

Good start not enough for Colby High boys

The Colby High boys were unable to recover from a 13-0 run by Ulysses in the third quarter of a 49-22 loss in a road game Friday.

Coach Jerad Johnson said his team just wasn't able to bounce back from big runs like they had in earlier games.

The Eagles got off to a good start, taking an early 6-0 lead, but Ulysses responded by scoring 12 unanswered points.

Ulysses' Chris Oliver got his defender, Spencer Tubbs, in the air with a fake, and scored on a drive to give his team a 12-6 lead. It ended up being one of the few times Ulysses would get the better of Tubbs.

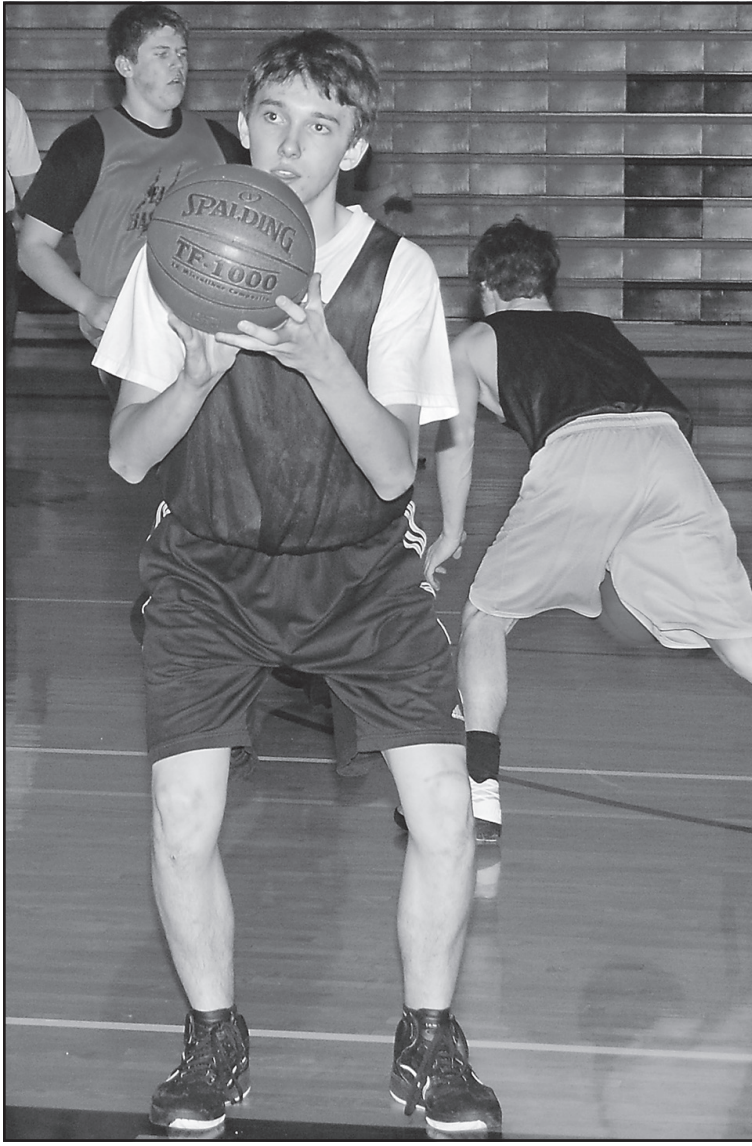
The Eagles' 6 foot, 7 inch big man posed a constant threat to anyone trying to score inside, finishing the game with 3 blocks and two steals that could also have been called blocks. Johnson said Tubbs has become a big presence inside as a rebounder and blocker.

Later, senior Kale Arnberger passed to senior Corbin Stephens, who drilled a three-pointer, cutting Ulysses' lead to 12-10. Ulysses led 14-10 at the end of the quarter.

The Tigers extended their lead to 18-10 in the second. Tubbs blocked shots by Andy Simpson and Garrett Kissell, then knocked down an 8-footer, narrowing the gap to 6. A few possession later, junior Braden Sager, facing three defenders, managed to find sophomore Todd Kane for a jumper. But offensive highlights were few and far between for the Eagles in the quarter, and the boys trailed 22-15 at the half.

The Tigers started strong in the second half. Josh Jarnagin of Ulysses hit a jumper from the left elbow, extending the lead to 28-15. Later in the half, Oliver scored inside to make it 33-15. A free throw by Sager ended Colby's scoring drought with 3:30 left in the quarter and the Eagles trailing 35-17.

Colby made some unforced errors in the third. At one point, Sager made a shot, but it was



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Colby High freshman Marc Bremenkamp took a free throw during the Eagles' basketball practice Thursday at the Community Building.

waved off because Kane had been whistled for charging. On another possession, Stephens tried to feed Arnberger inside, but the pass went out of bounds.

Senior Christian Wilson returned to action for the first time since the Hays' City Shootout early in the season, when he went down with an injury. Wilson had been starting at point guard before the injury. Ulysses capitalized on Colby's mistakes throughout, scoring 29 points off Eagles' 27

turnovers.

Ulysses went on to win 49-22. Tubbs and freshman Luke Cox led the team with 5 points each and Kane added 4. Cox was also the Eagles' lead rebounder with 7. Stephens and Sager had 3 points and senior Clint Goosen had 2. Stephens led the team with 4 steals.

With the loss, the team dropped to 2-16. The Eagles will play Norton at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Community Building.

Bulldog junior varsity takes 64-20 loss at home

By Judy Rogers

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The Golden Plains junior varsity basketball team was defeated soundly by Sharon Springs 64-20 in Rexford.

