

Colby boys team falls to Pratt in semifinals

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The Colby High varsity boys ended their basketball season Thursday, falling 60-39 to Ulysses in the substate semifinals in Pratt.

The Eagles (7-15 overall, 4-6 Great West Activities Conference) committed 19 turnovers, giving Ulysses the chance to run away with the game early in the first half.

The southwest Kansas team scored the first points with a basket, but Colby junior Marc Bremenkamp answered with a bucket of his own in the first minute. Ulysses made another shot, but again Bremenkamp landed 2 points to tie the game at 4 with 5:20 left in the first quarter.

Senior Wiatt Binder made a shot and Ulysses answered right back with a two. Bremenkamp sank another basket, but Ulysses got the upper hand when the Tigers landed 2 field goals and a three-pointer to take the lead 13-8.

During a Ulysses possession, junior Luke Cox began limping and was replaced with senior Daniel Myers. Cox wouldn't return to the game until the third quarter. Bremenkamp put in another shot for Colby, but Ulysses made a two-pointer and a three-point basket to lead 18-10 at the end of the first.

Ulysses started the second with a bucket and

Lady Eagles to play tonight

The Colby High varsity girls will play Hugoton in a substate semifinal game at 6 p.m. tonight in Pratt.

If the Lady Eagles win, they would play the winner of the Andale-Pratt contest at 6 p.m. Saturday for the championship.

senior Todd Kane followed with one of his own. After 2 more points from the Tigers, a foul on Ulysses sent senior Zane Winger to the line, where he made 1 of 2 free throws for a 22-13 score.

The Tigers landed another shot, but Binder and Myers made a basket each to close the gap to 24-17. The teams continued trading buckets, with Binder scoring another two and Ulysses making a two- and three-pointer.

Winger was fouled again and sank 1 of 2 free shots with less than a minute remaining. Winger committed a foul, however, and 2 successful free throws from Ulysses put the half-time score at 33-20 in the Tigers' favor.

After the break, Colby couldn't get its of-

fense going and scored just 4 points by the end of the third. Ulysses piled on the points, landing 13 in the third for a 46-24 lead going into the final quarter.

The Eagles continued to make mistakes, turning the ball over 12 times in the second half. Sophomores Austin Russ and Ashton Russ combined for 3 free throws, but Colby's first basket of fourth came from Kane with 5:15 left. Meanwhile, Ulysses sank 2 two-point shots to lead 50-29.

After another two by the Tigers, Myers made a bucket with about 4:25 remaining. Ulysses added 2 points and Binder answered with 2 as well for a score of 54-33. Ulysses sank a three-pointer and Myers came back with a two with about three minutes on the clock.

The Tigers grabbed 2 more points, but Bremenkamp landed a couple of baskets and put the score at 59-39 with 1:20 left. A foul on Bremenkamp put Ulysses at the line to make 1 of 2 free throws and after Colby couldn't score on its next possession, Ulysses ran the clock out to win 60-39.

Bremenkamp finished with 12 points, Binder had 8, Myers and Kane 6 each, Winger and Austin Russ scored 2 apiece and Ashton Russ made 1 free throw.

The Eagles shot at 42 percent compared to Ulysses' 48 percent and each team pulled down 27 rebounds.

Riding team earns honors in Nebraska

The Colby Community College equestrian team competed in two shows on Saturday and Sunday at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Colby was high-point team on Saturday. Amanda Reed qualified for regionals in Advanced Walk Trot Canter and pointed into Novice Flat. Chelsea Brady qualified for regionals in Open Flat. She was the High Point Rider for the Sunday show.

Individual results are listed below:

Saturday
Novice Fences A: William

Wright, Louisburg, first; Heather Darling, Abilene, third.

Novice Fences B: Jade Kruse, Oakley, third.

Open Flat: Brady, Parker, Colo., third.

Advanced Walk Trot Canter: Reed, Brookville, second.

Intermediate Flat: Brittany Normand, Fort Scott, third; Darling, reserve.

Beginning Walk Trot Canter: Kassie Spaulding, Rock Port, Mo., fifth; Molly Jensen, Arthur, Neb., sixth.

Novice Flat A: Kruse, third; Wright, reserve.

