

Eagle girls win over Goodland

By Tracy Rogers

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If lightning is not supposed to strike twice, Colby Eagles girls basketball team should be happy the same shot is not made for a third time. Colby sophomore Paige Stephens hit a shot with 8 seconds remaining in overtime to give the Lady Eagles a 47-46 overtime win Friday in Goodland.

Cowgirl Kaylee Billinger tried to sink her third buzzer beater of the night. But this time the shot didn't go down.

With one second remaining in regulation, she hit a shot that sent the game into overtime.

Earlier in the game Billinger hit a shot right before the buzzer that gave the Goodland a four point lead at half.

When Colby sophomore Lissa Mazanec picked up her fifth foul with 3:24 left in overtime and Goodland had a three point lead, Cowgirl Mazanec had scored 16 of Colby's first 18 points in the first half, and she ended with a game high 24 points.

Eighteen seconds after Justeen Koehler made her first free throw, senior Jessica Stephens hit a 16 foot jumper from the right wing to cut the lead to one. The Eagles were whistled for a foul with 1:12 re-

maining that sent Nicolette Clancy to the line for a one-and-one. She made the first, but missed the second and Paige Stephens grabbed the rebound and got fouled. Stephens made one of two free throws setting the stage for the final moments. Colby junior Ashley Barnes drew the Cowgirls defenders to her, then dished the ball to Stephens for the game winning shot.

This was a game that went back and forth Colby outscored Goodland in the first and third quarters and overtime. Goodland outscored Colby in the second and fourth quarters.

Colby coach Derek Bissitt was pleased with the team's win. "Playing at Max Jones Field House against another good team is an awesome experience. Playing in this sort of environment against another very good team is what will make us better as the season progresses," he said.

Bissitt noted the importance of defense. "We played good defense on the road in a hostile environment and that's what you have to be able to do to grow as a team. When the shots aren't falling and you're on the road, you can still rebound and play defense and that's what won the game for us tonight."

Bissitt said the game's intensity may have been a factor. "We were a little nervous and that sometimes affects your shooting, but the ladies did a great job of stepping up making the big plays when we needed them."

Colby outrebounded Goodland 33 to 26. Mazanec leading the way with nine, followed by Jessica Stephens, Paige Stephens, and Zanae Baird with four each. The Eagles shot 42 percent for the game to Goodland's 47 percent. Colby also shot just 45 percent from the free throw line, but that was better than Goodland's 33 percent.

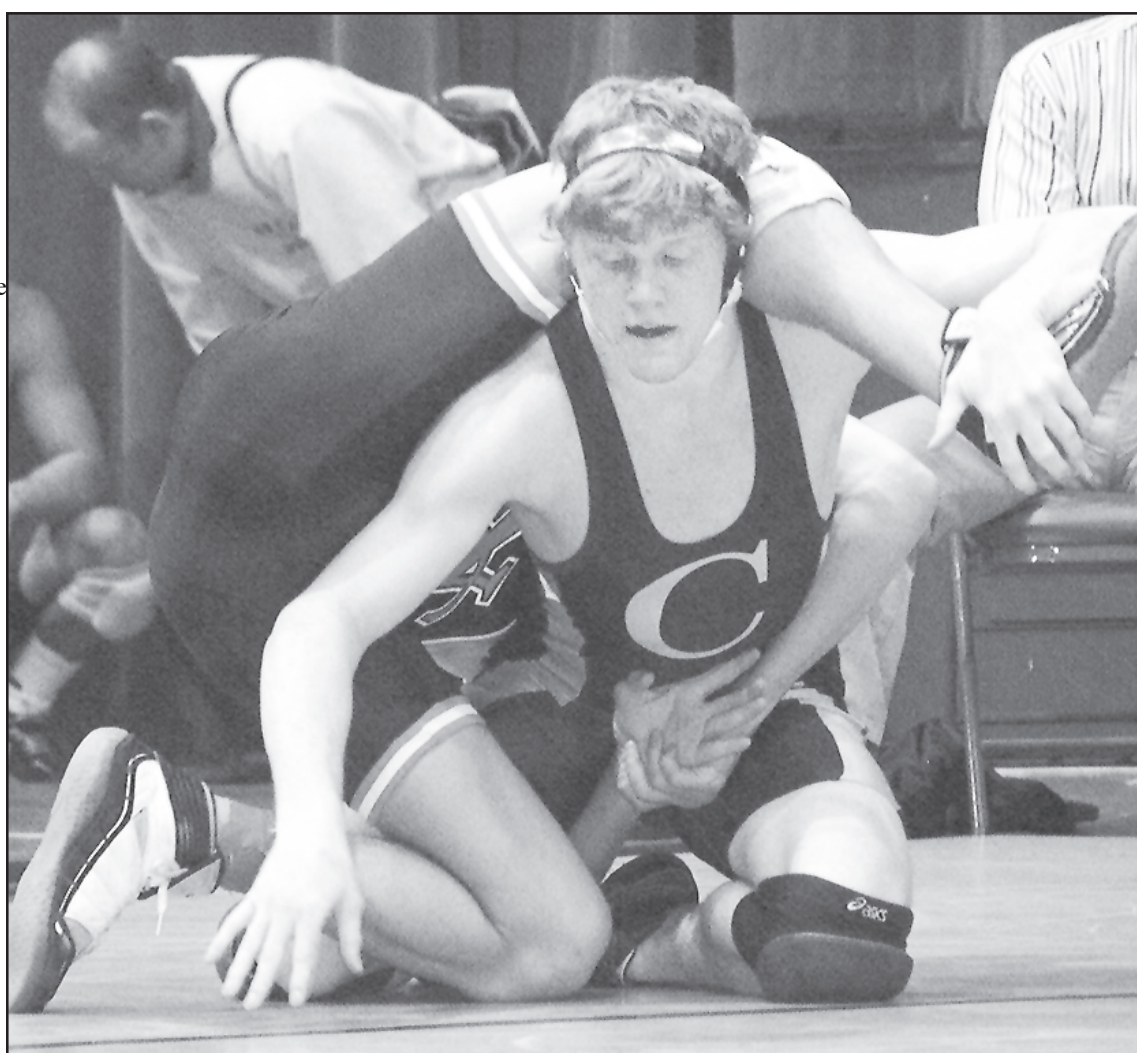
Colby (7-1) plays host to the McCook Lady Bison Tuesday. Tipoff is set for 6:30 p.m.

