

Colby girls win at home

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The Colby High varsity girls basketball team pulled out a win Thursday in a home game, fending off the Hays High Lady Indians in a tight fourth quarter to hold onto and build on a slim lead with last-minute free throws.

The Lady Eagles (2-2 overall) defeated the Hays girls 43-38 in front of the home crowd at the Community Building.

The girls started out a little slow, but had an 11-5 lead by the end of the first quarter. Colby added 17 points in the second while Hays only scored 8, leaving the Lady Eagles ahead 28-13 at the half.

The Lady Indians slowed down Colby's offense in the third and the girls only scored 4 points. Meanwhile, Hays sank 16 points to close the gap to 32-29.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Indians tied up the game after making a free throw and a basket in the first minute. However, Colby senior Kenzie Curry followed up with a basket to put Colby back up 34-32.

Neither team could sink shots for a couple minutes, but with about four minutes left, senior Lauren Bell dropped a three-pointer to increase the Lady Eagles' lead to 37-32.

A minute later, the Colby defense pulled down a rebound after a Hays miss, but then turned it over themselves. Freshman Brenly Terrell then committed a foul, sending a Lady Indian to the free-throw line. She sank both shots to cut the lead to 37-34.

The teams traded possessions after misses, turnovers and fouls. With 45 seconds left in the game, a Hays player finally got a shot to land and put the Lady Indians within one, 37-36.

Lady Titans squad loses one, wins one

The Triplains-Brewster Lady Titans basketball team lost its first game of the season Nov. 30, but got its first win Dec. 1 at home.

The girls lost in Logan 38-28 on Nov. 30, but defeated Healy at home 52-25 on Dec. 1.

Brittany Plummer led the Lady Titans against Logan, finishing with 7 points, 3 rebounds and 4 steals.

Jesse Williams followed with 5 points, 2 rebounds and 1 steal; Alicia Barrie had 5 points, 1 rebound and 1 steal; April Mays 4 points, 8 rebounds and 1 assist; Dara Roulier 4 points and 1 rebound; Ashley Barrie 3 points, 5 rebounds

The Hays girls were then forced to foul on Colby's possessions, and with 42 seconds on the clock, Curry made 2 free throws in a one-and-one situation to put the score at 39-36.

The Lady Indians weren't able to score on their next possession and fouled Curry once again when Colby got the ball back. Curry was again successful on a one-and-one, giving the Lady Eagles a 41-36 lead with 29 seconds left.

Hays missed their next attempt, but did make one more basket with less than 10 seconds left, making the score 41-38.

Bell was sent to the line after a Lady Indian foul with one second left. She sank both free throws and Colby got the win with a final score of 43-38.

Curry led the Lady Eagles with 18 points, followed by Bell with 10, junior Haileigh Shull 9, Terrell 4 and senior Karly Kriss 2.

The Colby High varsity boys weren't able to get the win Thursday as they fell to Hays High 63-29 at the Community Building.

The Eagles (0-4) kept up with the Indians in the first quarter, trailing by only 4 after eight minutes of play, 15-11.

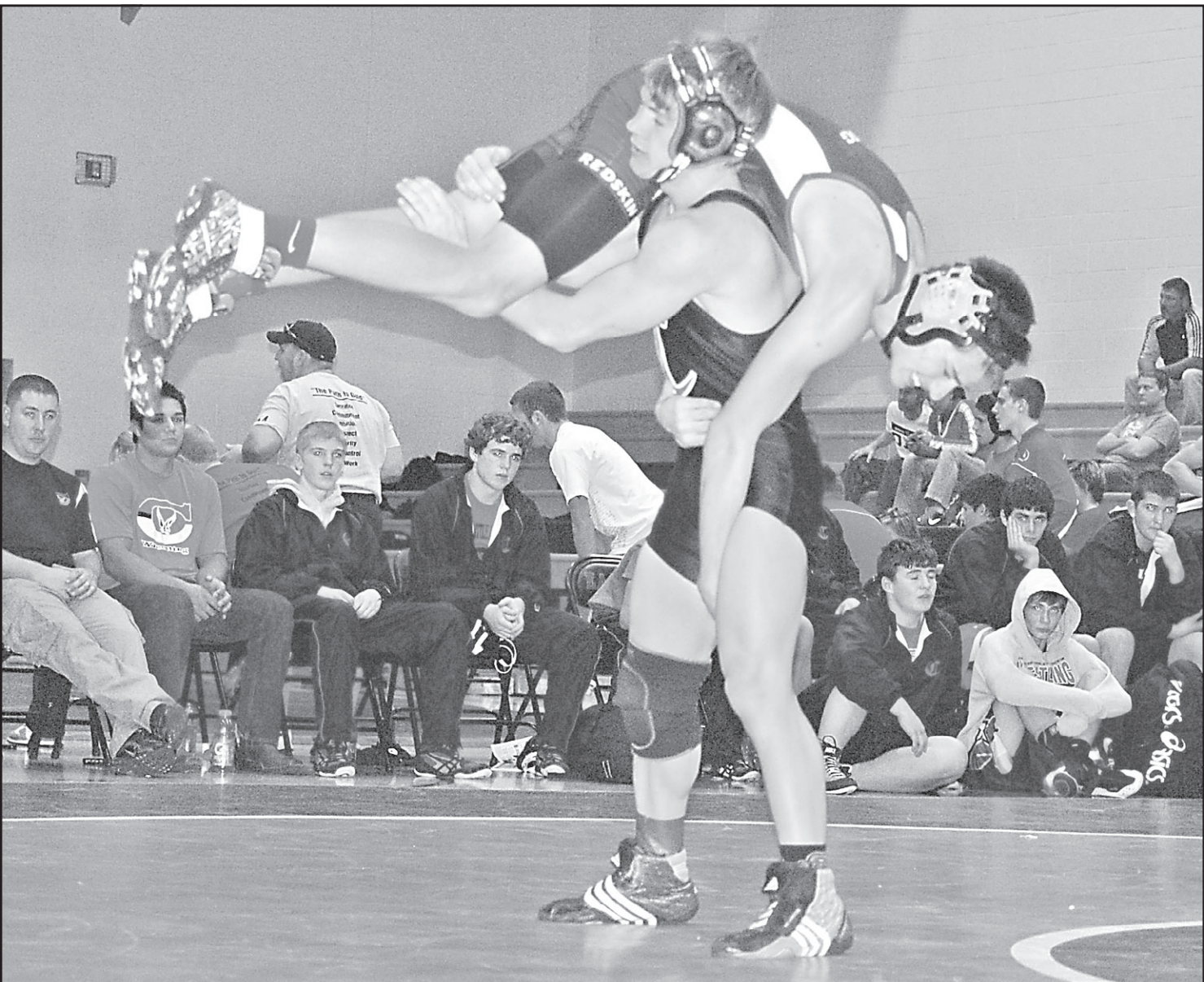
In the second, Colby was overwhelmed by Hays on both sides of the ball and the boys couldn't spark their offense to put up points. The Eagles were down 28-15 at the half.

