

# Colby girls win first game of home tourney

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The Colby High varsity girls dominated their first game of the 28th Annual Paul Wintz/Tom Bowen Orange and Black Basketball Classic on Thursday, crushing Burlington (Colo.) 47-28 at the Community Building.

The teams were evenly matched in the first quarter and the Lady Cougars had a slight lead by the end of the period, 12-11.

The Lady Eagles came roaring back in the second, however, holding Burlington scoreless and putting in 14 for a 25-12 halftime lead.

In the third, the Lady Cougars tried to get back into the game, but Colby outscored them 13-11 and continued to lead 38-23 at the end of the third.

The Lady Eagles put the nail in the coffin in the fourth, allowing Burlington only 5 points while they put in 9. The Colby girls won 47-28.

Junior Haileigh Shull led the scoring, sinking a game-high 21 points. She was 5 of 11 from the free-throw line and grabbed 6 rebounds and 2 steals.

Seniors Kenzie Curry and Lauren Bell scored 7 points, Curry getting 7 steals and 1 rebound, and Bell pulled down 4 rebounds and a steal.

Senior McKenna Ortner finished with 6 points, including 4 of 4 free throws, and 1 steal; senior Karly Kriss had 4 points, 2 rebounds and 1 steal; and sophomore Hannah Strange made one basket for 2 points.

With the win, the girls will play McCook (Neb.) at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Community Building.

The Colby varsity boys played a tough first game in the classic Thursday, losing 58-26 to the McCook Bison after the girls' game at the Community Building.

McCook got off to a hot start while Colby couldn't get its offense started. At the end of the first quarter, the Bison led 20-5.

The Eagles got more shots to fall in the second, scoring 9



points, but McCook put in another 16 points to increase its lead to 36-14 at halftime.

Colby's defense made a strong showing in the third, holding the Bison to just 9 points. The offense put in 8, leaving McCook's lead at 45-22.

The Eagles weren't productive in the fourth quarter and were outscored 16-4. With about two minutes left, the "mercy" rule took effect. Once McCook was leading by 30 points or more, the clock didn't stop the rest of the game.

Seniors Todd Kane and Wiatt

Binder led the Colby scoring, each sinking 8 points. Kane had 2 three-point shots as well as 5 rebounds and 2 steals, and Binder was 4 of 4 on field goals and had 1 rebound and 2 steals.

Junior Marc Bremenkamp finished with 6 points, 5 rebounds and 2 steals; senior Daniel Myers had 2 points and 1 rebound; and sophomore Josh Matchell chipped in 2 points.

Senior Zane Winger grabbed 1 rebound and a steal and junior Luke Cox pulled down 6 rebounds and stole the ball once.

Senior Zane Winger (left) dribbled past a McCook player while senior Wiatt Binder screened for him Thursday during the Colby High varsity boys' first game of the Orange and Black Classic at the Community Building. Senior Lauren Bell (below) took a shot Thursday during the second half of the varsity girls' first game, also at the Community Building. The girls won 47-28, but the boys lost 58-26. The girls will play at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Community Building and the boys at 3 p.m. today at the high school gym.

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## Colby wrestling squad still first in state ranks

The Colby High wrestlers remain the top team in Class 4A in the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association's fourth and fifth state rankings of the season. The Eagles have held the No. 1 spot all season.

The poll of coaches released Tuesday included a few changes in the team rankings. Bonner Springs was ranked second; Andale third; Fort Scott fourth, up from sixth on Jan. 8; Chanute fifth; Goodland sixth, down from fourth; Tonganoxie seventh, new to the rankings; Buhler eighth, down from seventh; El Dorado ninth, new to the rankings; and Pratt 10th, new to the rankings.

On Jan. 8, three Colby wrestlers changed spots in their weight classes. David Mainus, 106 pounds, moved up from sixth place to fifth; Zell Bieber-

le, 285, dropped from first to third; and Quade Woofter, 160, dropped from fourth to fifth.

Dustin Reed, 126, remained in first; Beau Brown, 182, fifth; Andrew Taylor, 170, fifth; Macen Shull, 138, fourth; and Troy Quenzer, 195, sixth.

This week, four Eagles moved up or down in the rankings, but the other four kept their spots:

- Reed, first.
- Bieberle, third.
- Brown, fifth.
- Woofter, fifth.
- Taylor, moved up from fifth to fourth.
- Shull, dropped from fourth to fifth.
- Mainus, moved up from fifth to third.
- Quenzer, dropped from the list.

## Junior varsity girls win at home

By Judy Rogers

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The Golden Plains junior varsity girls basketball team remains undefeated as the Lady Bulldogs won their first full game of the year over the Brewster-Triplains Lady Titans.

The girls had won earlier games where they played two or three quarters, and continued their winning ways in this four-quarter contest.

"It was fun to play a full game," said Tayler Petersen. "We hustled well and had good passes."

Freshman Kynndra Rush started off the game on Jan. 4 with 2 points. The Lady Titans answered with a basket of their own. Tayler Petersen gained the lead again for the Lady Bulldogs only to have the Lady Titans tie it back up.

Two more baskets, from Rush and Taylor Todd, gave the Bulldogs an 8-4 lead at the end of the first.

Todd opened the second with a three-point swish as the girls pushed toward 18 points. The defense stepped up and held the Lady Titans to 2 points near the

end of the quarter, giving the Lady Bulldogs a 26-6 lead at the half.

Continuing to gain experience on the court, the Lady Bulldogs added 12 more points in the third and 10 in the fourth.

The Lady Titans managed 7 points in the third, but were unable to find the basket in the fourth. This 48-13 win gave the Lady Bulldogs their third win of the season for a 3-0 record.

"We keep improving by competing with the varsity players in

practice and subbing in during the varsity games," said Petersen.

"We are looking forward to the JV tournament at the end of January."

Scoring for the Lady Bulldogs were Todd with 12 points, Petersen 11, Maddy Walz 9, Rush 6, Ana Bermudez 6, Kaycie Clapp 2 and Rachael Ritter 2.

The junior varsity girls will return to the court in Palco today.

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