

Winning ways



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Eric Luedke, a Colby Community College freshman and Colby High School graduate, was in complete control over his Air Force Academy jayvee opponent, Bridger Lord, in the 157-lb. weight class last Friday night at the Colby Community Building. Luedke earned an 8-3 victory.

SportsLine

Colby activities

• Friday — Basketball at Quinter, C-team girls and boys 4:45 p.m., JV boys and varsity girls, 6:30 p.m., followed by JV girls and varsity boys; JV/varsity wrestling with Garden City at the high school gym 6:30 p.m.

• Saturday — Bill Voss Novice Wrestling Tournament at the high school gym, 9 a.m.

Golden Plains

• Saturday — High school basketball vs. Atwood at Rexford, 6:30 7 8 p.m.

• Thursday & Saturday — Freedom League Basketball Tournament at Brewster

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Colby College

• Today — Trojan basketball at Seward County/Liberal, 6 & 8 p.m.

• Saturday — Trojan basketball at Barton County/Great Bend, 6 & 8 p.m.; Trojan wrestling, NJCAA Qualifying Tournament at Parsons 10 a.m.

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On the road

Eagles turn up heat on the Devils

By TOM A. DREILING

Free Press Publisher

The Oberlin Red Devils, playing on their home court, stayed right with the Colby Eagles in action last Friday night. That was the first half. There was no staying with the Eagles in the second half as the travelers came home with a 67-39 victory, their 12th of the season against but 4 losses.

The Eagles are ranked #9 in this week's Kansas Basketball Coaches Association poll.

Oberlin led the Eagles by a single point, 10-9 when the buzzer buzzed a halt to action in the first quarter. In the second, however, Colby began to muscle their way around and in the process scored 20 big points to take a 29-24 lead into the break.

The second half was a disaster for the Red Devils, as the Eagles turned up the heat, so to say, allowing Oberlin only 9 points in the third quarter and 6 in the fourth, while bombarding the target with 18 of their own in the third and 20 in the fourth.

Colby's 67 points came on 2-of-

33-pointers, 27-of-59 from 2-point range and 7-of-10 from the free throw line. Those beyond-the-arc thrillers came from the hands of Shane Stover, 1-1 and Bruce Arnberger 1-2.

The Eagles were 66.7 percent from 3-point range and 45.8 percent from 2-point land for an overall field goal shooting percentage of 46.8 percent. From the charity stripe the Eagles were 70 percent.

The Red Devils were 0.0 percent from 3-point range (0-3), 50.0 percent from 2-point land (15-30) and 75.0 percent from the line (9-12).

The Eagles cleared the glass 19 times—8 offensively and 11 defensively. Arnberger was top rebounder with 10 (4 off. and 6 def.).

Colby's scorers were: Stover 17; Matt Augustine and Irvin Dinkel, 12 each; Arnberger 11; Derek Elliott 9; Brian Sulzman 4; Sean Mengel 2; and Jordan Sharp, Jordon Cranston and Dusty Quenzer, 0 points.

Next action for the Eagles will be

Friday (what? Friday the 13th?) on the road to test the Quinter Bulldogs. Tip-off around 8 p.m.

Tracking the Eagles:

(12) wins over...

Scott City 63-34

Russell 77-47

Burlington 97-54

Oakley 72-59

St. Francis 75-30

TMP 75-64

Goodland 60-51

McCook 58-54

Hoxie 69-61

Beloit 52-38

Garden City 71-52

Oberlin 67-39

(4) losses to...

Hays High 72-53

Wichita South 50-38

Liberal 65-60

Ulysses 65-61

Junior varsity

Jordan Sharp's 15 points and Sean Mengel's 14 anchored the junior varsity in their 58-46 triumph over the Red Devils.

The Eagles were out front after one quarter, 13-9, 36-23 at half-time

and 43-29 at the end of three.