The Wallace County Wildcats quickly captured the lead against the junior varsity Feb. 4. The Bulldogs trailed 27-4 by the end of the first quarter. Sharon Springs pumped in five three-pointers during the opening quarter and continued to put the ball into the bucket during the second in a fast-paced game.

Sharon Springs scored 16 in the second, while

Golden Plains scored 7 and the Wildcats led 43-11 at the half. The third quarter found the Bulldogs making another 7 points while the Wildcats continued to push the ball hard and extended their lead to 62-18.

Both teams ran out of energy in the fourth, scoring only 2 each. The Wildcats won 64-20.

"We worked hard, but we need to box out more," Camron Spreser said. "Although we are getting better every day, we still need to improve on offense and defense."

Spreser put in 3 points for the Bulldogs while Ethan Walter, Andrew Luna, and Chance Hoeting each scored 2 and Tristan Schwarz 1.

Middle school girls teams split games against Cheylin

By Jackie Armstrong

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The Golden Plains Middle School girls A team pulled out a 30-24 overtime victory over Cheylin, but the B team's fourth quarter rally fell a little short as the Cougars picked up a 21-18 victory.

The games took place on Feb. 3 at McDonald. In the first quarter of the A game, the Bulldogs scored 4 points while the Cougars failed to pull their offense together for a shot at the hoop. Eighth grader Brooke Wark made a 2-point shot for the 'Dogs. Birthday girl Rachael Ritter scored the other 2 points in the quarter.

During the second quarter, eighth grader Taylor Todd made a bucket and a free throw to bring Golden Plains total to 7.

Taylor Peterson made one of two free throws, upping the score to 8 for the Lady Bulldogs. The Cheylin Cougars played strong defense, making 4 shots for 8 points in the second quarter to finish the first half with an 8-8 tie.

The second half started off close and ended close with 4 free throws made by Kami Miller for Golden Plains. Wark made two buckets,

upping the girl's tally to 16. Ritter also made basket, giving the Lady Bulldogs 18 points.

The Cougars weren't going to let the Golden Plains girls win without a fourth-quarter battle. Miller put 2 free throws into the hoop, boosting the score with assistance from Wark and Ritter, who made two shots each. Cheylin tied the game at 24 by the end of the fourth, however, sending the game into overtime.

The Bulldogs stepped up their defense, holding the Cougars scoreless in overtime, while scoring 6 points. Wark made a bucket and two free throws while Miller added another 2 points and the Bulldogs won 30-24.

"All of our hard work paid off," Rachael Ritter said. "Keeping a positive attitude and fixing our mistakes definitely helped us with this win."

Wark led the Lady Bulldogs with 12 points. Miller put in 8 points while Ritter added 4. Taylor Peterson and Taylor Todd each had 3.

The first quarter of the B game started off close, with 2 points by Brianna Stoll and Gabriell Schiltz making a basket. Cheylin and

Golden Plains were knotted at 4 at the end of the period.

In the second, the Cougars took the lead by 2 points as they put in 6 points to the Bulldogs' 4, all scored by Petersen. Trailing by 2 at halftime, the Lady 'Dogs struggled in the third. Carman Sepulveda was the only player to make a basket. The Lady Cougars added 8 to their side of the scoreboard and led 18-10 at the end of the quarter.

The Bulldogs were not about to go down without a fight. During the last quarter, Breanna Stoll made one of two free throws. Maddy Walz made one of two, plus two buckets. Petersen made a free throw and a basket to give the girls 8 points while holding the Lady Cougars to a single three-point shot. The Cougars escaped with a 21-18 win.

"We played hard even though we were down after the second half. We did our best to stay positive," seventh-grader Walz said. "We will continue to work hard to try and get a win."

Petersen finished the game with 7 points; Walz, 4; and Stoll, Sepulveda and Schiltz, 2 each.

Lady Eagles pick up victory in closer-than-expected game

A win is a win. This is an appropriate way of describing the Lady Eagles' 38-26 road victory at Ulysses on Friday.

While it wasn't one of the varsity team's best basketball performances, the girls did enough things right to return home with another win.

Junior Morgan Bell let the team in scoring, finishing with 9 points, and senior Kayla Hockersmith added 7. The Lady Eagles never were able to get into much

of a rhythm against a team they had blown out by 41 point earlier in the season.

Colby senior Katherine Kaus, knocked down a 10-footer, giving her team a 5-2 lead early in the first quarter. The Lady Eagles led 7-4 at the end of the period.

The Lady Tigers went on a 5-0 run to start the second to go up 9-7. Katherine knocked down a jumper from just inside the three-point line to tie the game. Then sophomore Lauren Bell, Morgan's sister,

drilled a three pointer that put Colby up 12-9.

Later in the quarter, Hockersmith knocked down a three to make it 15-11. Morgan Bell stole the ball and pushed it downcourt, where she was fouled while attempting a layup with under a minute left in the half. She sank both her free throws, extending the lead to 17-11.

Sophomore Kenzie Curry banked in a shot off the glass and Morgan Bell hit

a 15 footer, extending the Colby lead to 24-15 in the third. Later, senior Kelsey Shields got a rebound and a put back, giving her team a double-digit lead, 27-17, early in the fourth.

Lauren Bell made a pair of free throws that gave the girls a 12-point cushion. Morgan Bell drained a jumper from the right side to put Colby up 33-20, and the Lady Eagles went on to win 38-26.

Katherine Kaus finished with 4 points

before being sidelined with an ankle injury in the first half. Coach Parker McKee said he would assess her condition at practice.

With the win, the girls improved to 16-2. They play Norton in their last game of the regular season at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Community Building. It will be Senior Recognition Night.

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