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Colby High freshman Haley Mengel got ready to take a shot while being guarded by sophomore Morgan Smull at the Lady Eagles' practice on Wednesday at the Community Building.

## Girls suffer first loss

The Colby junior varsity girls basketball team lost its first game of the season Monday, falling to Garden City 48-37 in the first round of a junior varsity tournament in Goodland.

"We played hard, but not as a team," coach Jack Elliot said. "Too many defensive breakdowns. We need to come together as a team to get better."

Freshman Haileigh Shull and junior Brenna McKee each scored 11 points and freshman McKenna Ortner had 6. Freshmen Morgan Mengel, Abby Friesen and Kaylin Wiens and sophomore Karly Kriss all had 2, while freshman Tatym Rundel had 1. Colby shot 13 for 21 from the free-throw line.

With the loss, the girls dropped to 2-1.

## Equestrian rider wins classes at show

Colby College equestrian team member Devon Felts won two classes at a western horse show at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Jessica Koeppe, Devon Felts, Misty Lethcho, Ariel Nickelson and Anna Schurter all also took first in a class at the show Nov. 20.

"I was very pleased with this show," coach Shanda Mattix said. "Most of the riders really improved their performances and stepped up their levels of competition, especially in the second show."

### Show 1

**Reining:** Rachael Kruse, sixth. **Open Horsemanship:** Kruse, third; Liz Kennedy, fourth.

**Advanced Horsemanship:** Jessica Fuson, sixth.

**Novice Horsemanship:** Savannah Isely, reserve; Jessica Koeppe, first; Mariah Woolsoncroft, second.

**Intermediate 2 Horsemanship:** Misty Lethcho, reserve; Devon Felts, first; Morgan Harms, second.

**Intermediate 1 Horsemanship:** Anna Schurter, fifth.

**Beginner Horsemanship:** Michele Sill, fifth.

### Show 2

**Reining:** Kennedy, second; Kruse, fourth.

**Open Horsemanship:** Kruse, second; Kennedy, fifth.

**Advanced Horsemanship:** Fuson, fifth.

**Novice Horsemanship:** Isely, sixth.

**Intermediate 2: Horsemanship:** Felts, first; Ariel Nickelson, first; Misty Lethcho, first

**Intermediate 1 Horsemanship:** Schurter, first.

**Beginner Horsemanship:** Sill, sixth.

## Lady Bulldogs' squad hammers Healy by 17

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The Lady Bulldogs from Golden Plains picked up a 52-35 victory at Healy on Tuesday.

Golden Plains was unable to pick up a win at the Castle Rock Classic tournament at Quinter last week.

The girls lost to the Hoxie Lady Indians 54-24 in the first round on Thursday. Hoxie pressured the girls early and built a 20-7 lead by the end of the first quarter. The Lady Bulldogs just couldn't get their shots to fall and the Lady Indians extended their lead to 37-11 by halftime.

Things continued to go Hoxie's way in the third quarter, as Golden Plains could only get 5 more points on the scoreboard. The Lady Bulldogs outscored the Lady Indians 8-5 in the fourth, but couldn't close the gap.

Melissa Ritter had over half the Lady Bulldogs points with 13. Other scorers included Jordan Christensen with 4, MiKayla Lobato, Avery Spresser and Angela Ritter 2 each, and Jacy Moss 1.

"We played hard but not smart," Melissa Ritter said. "I am proud of the girls for not giving up."

The girls played in a much closer game on Friday but were unable to get over the hump, losing 37-34 to the Dighton Lady Hornets.

These evenly matched teams were tied 8-8 at the end of the first quarter. Golden Plains pulled ahead and led 23-18 by half time. The Lady Bulldogs sustained their lead through the third and led 30-23 at the end of the quarter.

Dighton pulled ahead in the fourth by scoring 14 points, while the Lady 'Dogs only scored 4. The big quarter propelled Dighton to a 37-34 victory.

Melissa Ritter once again led the team with 10 points, followed closely by Angela Ritter, Melissa's sister, who scored 9. Jacy Moss put in 7, Hailee Spresser 4, Kylie Jones 3 and Christensen 1.

"We need to step on the floor ready to play a full game," Angela Ritter said. "Just because we are ahead doesn't mean we've won. We need to play until the final buzzer."

The girls lost to Quinter 51-40 in their last tourney game on Saturday. Quinter led 9-8 at the end of the first quarter, but it extended its lead to 24-16 by halftime.

Quinter led 34-24 at the end of the third. Golden Plains posted 16 points in the fourth, but Quinter picked up the victory.

Melissa Ritter and Christensen each had 10 points and Moss added 8. Angela Ritter had 7, Hailee Spresser 2 and Avery Spresser 1.

The girls play Wheatland/Grinnell at 6:30 p.m. Friday at home in Rexford.

# Trojans' wrestler finishes sixth

Colby College Trojans' freshman Marco Tamayo took sixth in the University of Nebraska, Kearney, Loper Open on Saturday.

Tamayo went 4-3 in the 125-pound class. He was pinned in his first match but bounced back and won his next one by a major decision, 15-2. (A win by eight or more points is a major decision.) The freshman won his third match in an 8-4 decision and his fourth 7-5. Tamayo defeated his fifth opponent 10-3 before being pinned in his final two matches.

Freshman Kane Lovvorn finished 2-2 at 141.

He won his first match 3-0 and lost his second 14-4. Lovvorn defeated his third opponent 7-1 and lost a 10-2 major decision in his final match.

Sophomore Fabian Guerrero went 1-2 in the heavyweight division. Guerrero lost an 11-3 major decision and won 10-5 in his second match. He suffered a 7-1 loss in his third match.

Redshirt freshman Chase Hollenbeck went 1-2, wrestling un-

attached at 165. Coach David Nordhues said Hollenbeck had to wrestle unattached because if he wrestled for Colby, he would have lost his red-shirt status. Hollenbeck's victory was by pinfall.

Freshman Cody Stewart lost both his matches at 165. He lost his first match by major decision (17-0) and his second 7-3.

Freshman Sean Cherry posted a 1-2 record at 174. He won a 7-0 decision, lost 11-2 and was pinned.

Sophomore Jerad Schroeder

at 149 and freshman Jensen Foss at 184 lost both of their matches. Schroeder lost 16-7 and 7-5; Nordhues said he had to wrestle two tough opponent. Foss lost 7-4 and by a pin.

"I thought we wrestled all right," Nordues said. "The kids are ready for a break."

The Trojans will not wrestle again for more than 20 days. They will wrestle in national duals on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 8 and Jan. 9, in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

## Kansas guard suspended indefinitely after arrest


LAWRENCE (AP) — University of Kansas coach Bill Self has suspended 6-foot-6 guard Mario Little indefinitely after the player was arrested after a fight.

Douglas County jail records show the

22-year-old senior was arrested early Thursday at a Lawrence apartment complex on charges of battery, criminal damage and criminal trespassing. He posted \$700 bond and was released.


Police say the arrest stems from an altercation with his girlfriend and other people.

Little was 2007-08 Junior College Player of the Year and highly touted when he came to Kansas.

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