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Michelle Goscha, #22, is one of two seniors this year returning for the Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs. Goscha and senior April Riedel combined to account for more than 17 points a game for the Lady Bulldogs last season.

Lady Bulldogs start season on the road

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs will travel to Greeley County Friday night to begin the 2002-03 basketball season. The state ranked Jackrabbits are coming off 25-1 season last year and look to be just as tough this season.

The Bulldogs return senior Michele Goscha, who tallied 9.7 points a game last year. Also back is senior April Riedel who tossed in 7.5 per game last season. Niki Spresser, a 5'10" sophomore, will man the middle for the Bulldogs. She averaged 4.0 per outing last year.

Junior Randi Stevenson, a 5'8" cen-

ter, also averaged 4.0 per game last season. Others battling for playing time are sophomore Darcie Spresser, junior Abbie Miller and freshman Val Broeckelman.

"Defense will be the key to the Bulldogs success this season," said head coach Parker Christensen. "On defense, we must continue to work very hard.

"One of our goals is to allow less than 42 points a game. We'll use the press some and mix in some zone and man to man defenses, depending on who were facing. These girls are ex-

tremely hard workers and they jump well, so rebounding will be important for us."

Christensen sees Tribune and Grinnell as the teams to beat in the very tough Western Kansas Liberty League this season. Both teams reached the state tournament last year and return most of their teams.

"The Brewster girls will also be much improved from last season. There will not be an easy game in our league this season so we will have to be ready every time we step on the floor," said Christensen.

Tiffany Focke signs to play volleyball for Colby Trojans

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Colby High School senior Tiffany Focke has signed with Colby Commu-

nity College to play volleyball starting in 2003. Focke was a member of the varsity volleyball team coached by Lesley Wagoner which made it to the state 4A volleyball tournament.

"I'm honored to have a Colby native playing for Colby Community College," Trojan volleyball coach Gina Chvatal said. "Her setting ability and her four-year high school career speaks for itself."



Tiffany Focke

"It's always been a dream of mine to play for Colby Community College," said Focke.

Tiffany's father Dwight and mother Susan couldn't be happier. "We're very proud of Tiffany," Dwight said. "She worked hard all through high school, and it's going to be exciting to have her play locally where we can see her."

Eagle volleyball head coach Lesley Wagoner said "She's going to play for a great program and it's a great opportunity

for her.

"She'll be a great asset to their squad."

Wildcats get first home win

MANHATTAN (AP) — Gilson DeJesus doesn't call himself a 3-point specialist. But he seems to have found his niche.

DeJesus scored 21 points on a career-high seven 3-pointers as Kansas State beat Arkansas Pine-Bluff 76-39 Wednesday night.

DeJesus, who went into the game as the Big 12's leading 3-point shooter at 65 percent, was 7-of-12 from 3-point range.

"I was feeling good," DeJesus said. "I'm not special. They give me space so I shot. I worked pretty hard this summer instead of going home. I missed my family, but you have to suck it up."

Marques Hayden scored 14 points for the Wildcats (2-3) and Pervis Pasco grabbed 11 rebounds, including eight offensive rebounds.

Kansas State led 38-23 at halftime, and began the second half with an 8-0 run to take a 46-23 lead with 16:34 remaining. The Lions would not again get closer than 20.

"Gilson's play was outstanding," said Kansas State coach Jim Wooldridge. "He's been our most consistent player. Coming into the year, we thought he (would) provide us with

some outside shooting. He's just played awfully well."

The Wildcats scored 10 consecutive points before a late Lions free throw provided the final margin.

Kansas State outrebounded Arkansas-Pine Bluff 51-32 and held the Lions to a season-low point total, as they shot just 27 percent from the field. Lamarquis Blake and Billy Hall each scored eight points for Arkansas-Pine Bluff (0-5).

"We're not a real pretty team," Hayden said. "We're scrappy. Coach stresses on going after rebounds and getting points off of them."

Kansas State opened the game with a 7-0 run as Arkansas Pine-Bluff missed its first seven shots.

Kansas State extended the lead to 17-5 with 12:03 left. DeJesus helped the Wildcats to the early lead, making three of his first four 3-point shots.

The Wildcats ended the first half with a 7-2 run, then continued the run to open the second half.

It was the first home win of the season for Kansas State. The Lions have lost all of their games during a road trip that included games against two ranked teams.

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