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Cody Sluder tried for a three-point basket Wednesday during the Colby Community College men's basketball game at the Community Building. The Trojans defeated Pratt Community College 69-65 for their first conference win.

# Middle school boys pick up two wins

By Hailee Spresser  
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The Golden Plains Middle School basketball boys played host to the Western Plains Bobcats, the first of two games of that week.

The A-team boys began with a great jump start on the Bobcats Jan. 14. Golden Plains shot well and ended up outscoring the Bobcats in the first quarter, 10-4. The Bulldogs slowed down their roll in the second quarter and allowed the Bobcats to pull ahead of them for the halftime score of 16-15.

The Bulldogs jumped out of halftime and put in 10 points in the third quarter. Golden Plains held the Bobcats to 7. Going into the fourth quarter, the score was 25-23. Golden Plains and the Bobcats had defensive stop after defensive stop in the fourth quarter. Toward the end of the game, shots started falling. In the last minute of the game, the fans were on the edge of their seats, waiting for an outcome. The Bulldogs came out over Western Plains with only one basket that determined the game, 33-31.

"We played as a team," said eighth grader Nick Brown. "Coach told us to work hard and get up and down the court, which was what we did."

"We passed the ball around and hit our easy shots," added Jeron Schutte, seventh grader. "We tried our best in the game and came out on top!"

A.J. Camacho and Jesus Aragon led the Bulldogs with 10 points each. Brown followed with 6 points. Cole Bingham 4 and Jacob Ritter 3. The A-team now holds a record of 2-6.

The B-team boys came into this game with a record of 6-1, ready to advance their wins to 7. The matchup started out pokily, with Golden Plains putting up 6 points to the Bobcats' 2 in the first quarter.

The Bobcats picked up the pace in the second quarter, which allowed the Bobcats to limit the Bulldogs to 4 points. The score advancing into halftime was 10-10.

In the third quarter, Golden Plains turned up the heat and scored 10 points to overcome the Bobcats, 20-10, going into the fourth quarter. The Bulldogs put in 9 points to end the game, 29-22, to claim the win against the Bobcats.

Leading the Bulldogs was J. Ritter with 10 points. Contributing as well were Camacho 9, Nolan Ritter 4, Devin Carter 4 and Schutte chipping in a basket.

The Bulldogs took on their second match up of the week against the Healy Eagles at home on Jan. 17.

# Golden Plains girls team gets win for 7-2 record

By Brianna Stoll  
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The Golden Plains Middle School's A-team girls faced Healy on Jan. 17, playing in Rexford for their second game of the week after defeating Western Plains on Jan. 14.

Coming into the game with a 6-2 record, the Lady Bulldogs were confident they could capture another win.

The Lady Bulldogs started off strong at the beginning of the game, ending the first quarter with a 14-4 lead. During the second

quarter, the Bulldogs kept their game up, scoring 10 more points, whereas Healy only made one basket, which made the halftime score 24-6.

Coming back in the third, the Lady Bulldogs never let up, raising the score to 36 and not letting Healy score once.

"In the beginning we didn't do our best on defense, but after halftime we picked up our defense and it helped us a lot," said eighth grader Kellee Snyder.

The Lady Eagles picked up their defense in the fourth quarter, only allowing the Bulldogs to score 3

additional points. Even though the Bulldogs' scoring wasn't as high, they still kept up on their defense and Healy only scored 1 more point, ending the game with a score of 39-7.

Eighth grader Morgan Ritter led the game with 15 points. KayCee Miller scored 11, Gabrielle Schiltz got 5, while Courtney Heinrich, Jessica Koerperich, Brittany Fringer and Noel Ritter each put in 2.

The Lady Bulldogs faced the Grinnell-Wheatland Lady Thunderhawks on Jan. 24 with a 7-2 record.

# Bulldog boys squad drops two

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The Golden Plains High School boys lost two basketball games in Quinter on Jan. 22. The junior varsity lost 71-53 while the varsity fell 50-38 in this non-league contest.

The junior varsity squad started off with 8 points in the first quarter, but the Quinter Bulldogs put in 15 to gain an early lead. The Golden Plains boys increased their offense in the second quarter, putting in 18 points and allowing 14 for the Quinter team.

Trailing by 3, 29-26, to start the second half, the Bulldogs from Quinter pushed the ball for 25 points while Golden Plains only managed 12. Not giving up, both teams continued hard in the fourth for 15 points from the Golden Plains team. Quinter put in an additional 17 in the fourth for the 71-53 win.

