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Luke Cox tipped the ball Monday during the Colby High varsity boys substate basketball game at Max Jones Fieldhouse in Goodland. The Eagles knocked off Goodland 46-37 in the first round and will play Ulysses or Nickerson at 6 p.m. Thursday in Pratt, depending on which school wins a rescheduled quarterfinal match tonight.

Colby boys squad advances in substate

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The Colby High School varsity boys came from behind to take a 46-37 victory over rival Goodland in the first round of the Class 4A Substate Tournament on Monday in Goodland.

Colby will play Ulysses or Nickerson at 6 p.m. Thursday in Pratt, depending on who wins a rescheduled quarterfinal match tonight in Ulysses.

Monday, the Eagles fell behind early, trailing 11-6 at the end of the first quarter. They closed the gap in the second, then pulled ahead in the second half. And in the final minute, Todd Kane and Luke Cox put in 7 free throws to seal the deal.

Colby won the tipoff, but neither team was able to score on its first possession. The Eagles put in the first points on a pair of free throws from Marc Bremenkamp. With 6:20 left in the quarter, Goodland's Taylen Smith missed a shot. Adam Simmerman pulled down the rebound and passed the ball back to Smith, who put it in to tie the game at 2.

A minute later, Goodland's Gannon Ihrig drove inside and put in a basket to take a 4-2 lead. Neither team scored for several

minutes until Bremenkamp put in a basket to tie the game at 4. On the next possession, the Cowboys' Kolt Trachsel hit a three-pointer. Then Ihrig put in a layup to give the Cowboys a 9-6 lead.

With 2:24 left in the quarter, Bremenkamp put in a two-pointer. After a timeout, Smith made a shot to end the quarter with the Cowboys in the lead 11-6.

Kane put in a layup to open the second quarter. Goodland's Gage Ihrig hit a three-pointer on his second attempt, answered by a two-point shot from Wiatt Binder to make it 14-10.

After a timeout, Zane Winger put in a free throw. Then with 3:10 remaining in the half, the Cowboys' Zach Miller made a basket on a pass from Gannon Ihrig to make it 16-11. The Eagles closed to within 1 on a pair of baskets by Kane. Smith put in 2 free throws to make it 18-15, but Bremenkamp helped the Eagles keep pace with a two-point basket.

With 1:06 to play in the half, Gannon Ihrig put in a pair of free throws on a foul by Bremenkamp to make it 20-17. Ashton Russ put in a basket to make it 20-19 at half.

No one scored in the opening minutes of the second half. At the 6:10 mark, Bremenkamp put in a two-point shot, giving Colby a

brief lead. The Cowboys took the lead back on a two-pointer from Gannon Ihrig. They held it for several minutes until Binder and Winger put in baskets, giving the Eagles a 25-22 lead.

With 2:20 left in the quarter, Gage Ihrig put in a free throw and a three-pointer, putting the Cowboys up by 1 point. It was a short-lived lead, however. With 1:30 left, Kane and Bremenkamp put in two-pointers to put the Eagles up 29-26. Smith put in 2 for the Cowboys, but Russ put in the final 2 points of the quarter.

Gannon Ihrig put in a quick two-point shot early in the fourth, closing to 31-30. Cox hit a three-pointer to make it 34-30 with 6:30 to play. A minute later, Kane hit a three-pointer. Miller put in a two-point shot, answered by a basket from Bremenkamp.

With 2:19 to play, Gannon Ihrig got a rebound and went coast-to-coast for a layup to make it 39-34. The Eagles began running the clock. The Cowboys committed several fouls to stop the clock. In the final two minutes, Kane was fouled three times and made 5 out of 6 free throws. Cox was fouled twice and made 2 out of 4 free throws. Gage Ihrig put in a three-pointer with one minute to play, but the damage had been done.

The Eagles won 46-37.

Bulldog team falls 46-39 to Triplains-Brewster

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The Golden Plains Bulldogs played a close game in Brewster, finally losing to the Triplains-Brewster Titans 46-39. The high school boys fell behind Brew-

ster in the first quarter Feb. 12, trailing 9-6.

They rebounded in the second, putting in 15 points to the Titans' 10 to forge a 21-19 lead at the half.

The Bulldogs put in 9 more points in the third but the Titans pulled ahead 33-30.

The Titans continued to outscore the Bulldogs in the fourth to secure the win, 46-39.

Scoring for the Bulldogs were Tristan Schwarz 14, Shane Ryburn 10, Andrew Luna 7, Grant Spresser and Zach Spresser 3 each and Jose Bermudez 2.

The junior varsity boys also played

the Titans, losing 58-43. They put in 10 points in each of the first two quarters, but the Titans held a 31-20 lead at halftime. The Bulldogs put in 12 more in the third and 11 in the fourth. The Titans maintained their lead throughout the game, winning 58-43.

The Bulldogs spread out their scoring

with Koi Wessel putting in 13, Benny Martinez 11, Kade Wessel 9, Z. Spresser 4 and Cole Ziegelmeier, Kain Priess and Braden Korte 2 each.

The Bulldogs were back on the road to face the Wheatland-Grinnell Thunderhawks on Feb. 15.

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