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Colby High senior Kayla Hockersmith drove down the lane during the Lady Eagles' game against Scott City on Tuesday at the Community Building.

Lady Eagles junior leads team to easy win

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Colby High junior Morgan Bell has been on some kind of roll the last three games.

Bell, who led the Lady Eagles with 18 points in Tuesday's 42-22 victory over Scott City, has been the girls' top scorer in their last three contests. She connected on 8 of 12 shots Tuesday at the Community Building, including 2 of 4 from the three-point line.

Coach Parker McKee said the game at Goodland on Jan. 4 sparked Bell's play.

"Goodland showed her she was a good player," he said.

Bell's team-high 17 points helped an undermanned Lady Eagles' team beat the Cowgirls 45-32 on Jan. 4, a night where the Kaus sisters, seniors Katherine and Katrina, and senior point guard Kayla Hockersmith didn't play due to missing practices over the Christmas break.

Tuesday, Colby scored 19 points off 22 Scott City turnovers. They had 18 steals, including 5 each by Hockersmith and Katherine Kaus, and held the Lady Beavers to 27 percent shooting in the second half. Scott City had made about 42 percent of its first half shots.

"Our defense was better in the second half," Katherine said, adding that the team made the Lady Beavers work for their shots in the half.

The girls also out-rebounded their opponents 24-16, including 17 offensive boards. Scott City only pulled down 9 offensive rebounds. Colby got 12 second-chance points off rebounds and Scott City none.

Katrina said McKee really stressed the impor-

tance of getting offensive rebounds. The coach said the girls did a good job getting rebounds against the Lady Beavers' zone defense, especially the guards.

Scott City's turnovers coupled with Colby's edge on the offensive glass led to Colby taking 23 more shots than the Lady Beavers. Colby went 18-of-50 and Scott City went 9 for 27.

The coach said his team always wants to take more shots than its opponents and getting steals, creating turnovers, getting offensive rebounds and cutting down on its own turnovers helps the girls do that.

Katherine hit a three pointer from the top of the key, giving her team 3-2 advantage early in the first quarter. On defense, Katherine ripped the ball away from an opponent during one defensive stand and took a charge a few minutes later. Katrina Kaus nailed a jumper, giving her team a 7-4 lead at the end of the first quarter.

She grabbed rebounds on both ends of the floor to start the second. Then Bell knocked down a three-pointer and Hockersmith intercepted a pass and pushed the ball down court before finishing the play with a layup. Bell drained another three to make it 17-6 Colby.

The Lady Eagles led 21-10 at the half. Bell made a couple more baskets and the Lady Eagles led 31-13 at the end of the third.

Sophomore Lauren Bell, Morgan's sister, scored inside in the fourth to make it 37-18 Lady Eagles. The girls went on to win 42-22.

Hockersmith and Katrina Kaus both had 6, Katherine Kaus, 5; sophomore Lauren Bell, 4; sophomore Kenzie Curry, 2; and Karly Kriss, 1.

With the win, Colby improved to 8-1. The girls will play Ulysses at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Community Building.

Women lose big on the road

The Lady Trojans got whipped by Cloud County 92-41 on Saturday in Concordia.

"They out-rebounded, out-shot and out-defended us," coach Brady Jasper said. "There a good team, and we didn't play great."

The Colby College team shot about 30 percent from the field, he said, connecting on 14-of-46 shots. The Lady Trojans had 30 turnovers and made only one three pointer.

Sophomore Hannah Thornton had a team-high 25 points on 8-of-12 shooting. Freshman Liga Vente added 6.

Cloud County hit about 52 percent of its field goals and took 17 more shots than Colby. The Lady Trojans forced the Lady Thunderbirds to turn the ball over just 16 times and Cloud County made about 61 percent of its three pointers, going 11 for 18. The Lady Thunderbirds out-rebounded the

Lady Trojans 43-19.

Cloud County led 45-14 at the half and out-scored Colby 47-27 in the second.

The Lady Thunderbirds' victory snapped a three-game Colby winning streak. With the loss, the women dropped to 6-10 and 1-1 in the Kansas Jayhawks Community College Conference.

They will play at 6 p.m. tonight at Seward County Community College in Liberal.

Colby varsity squad loses to unbeaten team

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The Colby High boys were overwhelmed by an undefeated Scott City team 72-42 on Tuesday at the Community Building.

