

# Lady Eagles lose tough game at state

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The Colby High School girls' basketball team ended its season with a heartbreaking loss to Basehor-Linwood on Thursday in the first round of the Class 4A state tournament in Salina.

Colby was seeded No. 3 in the tournament going into the game against the No. 6 Lady Bobcats.

The first quarter was a positive one for Colby. The Lady Bobcats got on the board first with a 2-point putback, but it was called back because of a foul.

Senior Katherine Kaus picked up the first points for the Eagles with a three pointer. Basehor-Linwood came back with a three of their own. Senior Kayla Hockersmith then made a head-fake and drove inside for a 2-point basket, putting Colby up 5-2. The Lady Bobcats tied the game back up at 5 a few seconds later.

Basehor-Linwood took the lead for the first time on two free throws with 4:15 left in the quarter. Hockersmith tied the game again at 7, stole the ball back on the next play and gave it to junior Morgan Bell, who put it in for 2.

Sophomore Kenzie Curry drew a foul and made one of her free throws. A layup from Senior Katrina Kaus and a long bucket from Curry widened Colby's lead to 7. The Lady Bobcats made one more bucket in the quarter to leave the

## Bulldogs lose in first round

The Golden Plains boys basketball team lost in the first round of the Class 1A Division II state tournament. They fell 72-52 to South Barber High School from Kiowa.

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score at 14-9.

Katrina Kaus put the first points on the board in the second quarter when she head-faked and ducked under the Lady Bobcat defender to score. A few plays later, Katrina was fouled while taking the ball inside, but the foul was overturned and she was called with traveling in stead.

Basehor-Linwood's zone defense gave the Lady Eagles trouble in the second quarter. While the Lady Bobcats tied the game up at 16, the Lady Eagles were not able to put up any more points until a shot from Katrina Kaus hit off the glass and went in with about 2 minutes left. The half ended at 18-16 with Colby hanging onto the lead.

Things were beginning to look up when senior Megan Bergstrom, one of Basehor-Linwood's star players, left the game with a leg

injury. However, the Lady Bobcats took her absence in stride and gained the lead on a three pointer and a good free throw. Another bucket and a free throw extended their lead to 5. The Lady Eagles took many shots before the quarter ended, but only one by sophomore Lauren Bell went in. The Lady Bobcats were up 23-20 at the end of the third.

Bergstrom came back into the game in the fourth quarter, quickly scoring a two-point bucket.

Colby had a ray of hope at 4:20 left in the game with a big three pointer from Katrina Kaus, but Basehor-Linwood kept their lead intact with a three of their own. Katherine Kaus sunk a three, narrowing that lead to 2.

The Lady Bobcats scored again, and the Lady Eagles tried to keep the game tight with another 2 from senior Kelsey Shields.

The game stood at 30-28 with 1:19 to go and the fouls kept coming. Morgan Bell was tripped or fell and no foul was called, but rather a loose ball gave the possession back to Basehor-Linwood. Colby players committed several fouls in the final minute. Basehor-Linwood players made seven good free throws to seal the Lady Eagles' fate. Hockersmith and Morgan Bell fouled out, three-point attempts by Curry and Katrina Kaus were unsuccessful and the game ended at 37-28.

The girls ended the season at 20-3.



CHARLENE KAUS

Colby High junior Morgan Bell covered a Basehor-Linwood player during the Lady Eagle's 37-28 loss to the Lady Bobcats on at the Class 4A state tournament Thursday in Salina.

# Trojans track team returns home with 7 All-Americans

The Colby Community College indoor track and field team garnered two All-American relay teams and one individual at the National Junior College Athletics Association championships in Texas.

The distance medley relay team of

James Leonard, Josh Mwangi, Devon McCormick and Alfredo Arellano placed sixth with a time of 10 minutes and 38.41 seconds.

The 4-by-800-meter relay team of McCormick, Ross Freeman, Raymond Ve-

lazquez, and Nelson Justiss placed fifth with 7:58.24.

Arellano was also named All-American for his sixth-place finish in the 1000-meter run. He had a time of 2:33.19.

The Trojans took nine athletes to the

championships. They placed 15th over-

all. Other finished included: Edward Limo, seventh in the 5000-meter run, ninth in the 3000-meter dash and 18th in the mile;

James Carey, 22nd in the 400-meter dash

and 26th in the 200-meter dash; Freeman, 14th in the 800-meter dash; Velazquez, 15th in the 1000-meter run; and Leonard, 18th in the 1000-meter run.

The 4-by-400-meter relay team placed 15th.

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