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Senior Braden Sager went for a layup in the Colby High varsity boys basketball game Friday at the Community Building. The Eagles lost to Ulysses 53-38, but the varsity girls won their game 51-20 against the Lady Tigers.

## Lady Eagles varsity pulls off another win

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The Colby High School varsity girls whipped the Ulysses Lady Tigers 51-20 in a basketball match Friday at the Community Building.

The Lady Eagles (8-1 Great West Activities Conference, 12-6 overall) dominated every aspect of the game, scoring 16 points off turnovers while the Lady Tigers scored just 2. Colby had 25 points from bench players while Ulysses' bench didn't score at all.

Senior Morgan Bell had a game-high 14 points along with 3 rebounds and 3 steals. Sophomore Haileigh Shull followed with 11 points and shot 4 of 4 from the field. She also had 6 rebounds and 2 steals.

Junior Lauren Bell scored 10 points in the game and made 4 of

6 field goals. She grabbed 5 rebounds and 2 steals as well.

Junior Karly Kriss finished the game with 8 points, 7 rebounds and 4 steals; junior McKenna Ortner had 6 points, 3 rebounds and 2 steals; and junior Kenzie Curry had 2 points and 2 assists. Senior Brenna McKee didn't score but she had 7 rebounds, 1 assist and 2 steals.

The Colby High varsity boys played a close game with the Ulysses Tigers, but they let it get away from them and lost 53-38.

The Eagles (1-8 league, 1-17 overall) were within striking distance, down 18-15, at the end of the first quarter. The Tigers' defense kept Colby from getting close for the rest of the game, however, and the Eagles were down 27-19 at the half.

However, Colby was able to rebound Ulysses 29 to the Tigers' 22 and shot 68.8 percent from the

free throw line.

Senior Dalaan Organ led the team in scoring with 12 points, 8 rebounds and 1 steal. Junior Todd Kane scored 6 points and had 2 rebounds, 1 block and 1 steal.

Sophomore Luke Cox finished the game with 5 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 block and 1 steal while senior Braden Sager finished with 5 points, 2 rebounds and 1 steal.

Junior Zane Winger had 4 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist and a steal; junior Daniel Myers had 4 points, 2 rebounds and 1 assist; and junior Wyatt Binder had one basket and 1 rebound.

The varsity girls and boys play Hugoton tonight in home games postponed from earlier this month because of weather. The girls play at 6:30 p.m. with the boys following at about 8 p.m. at the Community Building.

## Kansas State upsets No. 9 Baylor

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WACO, Texas — Angel Rodriguez is still making plenty of mistakes at Kansas State. The freshman guard is obviously learning and doing a lot to make up for them.

Despite a potentially costly turnover in the final seconds, Rodriguez had 15 points, six assists and a key steal for the Wildcats in their 57-56 win at No. 9 Baylor on Saturday.

Rodriguez was coming off a game with seven turnovers and no points in a loss to No. 4 Kansas. And in a home game against Baylor last month, he had two turnovers in a 13-second span late that led to consecutive fastbreak baskets by the Bears that put them ahead to stay.

Pierre Jackson drove around Rodriguez to open Saturday's game with a layup for Baylor, then had two of his four turnovers in the opening minute.

With 5 1/2 minutes left, Rodriguez missed a shot.

Quincy Miller grabbed the rebound, but Rodriguez reached around and tied up the ball, getting credit for a steal with the possession arrow pointing to Kansas State (18-8, 7-7 Big 12).

Rodriguez then had an assist with a lob pass to Jordan Henriquez, who grabbed the ball in the air between defenders and flipped it in while being fouled. Henriquez added the free throw to put the Wildcats ahead 52-51.

Kansas State trailed only one more time, but for only 15 seconds before Henriquez had a dunk with 1:55 left.

Rodriguez had an apparent breakaway layup with 13 seconds left after a turnover by Jackson. But Rodriguez was called for traveling, wiping out the basket and giving the Bears one more chance.

Rodney McGruder also had 15 points for the Wildcats, who had lost their previous two games and play Tuesday at No. 3 Missouri. Henriquez finished with nine points and seven rebounds.

## Bulldogs drop two against Ringnecks

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The Hill City Ringnecks came to Rexford and captured two wins from the Golden Plains Bulldogs boys basketball teams.

They won the junior varsity game on Feb. 7 with a final score of 47-25 and brought down the home varsity 66-37.

The junior varsity game started out slowly, with the Bulldogs only putting in 2 points and the Ringnecks 6 during the first eight minutes. The Ringnecks added 14 in the second quarter while the Bulldogs only got 4.

The third quarter proved to be the best for the Bulldogs, as they put in 12 points and held the Ringnecks to 9, but Hill City retaliated in the fourth, adding 18 to their final score while the Bulldogs only increased their total by 7.

