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Kylie Jones got fouled on a jump shot during the semifinal round of the Class 1A substate tournament at the Community Building. Jones shot free throws well in the tournament and shot 65 percent for the season.

Lady Bulldogs finish season with winning record, 12-10

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After defeating Brewster-Triplains in the first round of the substate tournament, the Golden Plains High School varsity girls advanced to the semifinal round to face the Greeley County Lady Jackrabbits at the Colby Community Building.

Amid boisterous support from the boys basketball team, classmates and friends, the Lady Bulldogs stepped on the floor determined to do their best.

Greeley County grabbed an early lead, but hard work and determination, along with 3 free shots from Kylie Jones, tied the game at 9 by the end of the first quarter. The Lady Jackrabbits regained the lead in the first part of the second quarter, but aggressive play from Golden Plains brought the score back to 19-17 with just under three minutes until the half. The Lady 'Rabbits fought back and pulled ahead for a 22-17 lead at halftime.

Starting off the third, the Lady 'Rabbits quickly regained a 7-point lead. The determined Lady Bulldogs pushed hard to close the gap to 29-28. A strong defensive play from junior Angela Ritter forced Greeley County to throw the ball out of bounds. A shot from Ritter then pulled the Lady Bulldogs back ahead 30-29.

Some hard, fast action of the floor pushed the lead back and forth between the two teams. As the clock wound down to end the quarter, the Lady Jackrabbits slowed down to hold on to the ball for the last shot. Even though they missed, the Tribune girls held the 36-34 lead at the buzzer.

The Lady Bulldogs continued to work hard throughout the fourth period, with defensive pressure and some early shots from Jones and Jordan Chris-

tensen. With less than four minutes remaining, the score was tied at 43. The Jackrabbits pulled ahead by two, then a free throw from Hailee Spresser closed their lead to one.

Golden Plains Coach Parker Christensen called a time out with 1:14 to play with the Lady Bulldogs in possession of the ball. Back on the floor, the girls missed their shot and gave the ball back to Greeley County.

After the Lady Jackrabbits extended their score, the Lady 'Dogs once again lost control of the ball. As the game clocked ticked down to the end and the crowd erupted in disagreement with calls on the floor, the Lady 'Rabbits took advantage of the opportunity to put the game away, even though the Lady Bulldogs played hard and with pride to the last second.

Greeley County won the game 49-44 and they advanced to the finals as the Lady Bulldogs went home with a 12-10 season record. This was the first winning season for the Golden Plains girls since they qualified for state in 2007.

Jones and Christensen led the Lady Bulldogs' scoring with 14 and 13 points, respectively. Additional points came from Spresser 7, Leea Juenemann 6 and Ritter 4. The girls had 26 rebounds, 6 steals and 13 assists.

Ritter, a junior, will be the only returning senior next season.

"We played two great games in the substate tournament," she said. "We look forward to extending our success next year."

"Hopefully, with so many returning players, we will have even greater success with our acquired knowledge and experience," Jones said. "Everyone needs to get into the weight room, play summer league and stay healthy to gain strength and experience to prepare for next season."

Colby wrestling club sends 35 to districts

The Colby Kids Wrestling Club wrestled in the subdistrict tournament Saturday in Goodland, the first qualifying tournament of the season.

Wrestlers have to place in the top four in their class to move on. The club will be in WaKeeney for the district tournament tomorrow. Thirty-five Colby wrestlers qualified for district.

Results for Colby wrestlers:
In the 8 and under category, Tyler Voss at 67 pounds, Hagan Booi at 95 and Declan Ryan at 125 all finished first. Baylei Kraft, 49 pounds; Conner Lanning, 55; Keden Frahm, 58; Thomas Norris, 61; and Mason Givens, 73, did not place.

In the 10 and under group, Bradyn Blackhart at 79 pounds and Tucker Branum at 100 took first. Rathe Aschenbrenner, 64; Konnor Griffin, 73; and Cade Lanning, 76, took second; Braden Schritter, 67, and Riley Kraft, 70 placed third; and Matthew Schritter, 70, was fourth. Brett Morris, 90, did not place.

In 12 and under, Braiden Lynn, 64 pounds; Rex Branum, 100; Lucas Taylor, 165; and Ethan Jay, 240, all finished first. Sean Rall, 92, was fourth. Zach Hart, 105, and Tyler Schritter, 105, did not place.

In the 14 and under category, Ernie Leija, 80 pounds; Tate Carney, 90; Tanner Elias, 95; Brennan

Ziegelmeier, 125; Connor Edmondson, 135; and Austin Hart, 175, all took first. Matthew Pieper, 140, and Ben Matchell, 150, were second; Brook Ziegelmeier, 115; Brady Holzmeister, 120; and Dustin Leth, 150, finished third; Andrew Voss, 110; Bryce Arberger, 125; and Garrett Rose, 130, were fourth. Alex Young, 115, did not place.

In the high school group, Dustin Reed, 126 pounds; Konnor Kriss, 145; and Beau Brown, 182, all finished first; Andrew Taylor, 170, took second; and Troy Quenzer, 195, was third. Zachary Young, 160, did not place.

Women's track runner breaks own dash record

The Colby Community College women's indoor track team finished 32nd at the National Junior College Athletic Association championships.

"We had a rough start at the meet," said Coach Crystal Berndt. "Prisca Roys-Dossou (Paris) was ranked 13th in the pentathlon through three events. However, she did not get a mark in the long jump."

The meet was March 2 and 3 in Charleston, Ill.

The distance medley relay team finished in 12th place with a time of 13:28.64. Members are Mikarla Swann and Gabby McIntosh, Bahamas, and Roys-Dossou and Melissa Collins, Guyana.

"The highlight of our meet was when Gortia Ferguson (Bahamas) made the finals in the 60-meter dash and broke her own school record with a time of 7.61," said Berndt.

Ferguson finished eighth overall and scored the only team point for the meet. She finished ninth overall in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.46, missing the finals by .01 of a seconds.

McIntosh finished 21st in the 60-meter dash, running her best time of the season with a 7.95.

Collins placed 11th with a time of 11:03.93 in the 3,000 meters. She was 11th in the mile with a time of 5:30.03.

"This wasn't quite what I was hoping to see us do at the national meet," said Berndt. "We had a tough start and just couldn't seem to get in the right groove after that. We are looking forward to outdoor track."

The Lady Trojans' first outdoor meet will be Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24, at Fort Hays State University.

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