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Gabrielle Schiltz played tough defense against Brewster-Triplains on Jan. 5. The Golden Plains Middle School A-team girls rolled past the Titans for a record-setting 60-12 win.

Lady Bulldogs win record-setting game

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The Golden Plains Middle School girls basketball A-team scored a record 60 points over the Triplains-Brewster Lady Titans Jan. 5 in their first game of the new year.

Coach Travis Smith said this was one of the highest-scoring games he has ever had a middle-school girls team score. The most recent score for the girls was a 48-24 win over Cheylin in February, he said.

Every girl on the floor contributed in this record setting game Thursday. The girls started off the game on fire and never stopped, as they rushed to a 14-2 lead by the end of the first quarter. Holding the Lady Titans to another 2 in the second, the Lady Bulldogs rolled to a 24-4 lead by halftime.

The high scoring action continued throughout the second half, with the Lady Bulldogs adding 16 in the third and 20 in the fourth. With Brewster's girls putting in 4 points in both the third and fourth quarters, the Lady Bulldogs fin-

ished with a 60-12 win. They now have a 7-1 season record.

"This was a good game for us. We worked together as a team and played hard," eighth grader Kynndra Rush said. "We were both surprised and happy when Mr. Smith told us we had scored 60 points as a team."

The 60 points came from Kami Miller and Maddy Walz with 12 each, Tayler Petersen with 11, Courtney Heinrich with 6, Rush with 5, Morgan Ritter with 4, Gabrielle Schiltz with 4 and Brianna Stoll, Kaycie Clapp and Kellee Snyder with 2 each. Also contributing to the win was Jessica Koerperich.

The middle school girls B-team was back on their winning path as they defeated The Titans 33-11. The girls lost a close game to Sharon Springs before the Christmas break.

With 2 points from Courtney Heinrich and 4 from Morgan Ritter, the Lady Bulldogs ended the first quarter leading 6-3. Jessica Koerperich exploded with 8 points in the second, and scoring from Heinrich, Ritter, and Arianna

Camacho gave the Lady Bulldogs a 21-5 lead by halftime.

Slowing down in the second half, Ritter added another 4 and Kellee Snyder made a free throw while Brewster scored 5 in the third quarter. The fourth found both teams on the free-throw line, where Brewster added 1 to the total. The Lady Bulldogs made 3 of their 18 attempts in the fourth, but additional buckets from Heinrich and Koerperich allowed the girls to finish with the win.

"We worked well together as a team," Ritter said. "We wanted to work harder to make sure the Sharon Springs game was our only loss."

Ritter finished the game with 11 points, while Koerperich had 10. Heinrich added 6 along with Camacho's 2. Adding one free throw apiece were Snyder, Kaylie Schaben, Brooklyn Bice and Jennifer Esparza. The B-team girls now have a 5-1 record to start off the year.

The girls are preparing for a road game in Tribune on Thursday.

Colby wrestling team takes second in tourney

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The Colby High School wrestling team finished second last weekend at the Salina South tournament with 111 team points, and one Eagle was named the outstanding wrestler for the event.

Manhattan took the top spot at the event Saturday, Jan. 7, with 187.5 points while Junction City and Dodge City tied for third with 109 each. A team from Norman, Okla., came in fifth with 93, host Salina South was sixth with 84.5, Topeka High seventh at 56.5, Hutchinson eighth with 55, Salina Central ninth with 36.5, Russell 10th with 27 and

Ottawa 11th with 18.

Konnor Kriss, at 138 pounds, took the championship in his weight class and was named Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament. Kriss now has a record of 20-1, leads the team in pins (11) and is second in takedowns (51) this season.

Dustin Reed at 120 pounds also took first place in his class, and he is still undefeated this year with a 21-0 record.

At 145 pounds, Quade Woofter grabbed second place at his weight and brought his record to 18-3.

David Mainus, 106 pounds, took second place and brought his record to 16-5.

Zell Bieberle at 285 pounds finished in second as well and

now sits at 15-4 this season.

At 160 pounds, Andrew Taylor landed in fourth place in his class, but still has a fantastic record of 18-2.

Beau Brown, 170 pounds, came in fourth, too, improving his record to 17-4.

Michael Tubbs at 132 pounds took fourth place and still leads the team in takedowns with 54. His record is 18-3.

At 113 pounds, Taylor O'Leary finished in sixth place. He has split his matches this season, 10-10.

The Eagles' next meet will be at 6 p.m. Thursday against Norton in the Colby Grade School gymnasium.

Oklahoma upsets Kansas State

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) – On Friday afternoon at Bramlage Coliseum, Kansas State Coach Frank Martin had five of his players running bleachers while their teammates practiced.

Martin said it was easy to see why during the 18th-ranked Wildcats' 82-73 loss to Oklahoma on Saturday.

"This either gets your attention and now you get stuff right or you pack your bags and go home," Martin said. "It makes you soul search. It's reality."

On Tuesday, Kansas State's reality was a 75-73 loss to No. 4 Baylor at home. Four days later, the Wildcats (12-4, 1-3 Big 12) found themselves down by as many as 18 points to the unranked Sooners.

Under new coach Lon Kruger, a two-time All-Big Eight guard for the Wildcats as a player, the focus all season for Oklahoma has been getting better each day. Martin said his team needs to adopt the same philosophy.

Oklahoma (11-5, 1-3) led the entire game but had to fend off several Kansas State runs while losing the rebounding battle 44-24.

Rodney McGruder led Kansas State with 19 points.

Andrew Fitzgerald led Oklahoma with 21 points, while Romero Osby and Steven Pledger scored 18 and Cameron Clark had 10. It was Oklahoma's first Big 12 Conference win after an 0-3 start.

Trailing by nine points at halftime, Kansas State fell behind by

as many as 18 in the second half.

The Wildcats cut the deficit to six points with 57 seconds remaining but were forced to foul late and the Sooners converted four of six free throws over the final 1:21.

Oklahoma opened with a 7-0 run, prompting Kansas State Coach Frank Martin to call a timeout just 1:42 into the game. The Sooners led by as many as 12 points in the first half as Kansas State struggled to find offensive consistency while shooting 33 percent.

Leading by 18 points with 8:27 remaining in the second half it looked like Oklahoma would run away but two 3-pointers from Spradling and a basket from Nino Williams as he was falling down cut the deficit to eight.

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