KEVIN BOTTRELL/Colby Free Press Senior Braden Sager prepared to pass the ball in the Colby High School boys basketball game Thursday against Thomas More Prep at the Community Building. The Eagles lost the game 60-

Eagles drop to 0-5 after loss at home

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The Colby High School varsity boys basketball team lost a tough game to the Thomas More Prep Monarchs on Thursday at the Community Building with a score

Despite the loss, the Eagles (0-5) battled hard and came within 4 points of the Monarchs in the second half. Colby hit a 9-0 run that began early in the third quarter after having trailed by 13 points at the beginning of the quarter.

Colby couldn't hang on, though, and the boys were down by 10 as the fourth quarter began. The Eagles didn't lead once throughout

Head Coach Jerad Johnson said on 88.1 FM that his team played hard, but they haven't been con-

sistent enough and need to grow didn't do anything that surprised up some.

Thomas More (3-2) had one player who scored 4 three-point Sager fouled out and Cox, Winger, field goals while Colby didn't Kane and Organ all had 4 personal make one out of the seven attempted.

Johnson said the Monarchs most likely had a higher scoring percentage (47 percent) because they took more shots and were given a lot of second chances.

The Eagles had 20 turnovers, which cost them greatly; the Mon- a learning experience and has archs scored 21 points off of those Sophomore Luke Cox led the

scoring efforts with a team-high 11 points. Junior Todd Kane followed with 10 points, seniors Braden Sager and Dalaan Organ scored 9 apiece and junior Zane Winger finished the game with 5

Johnson also said the Monarchs

Colby, such as getting the "big guys" on the team in foul trouble.

As a team, the Eagles hit 15 out

14 out of 25 free throws (56 percent). They also had 31 total rebounds, with 10 of those coming from Organ. Johnson said this game was

of 42 field goals (35 percent) and

helped prepare the boys for Hugoton on Friday. The Colby teams play at 4:30, 6:30 and 8 p.m. at Hugoton.

He also said it's going to be a mental game from this point on and he thinks once the Eagles get their first win, they will relax and be able to play the way they do in practice.

Jayhawks beat No. 2 Ohio State

AP Sports Writer

LAWRENCE – Tyshawn Taylor played through the pain. Jared Sullinger did not.

That may have been the difference for No. 13 Kansas in its victory over second-ranked Ohio

The Jayhawks' starting point guard had a career-high 13 assists despite a torn meniscus and sprained MCL in his right knee, helping Kansas to a 78-67 victory over the Buckeyes, who were missing Sullinger for the second consecutive game due to back

Thomas Robinson took advantage of Sullinger's absence inside to score 21 points, and newcomer Kevin Young came off the bench to add a career-high 14 for the Jayhawks (6-2), who extended their winning streak to 47 games over non-conference opponents at Allen Fieldhouse.

William Buford had 17 of his 21 points in the second half for Ohio State (8-1), which was playing on

son. Deshaun Thomas added 19.

Taylor hurt his knee in practice earlier in the week and could have opted for surgery, but the level at one point registering 114 Jayhawks' medical staff decided on the scoreboard – roughly equal he wouldn't harm it any more by to that of a rock concert. playing. They left it up to the senior to decide whether he could inside, capitalizing on the absence ask how much he was experienc-

"If you ask them if they're hurting, then you give them an opportunity to give you an answer," Self said, adding that Taylor hadn't practiced all week until Friday.

miss about three weeks.

It was more publicly known that Sullinger was a question mark, but he wasn't ruled out until just before the game, when his balky back simply wouldn't loosen up.

The Jayhawks were desperate for a high-profile victory after throws by Lenzelle Smith Jr. and losses to top-ranked Kentucky and No. 7 Duke, and they got on against a Buckeyes team that had led the nation in scoring margin.

the road for the first time this sea- that jammed Allen Fieldhouse to the rafters, the Jayhawks raced to a 23-13 lead just over midway through the first half, the decibel

Robinson did most of the work manage the pain, and Self didn't of Sullinger to score around the rim. He had all seven of his firsthalf points during the opening flurry, and Connor Teahan and Johnson each hit 3-pointers as noise seemed ready to lift the roof from the building.

The Buckeyes finally hit their He had surgery Sunday and will stride, and it was Thomas who jump-started them.

The sophomore forward hit consecutive 3-pointers from well beyond the arc, and Amir Williams added his only basket of the first half to slice into the lead. Thomas' third 3-pointer of the half and free Evan Ravenel trimmed it to 33-29 with a minute left.

Buoyed by a frenzied crowd Kansas a six-point lead at the the fourth straight time.

The school announced new football coach Charlie Weis during the intermission, and he concluded a brief statement by saying, "Let's go whup Ohio State. Rock chalk, Jayhawk!"

The Jayhawks gladly obliged.

Johnson hit two more 3-pointers early in the second half, and the lead swelled to 47-37 when Releford hit a 3-pointer off a feed from Johnson and Jeff Withey scored on a putback.

Ohio State coach Thad Matta called timeout to calm his team down, and Buford proved his veteran poise by scoring the first basket when play resumed. It was the start of four-minute run in which he scored all five of the Buckeyes' field goals, getting them back within single digits.

The closest it ever got was 62-58, though.

Robinson and the Jayhawks took care of things from the foul line down the stretch, allowing the Young's basket moments later reigning Big 12 champions to beat off a feed from Robinson gave the defending Big Ten champs for

Trojan coach signs runner

With one week since the start and 3200 run at the State Track of the signing period, Colby Community College has added their first signee for the 2012-13 seasons. The Trojans signed Gunnar Hays of Northern Valley (Almena), who recently won his second straight Kansas State High School Activities Association 1A Cross Country State Championship in November.