Each team member contributed to Golden Plains' 53 points with Kade Wessel putting in 12, Koi

Wessel 11, Braden Korte 10, Benny Martinez 7, Domonic Luna 6, Kain Priess 3, Cole Ziegelmeier 2 and Zach Spresser 2.

Juniors Tristan Schwarz and Shane Ryburn led the Golden Plains squad in the varsity game. They started off a bit slow with only 4 points in the first quarter - all from Ryburn.

Ryburn added another 4 in the second quarter as did sophomore Joseph Koerperich and Schwarz to give the Bulldogs 16 points at the half. Quinter also started off a bit slow in the first with only 5 points falling, but added 16 in the second to hold the lead 21-16 at the half.

"We played hard throughout the game," said Andrew Luna. "We didn't quit."

The Golden Plains team added another 4 from Ryburn in the third quarter while Camron Spresser put in his 2 for the game and Schwarz popped a three.

The Quinter boys added 15 points to extend their lead to 36-25 going into the fourth. Schwarz sank 2 more three-pointers in the

last quarter along with 2 successful free throws as senior Jose Bermudez put in a three and a field goal for 13 points. Quinter added another 14 for the 50-38 win.

"We played too fast and got out of control," said Bermudez. "We were trying too hard."

Their aggressive play is evident in the 38 rebounds pulled down by the boys from Koerperich 8, Ryburn 7, Schwarz 6, C. Spresser 6, Luna 5, Bermudez 4 and Grant Spresser 2, as well as 4 steals each from Ryburn and Bermudez and 1 steal by C. Spresser.

Schwarz ended the game with 15 for Golden Plains while Ryburn finished with 12. Bermudez had 5, Koerperich 4 and C. Spresser 2.

Brett Christ put in 28 of Quinter's points along with Tyler Waggoner 10, Colton Corwin 8, Chance Smith 2 and Brandon Kerns 2.

The Golden Plains team played at home last Friday before heading out on the road for the next couple weeks.

# College men earn first conference win

By Kayla Cornett  
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The Colby Community College men's basketball team got its first conference win Wednesday, overcoming Pratt Community College 69-65 at the Community Building.

The Trojans (10-12 overall, 1-7 Jayhawk West) had to fight hard throughout the game, but they were able to take the lead 33-26 by halftime.

The men were outscored by Pratt in the second half 39-36, but their lead in the first half helped them capture the win.

Jeremiah Ingram was the lead scorer with 18 points. He also had 8 rebounds and 1 steal. Kris Rolle had a double-double, scoring 13 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. He grabbed 2 blocks as well.

Cody Sluder finished with 12 points, 8 rebounds, 2 steals and a block; Terry Starks had 12 points, 2 rebounds and 2 steals; Branden Williams chipped in 7 points; John Clarke grabbed 4 points and 1 rebound; and Marko Kracun had 3 points and 2 rebounds.

Colby was 26 of 31 from the free-throw line (83 percent) and pulled down 33 rebounds compared

to Pratt's 14. The women's basketball team fell to the Pratt women, losing 76-56 at the Community Building.

The Lady Trojans (6-16, 0-8) fell behind early, trailing 42-30 by the end of the first half. Pratt closed out the game, outscoring Colby 34-26 in the second half to get the win.

Kytiana Seals led in scoring with a game-high 22 points. In addition, she had 1 rebound, 3 assists and 5 steals.

Agnese Aramina followed with 17 points, a rebound and 2 steals; Kasey Hoyt contributed 9 points, 3 rebounds and 2 steals; Liene Liepina finished with 4 points and 2 rebounds; Shantydra Arnold had 2 points, 1 rebound, 3 assists and 4 steals; and Desiree Jones made 2 free throws and pulled down 2 rebounds.

The women were 7 of 11 from the free-throw line and stole the ball 14 times.

The men and women will play more home games Saturday to celebrate Colby's Homecoming. The women will begin at 6 p.m. with the men to follow about 8 p.m.

Between games, the Homecoming royalty candidates will be presented and the winners will be crowned and during halftime of the men's game, the Hall of Fame inductees will be recognized.

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You are invited to meet the visit team and share your comments about the program in person at a meeting scheduled for February 20, 2013 at 1 p.m. in the Board Room located in Thomas Hall. Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to:

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