In addition to Sharp and Mengel, others gaining entry into the scorebook were , Jordon Cranston with 2; Brett Wilson, 2; Nick Howard 6; Heath Bieker 1; Stuart Aiken 7; Dustin Quenzer 6; Trevor Siebert 3; and Trey Barnett 2.

Oberlin's top scorer was Teryn Grafel with 17.

Quinter is their next stop on Friday.

C-team

Colby raised their record to 9-4 with wins over Oberlin 50-36 and Norton 70-26.

Scoring vs. Oberlin were: Trevor Siebert 16; JD Donn 9; Trey Barnett 8; Anthony Rohr 6; Reagen Coulter 6; Javier Galaviz 3; and R.J. Ladenburger 2.

Scoring vs. Norton were: Siebert 16; Barnett 14; Donn 11; Ladenburger 10; Rohr 6; Galaviz 6; and Coulter 6.

"Guys played two solid games with lots of playing time for everyone," said coach Jack Elliott.

Team travels to Quinter on Friday.

Victory moves Colby Lady Trojans to 23-2

The Colby Community College Lady Trojans kept things rolling Saturday night defeating #18 ranked Cloud County 73-59 at the Colby Community Building.

Colby got out in front early with an 11-4 lead 4 minutes into the contest before Cloud County made a run back at the Trojans. Cloud County built a 25-21 lead with 7 minutes remaining in the opening half before Colby put together a

very familiar run.

The Trojans would dominate the last 7 minutes of the first half and the first 11 minutes of the second half. During that 18-minute period, Colby would outscore Cloud County 41-16. Colby held Cloud County to 40 percent shooting and just 30.8 percent from 3-point range.

Colby shot 46.4 percent for the game and connected on 9 of 23

three-point attempts. The Trojans outrebounded Cloud County 35-26.

The Trojans, who led 40-30 at half-time, were led by Louise McLean. She had 30 points, 5 assists and 5 rebounds. She connected on 11 of 18 shots including 6 of 12 from beyond the three point stripe. Jelena Spiric was also in double figures with 17 points. Spiric added 7 rebounds.

With the win, Colby is now 23-2

overall and 10-1 in Jayhawk West Conference play. The Trojans will square off with #5 ranked Seward County tonight in Liberal.

Seward County gave the Lady Trojans their only loss of the conference season in a memorable game at the Community Building.

Colby and Seward County will enter tonight's contest tied atop the Jayhawk West standings. Game time is set for 6 p.m.

Golden Plains girls win in overtime, 54-46

The Golden Plains girls defeated Sharon Springs 54-46 in overtime last Friday night. The game was tight all the way with the largest lead by either team being 4 points.

Golden Plains trailed by that margin with 2 minutes to go before knotting it up to send the game into overtime, where the Lady Bulldogs

pulled away for the victory.

Freshman point-guard Katelyn Spresser again led the winners with a game-high 18 points, 7 rebounds, 5 assists and 4 steals. Sophomore Val Broeckelman tossed in 11 points and pulled down 9 rebounds while Abbie Miller drained three 3-pointers and finished with 10

points. Golden Plains shot a cool 32 percent (18-56) from the field, but were warmer at the line connecting on 15-23 for 65 percent.

The Lady Bulldogs held Sharon Springs to just 30 percent (17-55)

from the field. At the line the Wildcats were 50 percent (10-20).

Golden Plains picked off more rebounds, 47-25, while both teams committed 16 turnovers. With the win, Golden Plains is 10-6.

Atwood prepares for 3-on-3 event

The "Atwood Swimming Pool and Park Project," an affiliate of Area Community Enrichment (ACE) Foundation, will host its 5th Annual Youth 3 on 3 basketball tournament on Saturday, April 3.

Boys and girls in grades 1-8 are eligible to participate with team entry fees set at \$27. Those not re-

ceiving a copy of the entry form via mail may obtain additional information and print an entry form by going to <http://atwoodpoolproject.tripod.com>

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