

# Lady Trojans battle with No. 10 team

The Colby Community College Lady Trojan basketball team faced the No. 10 team in the nation, Garden City Community College, on Sunday at the Community Building.

The Trojans climbed back from an early deficit to give the Lady Bronxbusters a run, but fell short in the second half, losing 68-47.

It was the visiting team that got off to a hot start, as Garden City hit 5 of the first 7 shots to build an early 14-3 lead. The Trojans changed defenses and answered with three-pointers by Shantydra Arnold and Hailey Dinkel to cut the lead back to single digits. Colby gained confidence late in the half and by the break had closed the gap back to 28-23.

The game stayed close. Garden City star Tamara Jones carried her squad through stretches of the second half, scoring a game-high 31 points.

"Their best player became really hard for us to defend later in the game," Coach Brady Jasper said. "She is a very talented scorer. We knew she would be tough, and she really hurt us tonight."

"We felt like we played pretty well to erase most of the deficit,

but we just couldn't stay with them down the stretch."

The Bronxbusters extended the lead to 12 points after the media timeout, and it seemed Colby had made its last threat. Garden City made 9 of its last 13 free throws and cruised on to victory.

Linda Pagrode scored 15 for the Trojans, going 3 for 3 from behind the arc. She also grabbed 4 rebounds and 1 block. Arnold added 11 points and 2 rebounds and Dinkel 10 with 5 rebounds.

Liene Liepina scored 6 points and had 5 rebounds; Kytiana Seals finished with 3 points; Kasey Hoyt grabbed 1 point, a rebound and a steal; and Chelsea Jonte made 1 free throw.

Colby dropped to 6-12 for the year, and things won't get easier. They travel to El Dorado at 5:30 p.m. tonight to take on a tough Butler County Community College team, then return home Sunday, welcoming the No. 1 team in the National Junior College Athletic Association, the undefeated Hutchinson Community College Lady Blue Dragons. Sunday's game begins at 2 p.m. at the Community Building.

# Bulldog boys win two games

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The Golden Plains Middle School boys basketball team won two games at home over the Cheylin Cougars on Jan. 3.

The B-team extended its winning record to 6-1 while the A-team gained its first win of the season.

The B-team Bulldogs started on a roll in the first quarter and put in 11 points from Jeron Schutte and A.J. Camacho while holding the Cougars scoreless. The Cougars started the second quarter with two free throws, but couldn't get any baskets to fall as Camacho put in 8 more and Jacob Ritter made a basket, giving the Bulldogs a 21-2 lead at the half.

Ritter and Camacho again led the Bulldogs, with a three-point shot and a bucket from Ritter and another basket from Camacho, in the third. The Bulldog defense allowed the Cougars to put in two baskets, making the score 28-6.

The Cougars rallied in the fourth

quarter, putting in 11 points and holding the Bulldogs scoreless, but the Bulldogs won 28-17.

Camacho finished the game with 17 points along with 7 from Ritter and 4 from Schutte.

The A-team finished the night with its first win of the year.

Jesus Aragon opened the game with a basket and continued to be the only scorer for either team in the first quarter with 8 points. Aragon continued to put in baskets in the second along with Dawson Spresser, Camacho and a three-pointer from Cole Bingham to give the boys a 23-0 lead at half.

In the third, Camacho extended the Bulldog lead to 26-0 before the Cougars got on the board. With 2 more three-point shots from Ritter and additional points from Camacho and Aragon, the Bulldogs led 36-7 at the end of the third. Camacho and Ritter each added another basket to the final score of 40-9 for the Bulldog victory.

Aragon finished the game with 14 points, along with Camacho 9, Ritter 8, Spresser 6 and Bingham 3.



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Senior Zane Winger kept the ball from his opponent Friday City. The Eagles lost the game to the Beavers, falling 65-27 during the Colby High varsity boys basketball game in Scott

# Colby teams play games on the road

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The Colby High varsity girls and boys basketball teams have played on the road for the past two weeks, fighting to improve their overall and conference records.

The Lady Eagles (4-3 overall, 2-1 Great West Activities Conference) lost one game, but won the other to put their record over .500.

The Colby girls lost a tight game in Hol-

comb on Jan. 4, falling to the Lady Longhorns 47-45. The Holcomb girls now sit at 9-1, but were undefeated when they faced the Lady Eagles.

The Lady Eagles got their stride back in Scott City on Friday, crushing the Lady Beavers 50-25. The Scott City girls are now 1-6 for the year.

The Colby boys (0-7, 0-3) were looking for their first win this season, but found no luck on the road.

The Eagles had a tough game in Holcomb on Jan. 4. Holcomb is now 7-3 for the season,

and Colby fell to the Longhorns 68-40.

The boys then faced an undefeated Scott City team (now 7-0) Friday. The Beavers stomped the Eagles 65-27.

Both Colby varsity teams will play in their home tournament, the Orange and Black Classic, which begins Thursday.

The girls will meet Burlington (Colo.) at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Building. The boys will play after the girls, about 8:15 p.m., taking on McCook (Neb.) at the Community Building.

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