Despite the lopsided defeat, The Eagles actually fared better than most teams have against the Beavers this season. In fact, three other Great West Activities Conference teams — Goodland, Hugoton, and Ulysses — suffered even worst defeats. Goodland was crushed 72-29, Hugoton, 86-46; and Ulysses, 67-35.

The closest game Scott City has been in was a 66-47 win over Tribune.

Coach Jerad Johnson said it may have been the first time this season that the Colby boys have played aggressively in all four quarters. He said they hit the glass hard and blocked a lot of shots.

Scott City took advantage of Colby's mistakes, scoring 32 points off the Eagles' 27 turnovers. The boys were only able to score 7 points off Beavers' turnovers. The coach said the Eagles would have been better off if they had attacked the gaps in the Beavers' zone press more aggressively. He said Scott City forced some of the turnovers, but a lot of them were unforced.

Colby won the battle of the

boards, out-rebounding Scott City 37-24. Senior Spencer Tubbs led the team with 11 rebounds.

Scott City pounced on Colby early in the first half. A layup by the Beavers' Brett O'Neil gave Scott City an 11-2 advantage in the first quarter. Colby senior Kale Arnberger found Spencer Tubbs inside for a layup, cutting the Beavers' lead to 15-6. Then Tubbs re-directed a Scott City player's shot out of bounds with a big block.

Arnberger buried a three-pointer, narrowing the gap to 19-11 in the second quarter. However, Braeden Robinson of Scott City responded with another a three. Scott City lengthened its lead to 31-14 after scoring three straight buckets off Colby turnovers to lead 45-20 at the half.

The Beavers' Jeremy Clinton stepped into the passing lane, picked off a pass and pushed it down court before dishing it off to Tyler Hess for a layup, stretching Scott City's lead to 57-22. Sophomore Todd Kane buried a three from the left baseline, then senior Clint Goosen, Kane and sophomore Zane Winger made a series of nice passes on a fast break that ended with a layup by Goosen. The Beavers led 62-31 going into the final quarter.

The Eagles out-scored Scott City 11-10 in the fourth, but the Beavers won 72-42.

Tubbs led the team with 9 points

on 4-of-13 shooting, just one point shy of a double-double; and in blocks with four.

Johnson said Tubbs has been learning, but he still has a lot more to show people than what they've seen so far.

Arnberger added 9 points, connecting on 3 of 6 three pointers. The coach said the Eagles needed to have somebody consistently making shots outside to open up their inside game.

Senior Corbin Stephens had 7 points, including one three, on 3-of-9 shooting, and junior Braden Sager added 6. Seniors Andrew Ketchum and Clint Goosen both had 4 and Kane added 3.

Colby shot pretty well from beyond the arc, making about 46 percent of its threes on 5-of-11 shooting compared to Scott City's 38 percent. The boys went 3 for 4 from the foul line. The coach said his team needs to get to the line more.

"We're not taking it aggressively to the basket," he said, adding that the boys need to take the battle to the front of the rim and draw contact instead of trying to avoid it.

Colby shot about 33 percent from the field while Scott City shot about 48.

With the loss, the Eagles dropped to 0-9. They will play Ulysses at 8 p.m. Friday at the Community Building.

Colby sophomore wrestler maintains undefeated record

Colby High sophomore Dustin Reed remained unbeaten in the 112-pound weight class, claiming an 18-0 record, after he and two other Eagles' wrestlers took firsts in a tournament at Liberal on Saturday.

The Eagles' wrestling squad took fifth out of 16 teams with 119.5 points. Hays finished first with 139.5 and Goodland came in second with 132. Cleveland High School from New Mexico and Hugoton tied for third with 130.5. Reed went 3-0 at the tourney.

Junior Konnor Kriss and senior Andrew Flanagin also took first in their weights. Kriss went 3-0 at 130 and Flanagin won all three of his matches at 171. Kriss improved to 16-3 and Flanagin to 17-1.

Freshman Andrew Taylor finished 4-1 and took third at 160, while senior George Smollock placed third by winning four of his five matches at 189.

Sophomore Zell Bieberle came in fourth with a 4-1 record at 285. Coach Matt Sims said Bieberle was not able to wrestle in the

match for third and fourth because he already had five matches.

Other results include junior Andrew Elling, 2-2 at 152, and freshman David Mainus winning two of four matches at 103. Sophomore Macen Shull won one of three matches at 125. Colby sophomore Kurtis Sloan didn't place at 215.

The Eagles will wrestle in a tournament at Newton, with matches starting at 11 a.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. on Saturday.

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