

Eagle wrestlers oust Cowboys

Colby High's wrestling team defeated Goodland 42-21 Thursday at Colby Elementary gym.

The match was originally scheduled Jan. 4, but was postponed because of the weather. Rawlins County (Atwood) was also invited to Thursday's meet, but declined.

Colby coach Matt Sims was unavailable for comment today. Colby wrestles today and Saturday at the Beloit Tournament. Action starts at 2 p.m. today and 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Individual results for Colby against Goodland are as follows. Colby's wrestler is listed first.

103 pounds: Nathan Reed lost 4-2 to Kade Sheldon

112: Cody Wark won by forfeit.

119: Trenton Powell won by fall over Britt Zweygardt.

125: Brent Luedke won 2-0 over Kerek Mason

130: Hunter Olsen won by fall over Lorenzo Delgado.

135: Daren Sporing won by forfeit.

140: Garrett Zweygardt lost 2-1 to A.J. Stephens.

145: Jared Flanagan won by fall over Bryan Gray.

152: Eric Jurek defeated Aaron Deeds 7-6.

160: Breck Arnberger lost 2-1 in overtime to Ryan Taylor.

171: Tanner Kriss won by fall over Fernando Martinez.

189: Treat Bugbee lost 7-1 to Josiah Goodley.

215: Nick Kriss lost by fall to T.J. Hawkins.

285: Taylor Brown lost 6-1 to Bob Doxon.

After the Beloit Tournament, Colby High will get a week of practice to prepare for the Northwest Kansas League tournament at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 27 at Hoxie.

Colby Eagle girls show their force; boys struggle

By Cyndi Rothfuss
For the Colby Free Press

The Colby Lady Eagles shot to the top in their first game of the 22nd Annual Orange and Black Classic Tournament on Thursday.

And their defense was not bad either.

Colby dominated Scott City Lady Beavers on both ends of the court in a 72-28 win.

The girls' strength came from their ability to use a full-court press to its full potential. Almost half of the time, Scott City was unable to get the ball down the court because of Colby's pressure. The full court pressure strategy caused 29 Scott City turnovers.

The Orange and Black Classic tournament has become an important part of the season for the Lady Eagles, as it is a way to measure how far they have developed during the season playing three games in three days.

"You want to do good in your own tournament. We feel it is a quality tournament, especially this year with several ranked teams competing. It is a good gage to see what we are doing well and what needs work," said Colby head coach Derek Bissitt.

The defense worked against Scott City. Colby's offense had five players score in double figures.

Lissa Mazanek, a junior, scored 15 points to lead the team. Before the game, Mazanek was involved in a one-car accident but not injured. At about 3 p.m., she was driving on Highway 25 north of Colby and lost control of her car and rolled the car into the ditch.