Novice Flat B: Rachel Keefe, Liberty, Mo., second.

Walk Trot A: Marci Scriptor, Chapman, third.

Walk Trot B: Emily Nuss, Newton, first.

Sunday

Open Fences: Brady, first.

Intermediate Fences: Normand, fourth.

Novice Fences A: Darling, fourth; Kruse, fifth.

Novice Fences B: Wright, sixth.

Open Flat: Brady, first.
Intermediate Flat: Darling, fourth; Normand, sixth.

Novice Flat A: Reed, second.

Novice Flat B: Wright, reserve.

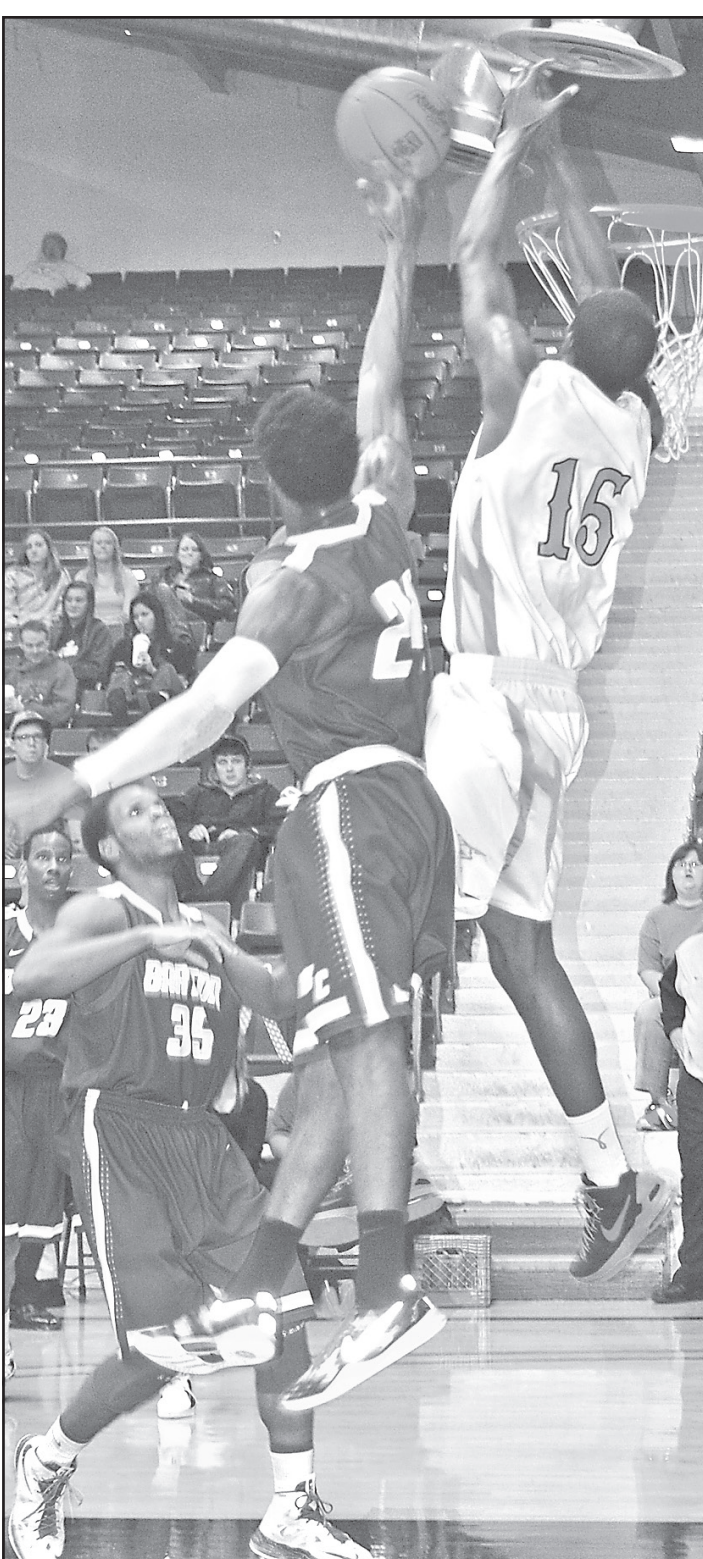
Advanced Walk Trot Canter: Allison Grimmett, Olathe, fourth; Sara Schurz, Phillipsburg, sixth.

