

# Colby varsity teams play games on road

The Colby High varsity boys won another basketball game Friday, taking down Hugoton 59-49 in Hugoton.

The Eagles (7-9 overall, 4-3 Great West Activities Conference) have now won three in a row and six of their last seven.

The varsity girls, however, lost their game in Hugoton, falling 41-32.

The Lady Eagles (8-5, 4-2) had won five of their last six before heading to Hugoton and were on a

two-win streak.

Stats were not available for the games.

Both teams will have four games left to get ready for substate play, which begins Monday, Feb. 25.

The boys and girls will play home games Friday against Holcomb.

The varsity girls will play at 6:30 p.m., with the boys to follow about 8 p.m., at the Community Building.

# Junior varsity girls win big over Quinter

By Hailee Spresser  
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The Golden Plains High School Lady Bulldog junior varsity played their fifth game of the season in Quinter, posting a 46-25 win.

The Lady Bulldogs have remained undefeated after the victory Jan. 22 against the Quinter Lady Bulldogs.

"We worked hard to maintain our record and continue on our success," said sophomore Taylor Todd.

Due to a shortage of girls on

the Quinter side, the teams played only three quarters. In the first, Golden Plains scored 13 points to Quinter's 10. Quinter brought up its intensity in the second, outscoring the Lady Bulldogs 12-8. The game went into the third and final quarter with Quinter on top, 22-21.

Golden Plains completely shut down Quinter in the third quarter, allowing them only 3 points while the Lady Bulldogs put in a whopper 25 points.

Paulita Ramirez led the Lady Bulldogs with 12 points, followed by, Tayler Petersen 10, Taylor

Todd 6, Maddy Walz 5, Rachael Ritter and Kynndra Rush 4 each, Brianna Stoll 3 and Ana Bermudez 2.

"We played together as a team," said freshman Stoll. "We played a lot better in the last quarter because we picked up our intensity and hustled more."

The junior varsity emerged from this game with a 5-0 record. They put in all on the line when they traveled to McDonald on Jan. 29 to take on the Cheylin Lady Cougars in a half game.

# KU on first losing streak in years

By Stephen Hawkins  
AP Basketball Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas – Kansas coach Bill Self's Big 12 bul- lies are suddenly beatable.

Even against the league newcomer that hadn't won a conference game.

The fifth-ranked Jayhawks have their first losing streak in more than seven years after trailing throughout in a 62-55 loss Wednesday night at TCU, which had never beaten a top 5 team.

Four days after an 85-80 home loss to Oklahoma State ended their nation-best 18-game overall winning streak and 33-game streak at Allen Fieldhouse, the Jayhawks went more than 7 minutes from

the tip before finally scoring.

Kansas (19-3, 7-2 Big 12) had played 264 games in a row since January 2006 without consecutive losses, the longest active streak in Division I.

Against TCU (10-12, 1-8), the Jayhawks looked nothing like the team that has won or shared 12 of the league's 16 regular-season titles – and now has company at the top of the Big 12 standings with 13th-ranked Kansas State.

They trailed 22-13 at halftime on 3-of-22 shooting, the fewest points and field goals in a half since Kansas started keeping those records nearly 25 years ago.

Instead of a bounce-back win, Kansas had six turnovers and missed its first four shots before finally scoring 7:17 into the game. Ben McLemore's bounce pass to Jamari Traylor for a layup made it 8-2, but the Jayhawks then went 8 more minutes before making another field goal.

The Jayhawks finished 29.5 percent from the field (18 of 61), their worst in 514 games – since making only 15 of 51 shots (29.4 percent) against Kentucky on Dec. 1, 1998. It was their lowest-scoring game since also scoring 55 in an NCAA tournament loss to UCLA on March 24, 2007.



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Chris Theriot signed an official Letter of Intent Wednesday to compete for Sam Houston State University.

# Athlete signs with college

Colby Community College men's track athlete Chris Theriot signed a letter of intent Wednesday to compete for Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.

Theriot, a native of Houston, Texas, currently holds the Colby indoor and outdoor school records in triple jump.

Theriot will join fellow Trojans Freddy Arellano

and Kristen Mitchell on the Sam Houston track squad. This is the third straight year that a Trojan has signed with Sam Houston State.

Sam Houston State is a Division I university that competes in the Southland Conference.

Theriot is the eighth Trojan to head to the Southland Conference during Coach James Ortiz's tenure.

# Junior varsity boys show improvement

By Judy Rogers  
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The Golden Plains junior varsity boys basketball team continued to show improvement as their season progressed in Rexford against the Northern Valley Huskies, but not enough for a win. The boys lost 78-41.

The high school boys put in 12 points in the first quarter Jan. 25, including baskets from Koi Wessel, Kain Priess, Benny Martinez and Braden Korte. Despite a buzzer-beating basket by Korte, the

Huskies led 20-12. Martinez went on an 8-point spurt in the second with multiple fast-break plays. Cole Ziegelmeier, Kade Wessel and Koi Wessel added 6 more to give the Bulldogs 26 points at the half to the Huskies' 39.

Martinez continued to play with hustle and heart in the second half, adding another 4 to his total in the third along with 4 by Domico Luna and baskets from Kade Wessel and Zach Spresser. Koi Wessel scored the only 3 Bulldog points in the fourth as the Huskies claimed the victory.

"We have improved our shoot-

ing and defense this season," said Martinez. "We executed our plays on offense and found success. Although we aren't winning, we are still a good team and we are working together as a team."

Martinez led the scoring with 14 points. Koi Wessel added 8, Korte 5, Kade Wessel 4, Luna 4 and Ziegelmeier, Priess and Spresser 2 each.

The boys are now 6-2 and hoped to gain additional experience during the Junior Varsity Round Robin in Rexford on Jan. 26 when they will play Weskan and Brewster-Triplains.

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