Colby - 10 8 17 7 5 47
Goodland - 8 14 12 8 4 46

Colby - Martin 00-00, Wagoner 0 0-0 0, J. Stephens 3 1-2 7, P. Stephens 2 1-4 5, Barnes 3 1-2 7, Mazanec 11 2-3 24, Baird 2 0-0 4.

Goodland - Billinger 6 0-0 12, Clancy 0 1-2 1, Raymer 0 0-1 0, Murray 3 1-2 7, Schields 0 0-0 0, Swager 1 0-0 2, Koehler 8 1-4 17, Archer 3 0-0 7.

3 point goals - Colby none. Goodland 1 (Archer). Team fouls - Colby 13, Goodland 14. Fouled out - Colby, Mazanec. Goodland, Murray.



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Colby Community College Trojan wrestler Mat Gilliland grappled with an opponent during the finals at the Tournament of Champions Saturday at the Colby Community Building. Gilliland was the champion in the 149 lb. weight class. He and fellow Trojans Daniel Prater and Matt Schippers were the three Colby wrestlers who made it to the finals.

Colby varsity loses to Cowboys

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It was almost deja vu Friday night. Colby and Goodland put on a typical nail biter that came down to the wire that ended with the Cowboys pulling out a 67-62 double overtime win. The Eagles put themselves in a position to snatch a road victory from the Cowboys at the buzzer. The score was knotted at 52 with 4.6 seconds left in regulation, and had the length of the court to cover to get a last second shot off. Coach Derek Bissitt drew up a play that looked very similar to last year's state game between these two teams when the result was a game-winning layup by Matt Augustine. Junior Trevor Siebert took the inbounds pass and drove the length of the court only to have his shot at the buzzer roll off the rim.

Wyatt Dautel hit a three-pointer to draw first blood in overtime. Stephen Dinkel hit the front end of a one and one to get the gap back to two points. Tanner Smith of the

Cowboys hit a jumper at the 2:35 mark, and then a free throw about 30 seconds later to put Goodland up by three. Junior RJ Ladenburger popped a three pointer from the right wing to tie the game again at 58. Jace Herl hit two of his game-high 14 points for Goodland, but Colby's Nick Howard answered with a bucket in the lane with 5 seconds left to knot the score at 60. Goodland failed to get a desperation shot to go at the buzzer sending the game to a second overtime.

Herl started the scoring in overtime number 2 by hitting two free throws after Siebert committed his fifth foul. Nick Angelos hit a shot inside that put the Cowboys up by four. A shot by Dinkel fell at the 2:12 mark to give the Eagles their only points in the final four-minute period. Mikey Doll made three free throws in the final 45 seconds to make the final score 67-62.

After the game Coach Bissitt commented on the performance of his players.

"I thought we played toe to toe

with a very solid opponent in the Goodland Cowboys," Bissitt said. "It was one of those games where both teams were winners and deserved a standing ovation from the crowd for their hard work and competitiveness."

