

*Dribbling to the basket*



LARRY CALDWELL/Special for the Colby Free Press

Senior Karly Kriss dribbled the ball past a Scott City player Friday during the Colby High varsity girls basketball game in Scott City. The Lady Eagles got a big win, stomping Scott City 50-25.

# Bulldog boys varsity wins second game

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The Golden Plains High School varsity boys basketball team won its second game of the season in their 2013 opener against Brewster-Triplains.

The Brewster-Triplains Titans entered the contest on Jan. 4 with a 5-1 record while the Bulldogs stepped on to the court at 1-5.

Tristan Schwarz tipped the ball to the hometown Bulldogs and quickly put in two shots to gain an early first-quarter lead before the Titans made a basket. Additional scores from Schwarz, Camron Spresser and Shane Ryburn gave the Bulldogs a 15-8 lead at the end of the first.

In the second quarter, the Bulldogs worked well as a team, making successful passes to put in another 8 points with shots from Andrew Luna, Joseph Koerperich, Ryburn and Schwarz. The Titans were not giving up, as they put in 14 points to shave the Bulldogs' lead to 23-22 at the half.

The Bulldogs came back in the third with another 10 points while their defense held the Titans to only 5. Leading 35-27 to start the final eight minutes of play, the Bulldogs pushed hard to the end. Senior C. Spresser held on tight under the boards with strength and determination.

The Titans were equally unwavering as they answered Bulldogs buckets to keep the margin close. The Bulldogs continued to work the ball to the basket and extended their lead to 11 with a minute and a half to play. Both teams worked to the end, but the Bulldogs pulled ahead for the 49-39 win.

Scoring for the Bulldogs were Schwarz with 16, Joseph Koerperich 10, Ryburn 9, Luna 4,

C. Spresser 4, Grant Spresser 3 and Jose Bermudez 3. The boys worked together well as a team with 15 assists including 5 from Luna, 3 from Bermudez, 2 from G. Spresser and one from each of the other team members.

Koerperich and Schwarz pulled down 8 and 7 rebounds each along with 4 by C. Spresser, 3 by G. Spresser and Bermudez, 2 each from Luna and Ryburn and 1 by Braden Korte. Stealing the ball for the Bulldogs were Schwarz 3, Luna 2, Bermudez 2 and Ryburn 1.

This win gave the Bulldogs their second victory of the season and set them rolling as they prepared for the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament on Tuesday.

# Lady Trojans drop game at Dodge City

The Colby Community College Lady Trojans traveled to Dodge City on Wednesday to take on the Dodge City Conquistadors at United Wireless Arena.

Both teams held identical records going into the contest and both were searching for their first win in Jayhawk Conference play.

Colby maintained a slight advantage through the first half and managed a 38-30 lead at the half behind some hot shooting from the outside, connecting on 6 three-pointers.

In the second half, the lead

changed hands several times, leaving Dodge clinging to a 2-point lead with under a minute to play. After an offensive foul against the Trojans, the Lady Conqs made 1 of 2 free throws on the final possession to pull off a 64-63 win.

"Shantydra Arnold had a superb offensive night," said Coach Brady Jasper. "She scored a career-high 24 points. Agnese Aramina added 15 points and 10 rebounds."

The Lady Trojans are 6-11 overall and 0-3 in Jayhawk West play. Their next action was to be at home versus No. 10 Garden City

Sunday at the Community Building.

The college men's basketball team lost a close game to Dodge City 70-66 on Wednesday night.

Sophomore Kris Rolle had another outstanding game with 15 points and 18 rebounds.

The Trojans are currently 0-3 in conference play and 9-8 overall.

The next game was Sunday against Garden City in the Community Building. The Bronco-busters are currently 1-2 in the Jayhawk West and 9-8 overall.

# Broncos fall to Ravens

By Arnie Stapleton  
AP Pro Football Writer

DENVER – No one should be surprised that the Super Bowl favorites are already out of the playoffs.

With their 38-35 loss in double-overtime to the Baltimore Ravens on Saturday night, the Denver Broncos became the ninth No. 1 seed in the last eight years to go down in the divisional round.

On Sunday, the Atlanta Falcons nearly became the 10th before escaping Seattle's upset bid in a 30-28 thriller and becoming just the seventh top seed since 2005 to advance to the conference championship.

"I wouldn't say I'm shocked," said Peyton Manning, who also lost as a No. 1 seed with Indianapolis in 2005. "That's not the right word. I'm disappointed."

Seeds just don't matter anymore.

"That's playoff football, it's do-or-die," Denver linebacker Keith Brooking said.

The Broncos hadn't lost since Oct. 7, winning each of their last 11 regular season games by an average of two touchdowns.

"I feel like we're the best team," receiver Brandon Stokley lamented. "But, in the NFL, it doesn't matter."

The Broncos certainly aren't alone in their heartache.

Among the top seeds to have fallen flat in the first playoff game are a 15-1 team, three 14-2 teams and five 13-3 teams – all at home, coming off a bye and facing an opponent that had to travel following a win on wild-card weekend.

The favorites who faltered were led by some of the greatest quarterbacks of our generation, too. Manning and his brother, Eli, have both won Super Bowls and both have been bounced right out of the playoffs. Same with Aaron Rodgers and Tom Brady. Others who made early exits are Matt Ryan, Philip Rivers, Tony Romo and Kerry Collins.

To paraphrase the late Vince Lombardi, "What the heck's going on out here?"

Speaking of Lombardi, no top seed has hoisted the Super Bowl trophy that bears his name since the New Orleans Saints did it in 2009 – the last year the No. 1 seeds in both conferences won in the divisional round.



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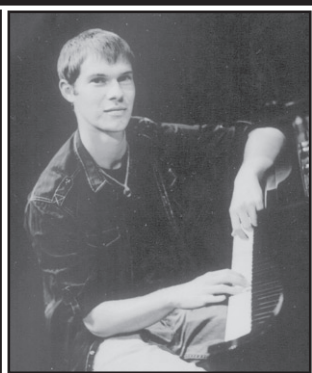
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# JANUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



## Alex Juenemann

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Alex, a senior at Colby High School, is Colby Rotary Club's Student of the Month for January 2013.

Alex's school and community activities include School Play, CHS Band & Choir, CHS Singers, Scholars Bowl, Tennis, Track, Boy Scouts of America, Catholic Youth Organization, Church Accompanist, Prayer & Action Week-Long Summer Mission, Meals on Wheels, Trick-or-Treat So Others Can Eat, Red Cross Blood Drive, and Community Garden.

Alex's special honors include National Honor Society, Drum Major, State Piano, KMEA District Choir, State Solo & Ensemble (Vocal & Band), Superintendent's Honor Roll, Leadership Thomas County, Lions State Band Camp, Eagle Scout with Gold Palm, and the Order of the Arrow Brotherhood (Boy Scouts of America).

Alex plans to attend the University of Kansas and major in Civil Engineering.

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