Beginning Walk Trot Canter: Spaulding, Rock Port, Mo., first; Jensen, fifth.

Walk Trot: Nuss, sixth; Scriptor, reserve.

The next competition for the hunt seat team is Saturday at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

Alley-oop



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Jeremiah Ingram was on the receiving end of an alley-oop pass Sunday during the Colby Community College men's basketball game at the Community Building. The Trojans lost their last home game of the season, 67-65, to Barton County Community College.

Shootout to feature Golden Plains, Colby seniors

The Smith Center Recreation Commission will hold the Third Annual Sunflower Shootout all-star basketball game Saturday, March 16, at the Smith Center High School gym.

Seniors Todd Kane of Colby High School and Angela Ritter of Golden Plains High School have been chosen to play from this area.

The games will feature senior all stars from the Mid-Continent League against a team of all stars from a 14-county area in north central and northwest Kansas.

The girls game will tip off at 4 p.m., with the boys game set for 6 p.m. There will also be three-point shooting contests at halftime of each game.

The Mid-Continent league girls roster include Sydney Benoit, Alexis Ryan and Trena Cox of Smith Center; Bailee Fritts, Trego Community (WaKeeney); Shelby Stewart and McKenzie Cooper, Hill City; Bailey Hensley, Ellis; Hannah Friend and Shelbe Pywell, Plainville; and

Tawni Griffey, Norton. They will be coached by Perry Mick of Ellis and Brad Roadhouse of Osborne.

The regional team includes Danica Casey, Natoma; Brittany Kirchoff, Thunder Ridge; Devin Nutsch, Republic County; Kora Bergstrom, Pike Valley; Claire Bruna, Hanover; Megan Stegman and Samantha L'Ecuyer, Washington County; Danel Stithem, Hoxie; and Erin Schroeder of Beloit St. John's-Tipton. Coaches are Scott Romeiser of Washington County and Ryan Doebele of Hanover.

The Mid-Continent league boys team features Koby Beougher, Stockton; Payton Buckmaster, Smith Center; Seth Derr and Sean Newlan, Phillipsburg; Luke Lohmeyer and Tyler Walters, Ellis; John Griffith, Trego Community; Solomon Wilson, Hill City; Nolan Weiser, Plainville; and Jacob Brooks, Norton. Keith Sides of Phillipsburg and Trego's Lance Ziegler will coach them.

The opposing boys squad also

includes Tyler Bruggeman, Decatur Community (Oberlin); Chase Wilkens, Washington County; Trenton Kuhlman, Republic County; Trevor Lowe, Thunder Ridge; Phillip Murphy, Natoma; Quinton Isaacson and Cade Huncovsky, Pike Valley; Wyatt Flinn, Rock Hills; and Seth Armbrister, Palco. Their coaches will be Chris Drees of Palco and Kurt Grafel of Natoma.

A few of the players invited were unable to participate due to prior commitments, but Smith Center Recreation Director Mike

Hughes said there was plenty of talent on the court.

"We have assembled some of the top high school basketball talent in the state for this event and we are really excited about it," said Hughes. "We are trying to make this an exciting and fun event for the players, and think the fans will enjoy the evening as well. Anyone who enjoys basketball will truly want to see this event."

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 5 to 12 and free for children 4 and under.

Trojans on road trip

The Colby Community College Trojans baseball team traveled to Texas over the weekend to play Midland Community College on Saturday and Odessa Community College on Sunday, coming home with a 2-2 split.

On Saturday, Colby lost the first game to Midland 14-10, but rebounded in game two, defeating Midland 11-9.

The Trojans also split the games on Sunday with Odessa. Colby lost the first game 12-2 and defeated Odessa 3-2 in the

second.

The team will play Otero Junior College 1 p.m. Wednesday in LaJunta, Colo.

Meanwhile, the Lady Trojans softball team lost two games to Otero on Saturday in LaJunta.

The women lost the first game 9-1 and the second 6-2.

The women will play Saturday and Sunday at Cloud County Community College in Concordia.

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