Colby trailed after the first quarter 17-13, but had a torrid second quarter to take a seven point lead at the break 33-26. Sophomore Ethan Stover led the charge for the Eagles with his hot shooting, getting 8 of his team high 14 points during the second period.

Both teams struggled to score in the third quarter, but Colby managed to extend their lead to 42-33 heading into the fourth quarter. Goodland applied 3/4 court pressure in the last period to force some costly Eagles turnovers that allowed the Cowboys to make up the nine point deficit.

"I was very proud of our young team to play that hard on the road. A win would have been nice, but you can't fault the kids for not giving it everything they had," Bissitt said.

Trey Barnett led the Eagles in rebounds with 9, followed by Dinkel 5, and Siebert and Ladenburger both with 4 each. Balanced team scoring saw four Eagles in double figures led by Stover 14, Barnett 13, Dinkel and Howard 10 each.

The loss drops the Colby record to 0-8, and raises Goodland's to 7-2. Next action is Tuesday when McCook comes to town.

Colby - 13 20 9 10 8 2 67
Goodland - 17 9 7 19 8 7 67
Colby - Stover 7 0-0 14, Siebert 3 2-4 8, Barnett 6 1-3 13, Dinkel 3 4-6 10, Ladenburger 3 0-2 7, Howard 5 0-3 10, Rohr 0 0-0 0.

Goodland - Herl 4 6-8 14, Becson 0 0-0 0, Chatfield 2 0-0 4, Fenner 2 0-1 4, Dautel 3 1-2 9, Angelos 6 1-4 13, Doll 3 3-6 10, Smith 3 1-2 7, Williams 3 0-0 6.

3-point goals - Colby 1 (Ladenburger). Goodland 3 (Dautel 2, Doll). Team fouls - Colby 20, Goodland 16. Fouled out - Colby 1 (Siebert), Goodland none.

Trojan wrestlers take fourth place

Colby Community College wrestling team finished fourth with 59.5 points at the Tournament of Champions held Friday and Saturday at Colby Community Building.

The winner with 89 points was Western Wyoming. Second place

was Northwest Wyoming with 67.5 points, followed by Labette Community College with 66.5 points.

Colby had three first place champions, two wrestlers finished third and one in fourth place.

Individual results:

Levi Younkin 3rd at 133 lbs.
Daniel Prater 1st at 141 pounds.
Mat Gilliland 1st at 149 pounds
Matt Schippers 1st at 157 pounds
Jason Schippers 4th at 165 pounds
Bobby Dennis 3rd at 184 pounds

Golden Plains girls roll past Logan for win

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs improved their record to 8-0 with a 71-45 spanking of Logan in high school action Friday at Logan. Eight players got into the scoring column led by the 19 points of Katelyn Spresser. Kendra Spresser scored 13 while Valerie Broeckelman added 10. Jessica Shaw chipped in with 9 and Megan Juenemann and Ashley Albers scored 8 and 6, respectively. GP

shot a warm 51 percent (31-61) from the floor while holding Logan to 39 percent (17-44). The Lady Bulldogs horsed the backboard for 31 rebounds led by Shaw's 8 caroms while Logan pulled down 19 rebounds. GP forced Logan into 28 turnovers while committing 17 themselves. GP will begin play in the WKLL tournament on Tuesday playing the winner of the Weskan/Cheylin game.

SportsLine

Eagle basketball at home Tuesday

The Colby High School basketball teams will play at home against McCook on Tuesday at the Colby Community Building. The girls varsity game will be at 5:45 p.m., followed by the varsity boys game.

Colby wrestlers at home Thursday

The Colby High School Eagle wreslers will take on Hoxie at home Thursday, Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the high school gym.

Wrestling results in Wednesday's paper

Wrestling results from the Colby High School Eagles trip to Liberal over the weekend will appear in the Wednesday edition of the Colby Free Press.

Free throw contest scheduled for Sunday

The Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring its annual free throw contest starting at 1 p.m. Sunday in the Colby Elementary School gymnasium. Doors will open at noon. All boys and girls, ages 10-14, with age determined as of Jan. 1, 2006, are eligible.

Winners will receive a plaque and advance to district contest, said Dewey Augustine, chairperson. In addition, all winners will need to provide a copy of their birth certificate as proof of age. For questions, call Augustine at 443-1548 or 460-2924.

Liberty League action this week

Colby Community Building will be the site for the semi-final and finals rounds of the Western Kansas Liberty League basketball tournament for both boys and girls.

Championship game for the girls will be 6 p.m. Jan. 14. The boys championship game is 7:30 p.m. Semi-final action starts at 4:30

p.m. Friday at Colby Community Building.

The other semi-final game is at 7:30 p.m.

Championship game is at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 14.

Third place game is 4:30 p.m. Jan. 14 at the Colby Community Building.

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Sun. - Thurs: 6:00

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