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Sophomore Jaden Morrison made a basket during the Colby High School boys junior varsity basketball game on Monday at the Community Building. The boys lost to Oakley 41-28.

Lady Bulldogs win two games at home

By Judy Rogers
Golden Plains High School

The Lady Bulldogs from Golden Plains High School conquered the Lady Bulldogs from Quinter on the Rexford gym floor on Jan. 24 in their varsity match-up.

The Golden Plains girls started off the night with a 10-6 lead in the first quarter. As the girls continued to play strong, they added another 10 in the second while their defense held the Quinter girls to 4. This gave the home team a 20-10 lead at the half.

The girls continued to play hard in the second half, posting up 14 points in the third quarter. Quinter also played well in the third and put in 10 points of their own. The fourth quarter saw the girls working to the end as Golden Plains added 22 points to their final score, with 12 of those points coming from the free-throw line. Quinter also finished strong with 23 of their own. With a final score of 56-23, Golden Plains claimed their fifth win of the season and remain undefeated on their home floor.

"We played really well," Jordan Christensen said. "We knew we had to step up our game with Kylie (Jones) not playing, and that's exactly what we did."

Contributing to the win for the Lady Bulldogs were three girls in double-figure points: Angela Rit-

ter with 17 points, Jordan Christensen 16 and Hailee Spresser 14. Adding to the final total were Kylie Jones 4, MiKayla Lobato 3 and Brooke Wark 2.

This was the most points scored in a single game so far this season from Ritter who shot consistently throughout all four quarters. Christensen's points included 3 three-point shots and she made 5 of her 6 free-throw attempts in the fourth quarter. Christensen also led the team in other stats including 9 rebounds, 3 steals and 6 assists while Ritter had 2 rebounds, 1 steal and 3 assists.

Additional team stats included Spresser with 7 rebounds, 1 steal and 1 assist; Lobato 6 rebounds and 1 steal; Paulita Ramirez 4 rebounds and 2 assists; Jones 3 rebounds; Macayla Easton 1 rebound; and Leea Juenemann 1 assist.

The varsity girls added another win as the Lady Bulldogs defeated the Brewster-Triplains Lady Titans in Rexford on Jan. 20.

This was the girls' first game since the league tournament, and they were ready to play at home.

The game was close throughout the first quarter, with the Lady Bulldogs finishing with 7 points to the Lady Titans' 6. In a much faster second quarter, both teams pushed the ball hard and pumped in points to end the first half with the Lady 'Dogs leading 25-21.

The girls remained competitive throughout the second half as they would tie up the score, then pull ahead, only to have the Lady Titans tie it again. By the time the third quarter buzzer sounded, the Lady Bulldogs managed a 39-33 lead. Outscoring the Lady Titans 19-16 in the fourth, the Lady Bulldogs claimed another win on their home floor with a final score of 58-49.

Scoring for Golden Plains in this competitive match up were Christensen with 18 points, Spresser 8, Ritter 16, Ramirez 4 and Lobato 2. The Lady Titans' points were attributed to Brittany Plummer with 14, April Mays 11, Kasey Hoyt 10, Shayna Rogge 9 and Dara Roulier 5.

The Lady Bulldogs also played well underneath the basket, with a total of 40 rebounds, 8 steals and 16 assists. Christensen was the leading rebounder with 15 along with Spresser at 11, Ramirez 5, Ritter 3, Juenemann 2, Lobato 2, Wark 1 and Easton 1. Steals were grabbed by Ritter with 3, Ramirez 3 and Spresser 2. Ritter had 6 assists, Christensen 4, Spresser 2, Wark 2, Easton 1 and Ramirez 1.

"We were glad to get this second win on our home floor," Ritter said. "If we continue to work hard and play as a team, we should gain more success both at home and on the road."

Girls and boys junior varsities compete in Colby tournament

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A junior varsity basketball tournament was held in Colby Monday and Thursday, with games played in the Colby High School gym and the Community Building.

The Colby High girls and boys junior varsity teams played at the Community Building on Monday. The girls lost to McCook from Nebraska 58-33, so they moved into the consolation bracket to play Oberlin on Thursday.

The boys competed with Oakley on Monday, but they also lost the game with a score of 41-28. In the consolation bracket, they played

Goodland on Thursday. The other games played on Monday were in the high school gym. The Goodland and Oberlin girls played against one another with Goodland getting the win 33-25. Goodland went into the winner's bracket to play McCook on Thursday.

The Goodland boys also played Monday, but their opponent was Cheylin. Cheylin grabbed the win 46-35 to move to the winner's bracket. The Cougars faced Oakley on Thursday.

On Thursday, the Lady Eagles couldn't top Oberlin and lost 32-23. They finished in fourth place in the tourney.

In the winner's bracket, Mc-

Cook beat Goodland 31-18 to be the junior varsity girls champion.

The Goodland girls took second and Oberlin took third.

The Colby boys were able to get the win against Goodland with a score of 40-37 to take third place.

The Oakley boys wiped the floor with Cheylin, defeating the Cougars 53-27 to win the boys bracket.

Cheylin finished in second place and Goodland fourth.

Colby wrestlers ranked fourth in 4A

The Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association released its latest team and individual rankings for this week and the Colby High wrestling team is ranked fourth in class 4A.

Andale is ranked first, McPherson second and Pittsburg third. After Colby is St. James Academy in fifth, Bonner Springs sixth, Baldwin seventh, Concordia eighth, Clay Center ninth and Chanute 10th.

Four Eagles wrestlers are ranked in their weight classes.

Junior Dustin Reed has the top

spot in the 120-pound class while senior Konnor Kriss is ranked first in 138.

Junior Quade Woofter is listed

sixth at 145 pounds and junior Zell Bieberle is also ranked sixth at 285.

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