

# Colby girls must fight off tough Holcomb for a win

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The Colby High School girls varsity won a nail biter Friday, edging out Holcomb 67-60 on the Community Building court and extending their win streak to four games.

The Lady Eagles (5-3) had a seven-point lead in the middle of the fourth quarter when Holcomb went on a 10-3 run to tie the score at 60 with 30 seconds left.

Senior Morgan Bell and junior Lauren Bell both drew fouls in the final seconds. Morgan made 4 out of 4 free throws while Lauren made 2 out of 2 to put the Lady Eagles up by 6. Junior Kenzie Curry sealed the game with a steal and drew a foul, making one of her shots to put the final score at 67-60.

In the second quarter, Colby trailed Holcomb, and the girls went into the locker room

behind 27-24. The Lady Eagles came out strong to start the second half, though, and went on an 8-2 run to take the lead 32-29.

Holcomb was able to answer this run, though, and was within two points of Colby with under four minutes left in the third quarter. Colby went on another run, 8-0, but with one minute left on the clock, Holcomb scored a basket and two three-point shots to put the score at 44-42.

The Lady Eagles produced another 8-0 run in the fourth before Holcomb made its game-tying comeback.

Morgan Bell had a phenomenal game, hitting 11 out of 14 field goals, 5 three-point baskets and 4 of 4 free throws to lead Colby with 31 points. She also had 9 rebounds and 4 steals in the game.

Lauren Bell and Curry finished the game with 8 points apiece. Bell made 2 three-pointers and had 2 steals while Curry grabbed 4 re-

bounds, 4 assists and 2 steals.

Sophomore Haileigh Shull scored 7 points and grabbed 4 rebounds and 1 steal, senior Brenna McKee had 6 points and 4 rebounds, junior McKenna Ortnier put up 4 points and junior Karly Kriss finished the game with 3 points and 4 rebounds.

Colby improved its field-goal shooting from 45 percent in the first half to 68.2 percent in the second for a game average of 57 percent. The Lady Eagles also hit more three-point shots in the second half, improving from 50 percent in the first to 71.4 in the second. They had 9 total three-point field goals.

Another advantage for Colby was its bench players, who scored 11 points. Holcomb didn't score off the bench.

The Lady Eagles travel to Scott City for their next game, at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

# Broncos win in overtime again

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DENVER – The Drive. The Fumble. And now, The Blink of an Eye.

With a quick flick of the wrist and a mad dash to the end zone, Tim Tebow, Demaryius Thomas and the Denver Broncos put a sudden end to their playoff game against Pittsburgh – an 11-second throw, catch and run that accounted for the quickest overtime in NFL history.

On the first play of the extra period Sunday, Tebow threw a crossing pattern to Thomas, who stiff-armed Ike Taylor and won the race to the end zone for an 80-yard score that lifted the Broncos to a 29-23 playoff victory over the

stunned Steelers.

All in 11 ticks of the clock – the quickest overtime ever, regular season or playoffs.

It will be talked about for much longer, destined to earn a spot in Denver's colorful playoff history, somewhere up there with The Drive, The Fumble and the franchise's two Super Bowl titles.

John Elway, the quarterback who was around for those magic moments, was like every other Broncos fan for this one – he could only watch and hope. When Thomas crossed the goal line, ol' No. 7 raised his arms and celebrated like a kid on the sideline.

And Tebow?

"When I saw him scoring, first of all, I just thought, 'Thank you, Lord,'" he said. "Then, I was run-

ning pretty fast, chasing him."

A few moments later, he was Tebowing in the end zone – down on one knee, resting one hand against his forehead, while he punched his other fist in the turf. After that, he did victory laps and jumped into the stands at a stadium that has been thirsting for something special for a while now. Denver's last turn in the playoffs was the 2006 AFC title game, a 34-17 loss to the Steelers, five seasons before Tebow arrived.

And boy has this unorthodox, often divisive but very clutch quarterback made a difference.

The Tebow-to-Thomas connection denied fans a good look at the NFL's new postseason overtime rule. Under the new format, put into play for the first time in this

game, each team was guaranteed a possession in overtime – unless the team that gets the ball first scores a touchdown.

After Denver's third straight loss last week in which Tebow threw for 60 yards and logged a quarterback rating of 20.8, Elway – now the team's executive vice president of football operations – urged him to be more aggressive with the ball. He wanted his quarterback to step up and take more chances – run when he saw daylight, throw during that split second when he saw a receiver open.

Message received. Tebow did that all game, softening the Steelers with gains of 51, 58, 30 and 40 yards, all in the first half.

# Lady Trojans lose to Cloud County

The Colby Community College women's basketball team lost its first game of Jayhawk Conference play against Cloud County Community College on Wednesday at the Community Building with a score of 84-67.

"The first half of the game was close throughout," said coach Brady Jasper. "We trailed by only five at half time.

"Cloud extended their lead to as many as 17 at one point in the second half. We fought back to within nine points, but couldn't close the gap."

Marie McAbee led the Lady Trojans with 20 points. She was 8 of 11 from the field, 4 of 5 from the free throw line and had

5 rebounds and 1 steal.

Liga Vente added 14 points and 9 rebounds and Shantydra Arnold finished the game with 8 points and 2 steals.

Morgan Rickwarts had 7 points and 2 steals, Brooke Bursiek landed 6 points and Katarina Popovic and Cheyenne Eisenhour had 5 points each, with Eisenhour grabbing 1 steal. Angee Latoush had one field goal for 2 points.

The loss Lady Trojans are 0-1 in the Jayhawk and 4-11 overall. They will travel to Liberal to play No. 10-ranked Seward County Community College at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

# K-State beats No. 7 Missouri

MANHATTAN (AP) – Kansas State's Will Spradling knew that undefeated Missouri was going to have its hands full with the Wildcats.

Rodney McGruder scored 20 points to lead No. 23 Kansas State past No. 7 Missouri 75-59 Saturday, and the Wildcats shut down the Tigers' high-scoring offense.

Missouri (14-1, 1-1 Big 12) entered the day as one the nation's

four remaining unbeaten teams but never threatened in the final 30 minutes. Marcus Denmon led the Tigers with 17 points while Michael Dixon added 16.

Missouri entered the day leading the Big 12 in scoring by a wide margin, averaging 86.2 points.

Spradling had 14 points for the Wildcats, (12-2, 1-1) who led by at least a dozen points the entire second half.

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