

Eagles move record to 14-1

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The Colby High School Eagles added another win to their overall season's record by belting the Garden City Buffaloes, 73-34 at the Colby Community Building Tuesday night.

The ladies are now 14-1 and ranked #4 in this week's Kansas Basketball Coaches Association poll.

Colby led at the end of the opening quarter 18-5, and poured in 16 points in the second period while limiting the visitors to just 4 to lead at the break 34-9. Ivy Ramsey scored 13 points, had 6 rebounds, 4 steals, 1 blocked shot and 5 assists. Amanda Seemann and Brittany Kersenbrock followed 12 points each. Additionally, Seemann had 8 rebounds, 2 steals and 3 assists, and Kersenbrock had 1 rebound, 2 steals and 2 assists.

Jessica Stephens scored 6, 1 rebound, 2 steals and 3 assists; Ashley Barnes and Shea McKee scored 5 apiece, with Barnes also getting 2 rebounds and 1 steal and McKee 1 rebound, 2 steals and 1 assist. Zanae Baird had 2 points, 2 rebounds and 2 assists; Rishonna Martin had 3 rebounds and 2 assists; Lauren Cox had 1 steal; and Marcia Kaus also saw action.

The Eagles shot 38 percent from two-point range, 44 percent from 3-point land and 21-27 at the line for 77 percent.

Jayvee game

Colby beat Garden City, 65-51 to stay unbeaten. After getting off to a slow start, the Eagles came roaring back to score 20 unanswered points for a 47-23 half-time lead.

Scoring for Colby were: Ashley Barnes, 18; Shea McKee 11; Rishonna Martin 10; Lauren Cox 10; Brittany Kersenbrock 7; Marcia

Kaus, 5; April Weaver, 2; and Tisha Bieker 2. Caitie Henry also saw action.

Colby shot 33 percent from the field, 50 percent from 3-point range and 72 percent at the free throw line.

C-team

The Eagles lost to Garden City 45-44 in overtime, snapping a 5-game winning streak.

The visitors led 18-7 after one quarter and 27-17 at half. The Eagles outscored the Buffaloes 10-5 in the third quarter and 11-6 in the fourth to knot the score at 38 and force overtime.

Scoring for Colby: Caitie Henry 13; April Weaver 11; Nikole Schroeder 9; Tisha Bieker 7; Jenna Johnson 3; Michelle Kaus 1; and Kristin Cox, Rashaun Wilson, Carleigh Dempewolf and Jacquie Fry also saw action.

The Eagles travel to Oberlin Friday night.

Jayvee tourney finals Thursday

Both Colby Eagle junior varsity teams won opening round games in the Colby tourney that started Monday. The girls beat Oakley 46-31 and the boys upended Oakley 67-33.

In other games on Monday, the Oberlin girls beat Goodland 24-22 and the Goodland boys edged Oberlin 69-67.

Action continues Thursday with the Oakley-Goodland girls playing for third at 6 p.m. in the high school gym, and the Oakley-Oberlin boys playing for third at 7:30, also in the gym.

The Colby-Oberlin girls battle for the title at 6 p.m. in the Community Building and at 7:30, also in the Community Building, the

Colby-Goodland boys square off for the championship.

Scoring for the Colby boys vs. Oakley were: Jordan Sharp 2; Jeremy Dietz 3; Jordon Cranston 16; Brett Wilson 5; Sean Mengel 4;

Tanner Matzek 4; Nick Howard 2; Stuart Aiken 1; Chris Finley 20; and Dustin Quenzer 10.

Also seeing action were Joey Melnyk, Heath Bieker and Scott Smith.

Jayvee boys lose by four to Ulysses

The Colby junior varsity basketball boys lost 48-44 to Ulysses in Colby last Friday, Jan. 30.

Their record after the loss was 9-2.

Scoring for Colby:

Jordan Sharp 2; Jeremy Dietz 3; Joey Melnyk 2; Jordon Cranston 4; Sean Mengel 10; Nick Howard 5; Chris Finley 12; and Dustin Quenzer 6.

Now it's 'rival time'



Brian Ostermann

●Keeping in Touch

Missouri played Kansas. North Carolina plays Duke. Rivalries are not only in major college basketball this week. Your Trojans travel to rival Garden City tonight. Saturday we play host to our old independent rival Cloud County. Great sports rivals are everywhere. Colby-Goodland is a great local high school rivalry. Rivalries generally bring out the best in both teams and usually the games are close regardless of the team's records. We expect two very tough ball games this week. We also expect several people to travel to Garden City tonight. Garden is perhaps the most talented team in the Jayhawk Conference. We squeaked out an overtime win a month ago in Colby.

Saturday we hope to have a packed house at the Community Building as the Thunderbirds of Cloud County invade Colby.

We had a narrow three-point victory in Concordia last month. We are down to our final seven conference games prior to the Region VI tournament. Each game is of greater importance. The most important thing for our team right now is to really start playing our best basketball as we head into the end of February.