Trey Schwarz led the Bulldogs with 11 points — 9 of which came in the third quarter. Chance Hoeting and Camron Spresser each had 5 points, and

Domonic Luna and Zach Spresser rounded out the scoring with 2 apiece.

In the varsity game, the Bulldogs started off with 14 points in the first quarter and 12 in the second. However, the Ringnecks were on fire in the first as they put in 34 points — 16 from S. Jones. They continued to swish the ball in the second quarter, adding another 18.

With a halftime score of 52-25, the Bulldogs had their work cut out for them.

The ball just wouldn't drop, as they only managed 6 points in each of the third and fourth quarters. The Ringnecks added 11 in the third, but only 3 in the fourth to end the game 66-37.

Scoring for the Bulldogs were Cole Christensen with 15, Tristan Schwarz 6, Kalyn Weber 6, Chance Hoeting 3, Trey Schwarz 4 and Jose Bermudez 2. The boys cut their turnovers to 12 in this game and Christensen claimed 8 rebounds, 5 blocks and 1 steal. Other rebounds went to Tristan Schwarz with 4, Weber 2, Trey Schwarz 2 and Bermudez 1. Also getting steals were Weber, Trey Schwarz and Grant Spresser.

## Lady Bulldogs break five-year win drought

By Hailee Spresser  
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The Golden Plains varsity Lady Bulldogs broke a five-year drought, defeating the Hill City Lady Ringnecks.

Golden Plains started the game Feb. 7 by scoring 11 points in the first quarter, 6 of those on free throws. Though starting to feel the pace of the game, the Lady Bulldogs held a seven-point lead at halftime with a score of 32-25.

The girls came out in the third quarter strong, but were outscored

by Hill City 16-11. This made the score 43-41 to start the fourth quarter.

With great defense on both ends of the floor, Golden Plains put in 6 points, but Hill City only put in 2, setting the score with very few seconds left at 47-45. With one last possession, the Ringnecks launched the ball down the floor, but it was tipped away by the Lady Bulldogs. Golden Plains won 47-45 to make the girls' record 7-8 going into the late season.

Leading scorer for this game was Kylie Jones with 18 points,

followed by Hailee Spresser 13, Jordan Christensen 10 and Angela Ritter 6.

The Lady 'Dogs' last win against Hill City was in 2007 with a score of 51-43.

"Finally, after five years, we stepped up and defeated the Ringnecks," sophomore Jordan Christensen said. "This game set the pace for the rest of the week. We played hard and as a team; that is the key to success. We just need to keep up the enthusiasm and effort for the rest of the season."

## Junior varsity plays overtime

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The Golden Plains High School junior varsity boys played an exciting overtime game against the Cheylin Cougars.

They got off to a slow start in the game Jan. 31, as the Cougars pulled ahead 18-7 by the end of the first quarter, with a couple of three-point sharp shooters leading the way. The Bulldogs held the Cougars to only 6 points in the second quarter, as they pushed through for 9 of their own, and they entered the locker room at halftime trailing 24-16.

In the second half, the Bulldogs played more consistently, putting in 11 points to the Cougars' 10 in the third period. Still falling short, the boys continued to play hard and gave the crowd an exciting

finish as they worked the ball inside to tie the game up at 37 with two minutes remaining.

A three-point bucket from Chance Hoeting gave the Bulldogs the lead. With 21 seconds on the clock, Cheylin answered that shot with a three of its own to tie it back up at 40.

As the remaining seconds clicked off, the Bulldogs missed a shot, tied up the ball and the jump ball went to Cheylin. The Cougars then threw the ball out of bounds with 2.6 seconds to go. The buzzer sounded with Golden Plains in possession, sending this exciting game into overtime.

In the four-minute overtime, Vandike from Cheylin hit a 3 to pull ahead. Camron Spresser answered with a 2 to make the score 43-42 but committed a fifth foul, sending him to the bench.

Cheylin made one of its free

throws, taking a two-point lead. With 1:15 remaining, Trey Schwarz tied the game at 44. Two free throws from Schwarz gave the Bulldogs a 46-44 lead with 30 seconds still to play.

A Bulldog foul at 8.5 seconds gave the Cougars a one-and-one shot from the free-throw line. They made the first and trailed by one. They then put back their own rebound literally at the last second to pull ahead for a 47-46 win.

"This is the first game we lost at home," said Schwarz, who had 8 points in the game, 4 in the overtime. "We just didn't execute at the end. However, the refs did a good job."

Other Bulldogs contributing points were Joseph Koerperich with 17, Chance Hoeting 6, Jacob Griffith 4, Jose Bermudez 2 and Benny Martinez 1.



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