

All-League team named

Eight Eagles are selected for the honor

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The 2002-2003 Northwest Kansas All-League teams have been named and eight Colby High School basketball players have made the selections.

Four Eagle boys and Four Lady Eagles were selected All-League. For the boys, seniors Jordan Harris and Landon Stover made the First Team selections, while senior Carson McKee and sophomore Matt Augustine received honorable mention. Augustine was the only

sophomore selected for the boys All-League team.

Senior Summar Stephens, junior Bethanie Linden and sophomore Emily Sloan were named to the First Team All-League team for the girls. Junior Amanda Seeman received honorable mention.

Eight teams make up the Northwest Kansas League: Colby, Hoxie, Goodland, St. Francis, Oberlin, Atwood, Oakley and Quinter. Selections to the league team are made by selecting 10 players for the First Team and then honorable mentions.

Other league selections for the boys were: First Team — Ryan Ruf, Oberlin, senior; Sage Hemmert, Quinter, senior; Donald Raymer, Goodland, senior; Trevor Blackwill, Quinter, junior; Egan Grafel, Oberlin, junior; Cody Sattler, Oakley, senior; Nathan Spresser, Hoxie, senior and Lance

Tedford, Goodland, junior. Honorable Mention — Tyler Wolters, St. Francis, senior; Marcus Dodd, St. Francis, senior; Aaron Gittinger, Goodland, senior and Nathan Most, Atwood, senior.

Other league selections for the girls were: First Team — Shannon Lowry, Atwood, senior; Jayci Stone, Goodland, senior; Anny McCoy, Goodland, senior; Jacie Hoyt, Hoxie, sophomore; Brooke Inlow, Oakley, junior; Kortney Stapp, Oberlin, senior and Kelsey Andrist, St. Francis, senior. Honorable Mention — Ariel Dunker, Atwood, sophomore; Jessica Osborn, Goodland, junior; Kim Torlumke, Hoxie, junior; Abby Ream, Oberlin, junior; Jeree Selensky, Quinter, junior; Callie Coberly, Quinter, junior; Samantha Coates, St. Francis, senior and Kandee Raile, St. Francis, junior.

Seventh grade girls finish season as undefeated league champions

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The Colby Middle School seventh-grade girls basketball team finished the season undefeated with a record of 11-0 and a League Championship title.

The girls, coached by Jada Tubbs, finished off the regular season with a 51-21 win over Burlington and a 46-20 win over Goodland before heading into the league tournament.

The first round of the Northwest Kansas League Tournament, the Lady Eagles faced the Brewster Lady Bulldogs. It was a close game for the two teams, but Colby came out on top with the 2 point win, 43-41.

Both teams gave great effort, but at the end of the half, Brewster was ahead by 4 points, 24-20. When the teams returned from the break, the Lady Bulldogs outscored Colby in the third, 8-6. With only one more quarter to play, and with advancement in the tournament on the line, Colby was behind, 32-26.

Lissa Mazanec put up an impressive 11 points in the final quarter. Added to 6 other team points, Colby over-powered Brewster 17-9 in the final stanza for the 43-41 win.

“At the end of the fourth quarter it could have been anyone’s ball game,” Tubbs said. “We stepped up and took the lead and were able to hold it.

Oakley’s 4, in the second, both teams scored 5 points to leave the Lady Eagles up by 12 points at the half, 21-9.

In the final two quarters, Colby was on top of Oakley 10-6 and 12-4. As the buzzer sounded, Colby took the 43-19 win to advance to the finals and play Hoxie for the championship.

Mazanec again led the scoring with 13 points and also was credited with 4 boards and 2 steals. Tasha Wagoner was also in the double figures with 10 points and forced Oakley to turn over 5 balls. Darci Brown tallied 6 points, 2 rebounds and a steal.

Aubrette Stephens and Leah Cox each had 2 points in the game. Stephens also recorded 2 rebounds and 2 steals. Cox was credited with 3 rebounds and 3 steals.

Rounding out the Colby scoring was Malory McKee, Paige Stephens and Robyn Hull with 2 points each. Logan Wark was also credited with two offensive rebounds in the game.

In the championship game with the Hoxie Lady Indians, Colby led the scoring in the first three quarters, 12-6, 13-9 and 22-13. With only one more quarter to play for the crown, Colby was leading 47-28.

As the final minutes of the game were played, Hoxie did outscore

Colby by a point, 13-12, but it was far short of what they needed. The undefeated Lady Eagles claimed the title of league champions.

Aubrette Stephens led the way in points with 18 for the game. She also hauled down 5 rebounds and a steal. Both Mazanec and Cox ended the game in the double digits with 16 and 14 points respectively. Mazanec also recorded 8 rebounds and 4 steals while Cox had 6 boards and 5 steals.

Tasha Wagoner contributed 7 points, 2 rebounds and 3 steals, while Hull had 2 points and a rebound. McKee finished the Lady Eagle scoring with 1 point. Brown and Paige Stephens also added to the game with rebounds.

“I am proud and honored to have had the opportunity to coach such a talented and fun group of girls,” Tubbs said. “I keep telling everyone that someday we will be driving to Salina to watch them in a state tournament.”

The seventh grade team was made up of Aubrette Stephens, Malory McKee, Paige Stephens, Amber Wagoner, Leah Cox, Tia Waltersdorf, Robyn Hull, Darci Brown, Emily Geschwentner, Elizabeth Barnes, Lindsay Frahm, Logan Wark, Lissa Mazanec, Ashley Schippers and Tasha Wagoner.

Go get ‘em



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Colby head coach Derek Bissitt, coached the Eagles to a second place finish in the state for Class 4A this year. Along with the season record of 22-5, two of his players have been named to the First Team All-League. As well, two received honorable mentions for the All-League team. For details, see story at left.

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Basketball award night planned

The Colby High School boys’ basketball team has set their awards night for Monday, March 31 beginning at 7 p.m. in the high school commons area. This is a potluck supper and each family is asked to bring a dish to share and their own plates and silverware, said Jeff Quenzer, activities direc-

tor. Drinks and cups will be provided. The awards night is for all boys basketball players in grades 9 through 12. Along with the basketball players and their parents, the general public is also welcome to attend and encouraged to bring a dish as well. For questions, call 465-5300.

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