The Indians piled on the points in the remaining quarters, outscoring Colby 17-9 in the third to lead 45-24 and 18-5 in the fourth. The final score was 63-29 in favor of Hays.

Stats for the Eagle players were not available.

The varsity girls' and boys' next action will be at 6:30 and 8 p.m. Friday at home against Hugoton at the Community Building.

Taking him to the mat



Senior Dustin Reed prepared to take down his Liberal opponent Friday during a Colby High varsity wrestling dual during the Eagle Invitational at the high school. The Eagles took second place in their home tourney and Reed won awards for the

most pinfalls and outstanding wrestler in the lower weights. Full tournament results will be in the *Colby Free Press* on Wednesday.

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Colby wrestlers win two duals

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The Colby High varsity wrestling team dominated two duals on Thursday, defeating St. Francis 75-3 and Oakley 62-12 at the high school.

Most of the Colby wrestlers won by forfeit in the St. Francis matches, where 6 points was given to each unopposed wrestler, including: David Mainus, 106 pounds; Alex Young, 113; Taylor O'Leary, 120; Eric Schuette, 152; Andrew Taylor, 170; Beau Brown, 182; Troy Quenzer, 195; and Austin Hart, 220.

Dustin Reed, 126, pinned Clay Cassaw of St. Francis in 1 minute, 26 seconds. Macen Shull, 138, pinned Logan Lampe in 2:59; Kyle Finley, 145, pinned Blane Guggenmos in 3:23; Quade Woofter, 160, won over Mikey Leibbrandt 5-0; and Zell Bieberle, 285, pinned Shakotah Blanka in 2:25.

Brady Holzmeister, 132, lost to Austin White, 6-0, giving St. Francis its only points of the dual.

In the Oakley dual, several

Eagles won by forfeit once again: Mainus, Reed, Holzmeister, Quenzer and Bieberle.

O'Leary wrestled in this dual, pinning Jon Lagneau in 1:21. Shull pinned Wayne Flipse in 1:21. Finley pinned Jared Dirks in

1:04; Schuette won a major decision over Jonathan Corrbett 8-0; Woofter beat Cody Faulkender 13-0; and Hart pinned Mason Rains in 1:26.

Colby's Young, 113, lost by decision to Macoy Rains 10-5; Evan

Olson, 170, was pinned by Colin Sharp in 1:09; and Brown lost by decision to Jason Berggren 8-3, giving Oakley 12 points.

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Middle school boys struggle at home

By Jordan Christensen
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Middle School boys basketball team battled the Damar Lopers on Nov. 29 in Rexford.

The A-team boys got off to a slow start, allowing the Lopers 7 points and failing to gain any themselves. The Bulldogs continued to struggle throughout the second quarter, adding just 2 to the scoreboard and giving up 4, ending the half trailing 11-2.

After some encouraging words from Coach Russ Aumiller, the boys came out ready to play, putting up

10 points and allowing the Lopers 6 in the third. The Bulldogs fought to score in the fourth, only getting one free throw to fall, but held Damar to 2, ending the game 19-13 in Damar's favor.

"The game didn't turn out as we planned, but we still played hard as a team," said Jesus Aragon.

The B-team boys had more success in their half game, scoring 9 points in the first quarter and 2 in the second. They held the Lopers to 6, finishing with an 11-6 win.

The Bulldogs will have had two weeks to work on their skills before traveling to Almena to take on the Northern Valley Huskies on Thursday.

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