We hope to see you at our final three home games of the season (Saturday the 7th, Saturday the 21st and Wednesday the 25th). Bring your friends and support both of the nationally-ranked basketball programs at Colby Community College.

Jottings

I would like to thank everyone who said so many kind things last week after I became the all-time wins leader in Colby Community College men's basketball history. There are many people that share in this accomplishment. A coach is only as good as the people that surround him. Many great people and players have surrounded me. I especially want to thank my assistant Chad and my wife Julie.

The Lady Trojans are 21-2 and ranked #9 this week. The school record for the ladies is 24-8. This is the best women's team in Colby Community College history.

The men are 20-3 and ranked #12 in this week's National Junior College Athletic Association Division I poll.

Cloud County will be in town Saturday. They defeated Garden

City Monday night 110-107 in overtime.

We have invited 4 of our top in-state recruits to town this weekend. All four will be in attendance for Saturday's game and we trust that you will say "hello" and tell them we would love to have them play at Colby Community College.

The four recruits are: Eagan Grafel 6-7 (Oberlin), Lee Baldwin 6-2 (Ottawa), Jeremy Henderson 6-1 (Topeka-Seaman) and Willie Love 5-1 (Liberal). We plan to extend each player a basketball scholarship.

We currently have a 17-game home win streak. The school record is 19 straight set in 1976-1978.

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Our game sponsor this Saturday is Taco John's of Colby. They are giving away gift certificates at the game. Taco John's has been a proud supporter of Trojan men's basketball for five years. Jeff and Shelli Krzycki are great for our community and they often show it by supporting our community.

The Trojan Dunk-O-Meter is at 88 after 22 games. Justin Williams is the team leader with 54 slams! Last season the Trojans recorded 107 dunks. Colby Canvas sponsors the Dunk-O-Meter!

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Jayhawk West standings

1. Hutchinson (#8 IN NJCAA) 14-0, 7-2, 21-2
2. Barton (#RV in NJCAA) 12-2, 7-2, 19-4
3. Garden City 11-3, 6-3, 17-6
4. Colby (#12 in NJCAA) 14-0, 6-3, 20-3
5. Butler 10-4, 5-4, 15-8
6. Dodge City 8-5, 4-5, 12-10
7. Cloud 11-3, 3-6, 14-9
8. Pratt 7-7, 2-6, 9-13
9. Seward 8-6, 0-9, 8-15

Have a great day!

Ostermann is men's head basketball coach at Colby College.

C-team wins in overtime

The Colby Eagles' C-team boys raised their records to 7-3 with a 64-59 overtime win at Hoxie on Monday.

Colby shot 70 percent (16-23) at the free throw line.

Scoring: Barnett 18; Siebert 18; Donn 12; Ladenburger 8; Coulter 6; and Galaviz 2.

The Eagles played Garden City here Tuesday afternoon but no details were available at press time today.

SportsLine

Colby activities

• Thursday — 7/8 girls basketball with Hoxie, elementary gym, 4:30 p.m., 7A, followed by 7B, then 8A; 7/8 wrestling at Hoxie with Oberlin, 5:30 p.m.; Colby junior varsity basketball tourney, 6 p.m., girls followed by boys, high school gym-consolation games, Community Building-championship games.

• Friday — C-team boys basketball at Oberlin, 4:30 p.m., depart 2:45 p.m. (no C-team girls game at Oberlin); jayvee boys basketball/varsity girls basketball at Oberlin, 6:30 p.m., junior varsity girls, varsity boys games to follow; junior varsity wrestling with Oberlin, 6:30 p.m., Community Building; varsity wrestling with Oberlin and Colby Community College wrestling with Air Force Prep, 7 p.m., Community Building.

• Saturday — Junior varsity/varsity wrestling at Phillipsburg tourney, 9 a.m.; Colby will not be participating in the 9/10 wrestling tourney in Goodland; 7/8 wrestling at Norton tourney, 9:30 a.m.; C-team girls basketball at Atwood tourney, 10 a.m.

Golden Plains

• Thursday — Junior high basketball with Triplains at Winona, 4 p.m.

• Feb. 10 — High school basketball with Grinnell at Rexford, 6:30 7 8 p.m. — High school basketball vs. Brewster, there, 6:30 & 8 p.m.

Brewster

• Thursday — Junior high basketball with Weskan, 4 p.m.

• Friday — High school basketball at Healy, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Colby College

• Saturday — Women/men basketball vs. Cloudy County, Community Building, 6 & 8 p.m.

(Any changes, corrections to the above schedule, please call 462-3963 or fax 462-7749.)

On the move



RANDY DECKER/Colby Free Press

Colby's Derek Elliott looked for the steal during basketball action Tuesday night against Garden City at the Colby Community Building. The Eagles easily defeated the Buffaloes, 71-52. The victory moves the Eagles' record to 11-4.

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