A team plays its next tournament game against Holcomb at 11:15 a.m. Saturday at Holcomb Elementary School.

# Men's team loses 90-73

The Colby College Trojans' basketball team lost a road game at McCook 90-73 on Saturday.

Coach Dustin Pfeifer said his team was only down one with eight minutes left, but the McCook men made a lot of free throws down the stretch.

Colby freshman Hurley Johnson was the team's high-point man with 24 on 8-of-15 shooting and freshman A.J. Barber added 16.

The Trojans made about 38 percent of their field goals, connecting on 28 of 73. They went 10 for

21 from the free-throw line. Both teams committed 13 turnovers and the Indians out-rebounded Colby 40-32.

With the loss, Colby dropped to 9-5. The Trojans' next contest will be a league game against Pratt at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, at the Community Building.

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