

Colby varsity girls continue win streak

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The Colby High varsity girls basketball team won its fifth game in row Tuesday, taking down Thomas More Prep-Marian 57-45 in front of a home crowd at the Community Building.

The Lady Eagles (13-5 overall, 7-2 Great West Activities Conference) had a hot start and got off to a 21-12 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Colby's scoring slowed somewhat in the second, but the girls still outscored the Lady Monarchs 13-7. The Colby girls went into halftime with a 34-19 lead.

The Lady Monarchs picked up their game in the third, putting in 10 points to Colby's 7.

Both teams scored 16 in the fourth quarter, but Colby got the win 57-45.

Senior Lauren Bell tied for a game-high 15 points, all from three-point baskets. She added 5 rebounds.

Senior McKenna Ortner followed with 11 points, 5 rebounds and 2 assists; junior Haileigh Shull finished with 10 points, 6 rebounds and 3 steals; senior Kenzie Curry had 6 points off of 2 three-pointers, 2 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 steals;

Senior Karly Kriss chipped in 4 points, 5 rebounds and 3 assists; freshman Lara Stephens contributed 4 points and 3 rebounds; and freshman Brenly Terrell had 4 points, a rebound and an assist.

The Colby girls were 6 of 8 from the free-throw line (75 percent), pulled down 32 total rebounds and scored 27 points from three-point shots.

The Colby boys led Thomas More Prep on Tuesday, but came up short in the fourth quarter and lost 51-47.

The Eagles (6-14, 4-6) outscored the Monarchs in

the first quarter to lead 13-10. They continued making shots in the second, but the Monarchs kept up with them. Colby put in 15 to the Monarchs' 14 and went to the locker room with a 28-24 lead.

The Eagles' offense slowed down after the break, but they still outscored the Monarchs 8-5 to stay on top, 36-29.

The fourth quarter brought trouble for the Colby boys, however, as the Monarchs scored 22 points. The Eagles couldn't keep up, putting in only 11 and giving the win to Thomas More.

Senior Todd Kane led the scoring with a game-high 19 points, making 8 of 15 field goals. He also had 10 rebounds, a block and a steal.

Junior Marc Bremenkamp fouled out with 14 points, including 4 of 6 free throws, 7 rebounds and 3 steals; senior Zane Winger finished with 5 points, 4 rebounds, an assist and a steal; senior Wyatt Binder chipped in 4 points and 2 rebounds; sophomore Josh Matchell made a single three-pointer; and junior Luke Cox made one basket and grabbed 5 rebounds and a steal.

The Colby boys pulled down 40 total rebounds and scored 17 points off the bench.

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Haileigh Shull tried a jump shot Tuesday during the Colby High varsity girls basketball game at the Community Building. The Lady Eagles defeated Thomas More Prep-Marian 57-45 for their fifth consecutive win. The girls will play the first round of substate at home at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the high school gym against Larned.



Women's track eighth in region

The Colby Community College women's track team finished eighth in the region and fourth in the Jayhawk Conference at the Region VI Championships held last Friday in Lawrence.

Melissa Collins was selected as the Female Athlete of the Meet. She was a major contributor for the Lady Trojans, helping the team score with over 30 points.

"With fewer runners this year, the ladies team finished in exactly the same place with the same score as last year in the region," said Coach Crystal Berndt. "However, the team did

better in the conference this year with a fourth-place finish."

Collins made the All-Region first team in the 1,000 meters and the mile.

The distance medley relay team of Denet Sang, Shelby Aspegren, Stephanie Hornbaker and Heather Schneider made the second team, while the 4x800-meter relay team of Collins, Sang, Emily Chestnut and Schneider was named to the third team.

"This was a tough region meet for these ladies," said Coach Berndt. "With only 13 competing due to injuries, it's really difficult

to contend with teams that have 20-plus athletes. We lost a very high scorer ... early in the season due to an injury. That affected both our region and conference scores.

"Even with fewer athletes, it didn't stop the rest of the team. Each of the women stepped up and gave 110 percent, with most of them doing three-plus events each."

The team will compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association Indoor Track and Field Championships on Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, in Lubbock, Texas.

Trojans win four in Oklahoma

The Colby Community College baseball team won four games last Friday and Saturday in Oklahoma.

The Trojans, coached by Ryan Carter, defeated Northern Oklahoma College in Enid 2-1 and 10-2 on Friday.

On Saturday, Colby whipped the Northwestern Oklahoma State University junior varsity in Alva 13-1 and 6-1.

A home game against Iowa Western scheduled for Monday

was canceled.

The boys then defeated Lamar Community College on the road on Tuesday 14-12. The game had been scheduled for Thursday but was moved up because of expected storm.

The Trojans' next game will be Saturday at Midland, Texas. They will play in Odessa, Texas, on Sunday.

Complete statistics for the team are available at www.njcaa.org.

Lady Titans get big win over Palco 56-53

By Michele Werth

Brewster Schools

Triplains-Brewster Lady Titan fans were in high spirits last Friday as they witnessed their basketball squad tip the Palco Lady Roosters 56-53 in a league bout in Palco.

Earlier in the season, the Lady Titans lost to the Lady Roosters for the third-place game of the league tournament with a score of 53-38.

The early game started well for the girls with fast-break action by junior Britany Plummer and sophomore Shayna Rogge to put them off to an early lead. But by the end of the quarter, Palco had found some answers, bringing the score to 19-15. The Roosters continued to fight back, taking the lead 29-28.

Both teams came out charged up after the half and at the end of the third quarter the score was even at 42. The Lady Titans were

determined to win and powered over the Lady Roosters for a 56-53 victory.

Plummer scored 23 points, making 2 three-point field goals, 7 free throws, 4 rebounds, 3 steals and 3 assists. Rogge scored 18 points, 2 free throws, 6 rebounds, 4 steals and 3 assists. Sophomore Dara Roulrier scored 11 points, 3 free throws, 9 rebounds, 1 block and 1 steal. Sophomore Alicia Barrie scored 1 three-pointer, 1 rebound and 2 steals. Junior C.J. Lewellan had 1 free throw and 2 rebounds. Junior April Mays grabbed 2 rebounds. Senior Crystal Mays grabbed 1 rebound and 1 assist. Freshman Kelly Lamb grabbed 1 rebound.

For the Lady Roosters, Fallyn Handley had 15 points and 16 rebounds, Kali Newell had 12 points and 4 rebounds, Kiley Marcotte had 11 points and 3 rebounds, Macy Keller had 8 points and 7 rebounds and Jaci Benoit had 5 points and 6 rebounds.

With the win, Triplains-Brewster upgrades its record to 11-7 on the season. The Lady Titans will play a home game against the Heartland Christian Lady Crusad-

ers in a non-league bout on Tuesday. The Lady Crusaders go into the bout with a record of 4-1.

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