"I'm very excited about Gunnar choosing to run for Colby next year. This is a great way to next season," said Head Coach cross country meets. James Ortiz.

track as well as in cross couning to realize that. Three years try. As a junior, he became the ago I don't think we could have first cross country state cham- signed an athlete like Gunnar, pion in Northern Valley High but times have changed here at School history and went on to Colby," Ortiz said. place third in the 1600 meter

and Field Championships. Hays will join a Trojan squad

that is coming off a historic cross country season. The Trojans finished the season ninth at the National Junior College Athletic Association Country Championships led by Edward Limo, who was the individual national runner-up. During the season, the Trojans earned a No. 1 national ranking for the first time in school hisstart off our recruiting class for tory after winning three of four

"Our program is on the rise Gunnar has excelled on the and I think recruits are start-

Broncos pull off another last-minute comeback in 13-10 win

By Arnie Stapleton

AP Pro Football Writer

DENVER – Just when it looked like the Chicago Bears weren't going to give Tim Tebow the chance to beat them in overtime, they couldn't play keep away.

Chicago won the toss and Caleb Hanie completed three quick passes to put the Bears in field goal range. Then, Marion Barber, filling in for Matt Forte, burst through the line for a first down.

Just then, linebacker Wesley Woodyard reached out and tugged on his right arm. The ball popped loose and Elvis Dumervil smothered it at the Broncos 34.

"He gashed us on that play,

what it's all about, making plays

at the end of the game.' That's something the Broncos

(8-5) have perfected.

Tebow drove the Broncos downfield and Matt Prater, whose five of them necessitating fourth-59-yard field goal with 3 seconds quarter rallies, three of which left in regulation tied it, booted a 51-yarder with 8:34 left in overtime to give Denver an improbable 13-10 win.

"If you believe," Tebow said, NFL starts. "then unbelievable things can sometimes be possible."

field goal gave the Broncos their sixth consecutive win and moved

game ahead of Oakland.

Tebow improved to 7-1 since taking over as the starter in Denver, and six of those wins have involved second-half comebacks, went to overtime.

No other quarterback in NFL history has produced six fourthquarter comebacks in his first 11

Broncos coach John Fox said Tebow has "competitive great-Prater's third straight walk-off ness. He wants the ball in clutch

a play," Woodyard said. "That's place in the AFC West at 8-5, a cos faced the possibility of their pushed out, stopping the clock. first home shutout in the team's 52-year history. Instead, they erased a 10-0 deficit in the final

2:08 of regulation. Tebow threw a 10-yard touchdown strike to Demaryius Thomas, who had three drops, and then got the ball back with 53 seconds left after Barber saved the Broncos precious time by going out of bounds when the Bears were trying to run out the clock.

Denver was out of timeouts after Thomas' touchdown and had to try an onside kick, which it couldn't recover. But on second After failing to score on their down after the two-minute warnthem into sole possession of first first dozen possessions, the Bron- ing, Barber cut outside and was

never happens with a veteran runnus back," Woodyard said. "It's remembered for his two late misjust like things go our way."

Barber wasn't around after the game to talk about his blunders.

and Tebow got the ball back at his 20 and went to work, not needing to go far with Prater's strong leg in the thin air. He drove the Broncos 39 yards for Prater's kick, which he rocketed through the uprights to tie it at 10.

The Bears (7-6) won the toss in

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overtime and quickly got into field "That's usually something that goal range before Barber, who

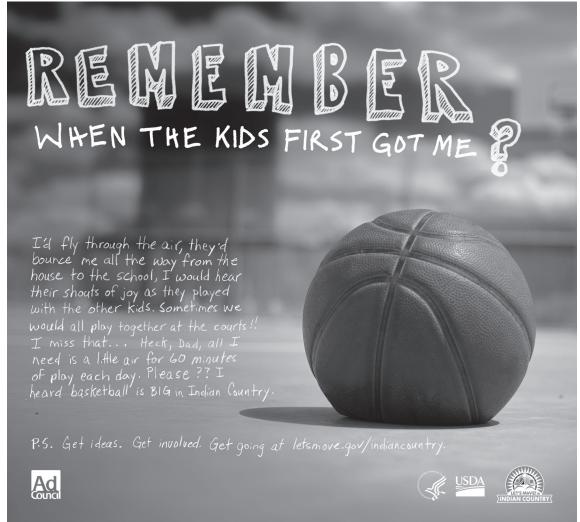
takes, coughed up the football. Tebow, who also led Denver to wins in OT at Miami and San Di-The Bears would have to punt, ego, took the Broncos from their 34 to the Chicago 33, and Prater sent the stadium into delirium.

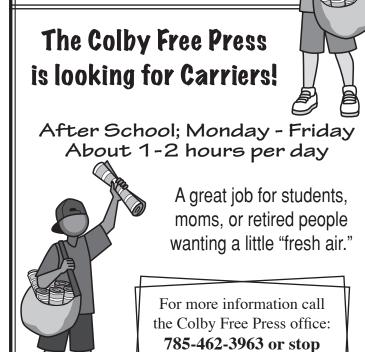
> "Those last five minutes, if it's within reach for us to get it, we feel like we're going to win," Woodyard said. "For all the Tebow haters: You'd better start



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