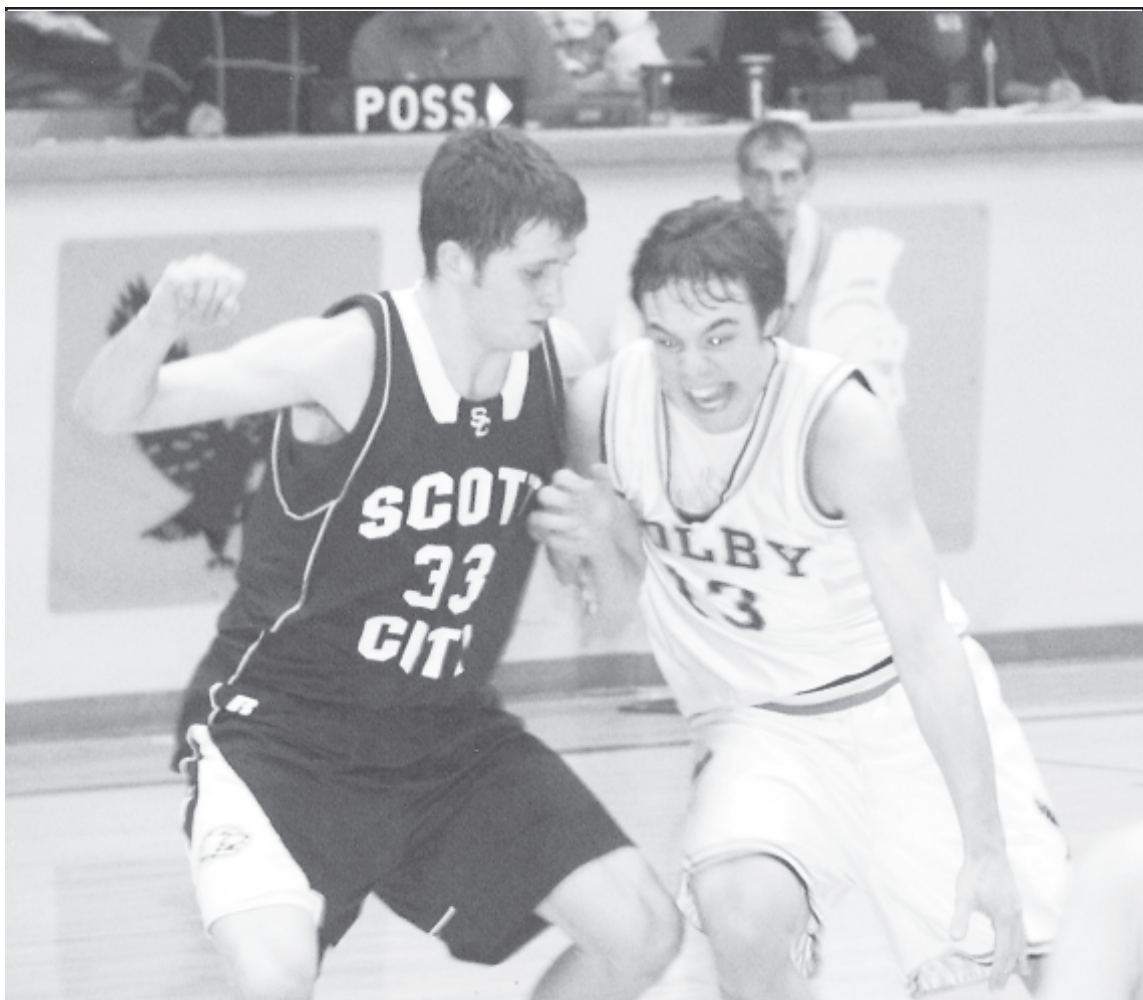
Paige Stephens, also a junior, had 14 points and snatched eight rebounds.

Close behind were senior Rishonna Martin with 12 points, senior Ashley Barnes with 11 points, and sophomore Taylor Young with 10 points.

The Lady Eagles shot 49 percent from the field compared to Scott City's 28 percent. Colby outrebounded Scott City 42-26.

With their win, Bissitt hopes to see many people out to support the girls tonight and Saturday.

"I want to encourage people to come out and watch. We don't have many home games this year and this team plays really hard. They are fun to watch. We'd like to see a loud and



JOHN VAN NOSTRAND/Colby Free Press
Colby's Trey Barnett, right, tried to push the ball downcourt against Scott City's during their first round game Thursday of the Orange and Black Classic. Scott City won 55-42.

vocal crowd," said Bissitt.

The Lady Eagles victory gives them a winning record, with only one loss this season. Colby (9-1) plays 6:30 p.m. tonight against Liberal in the Community building.

Boys

Bissitt was right saying this year's Orange and Black Tournament has some excellent competition.

Just ask the Colby boy's team.

The Colby Eagles lost 55-42 Thursday to Scott City Beavers, the defending state 4A champion. In the second half, Colby was able to get the deficit to nine points. The combination of Scott City's offense and Colby's mistakes would not let Colby get closer.

If it was not Scott City's ability to

quickly get the ball inside that hurt Colby, it was the Eagles' struggle of holding onto the ball.

Colby had 22 turnovers against them, which was the key factor in their loss. The Eagles out-rebounded the Beavers 22-21. Colby also shot well from the free throw line, making 18 of 23 shots.

Trey Barnett, a Colby senior, lead the Eagles with 23 points and eight rebounds. He made all 10 of his free throws. Junior Ethan Stover followed Barnett with seven points. The Eagles only shot 35 percent from the field against the 45 percent from Scott City.

Despite the loss the Eagles still enjoy playing in the Orange and Black Classic, and they know how important the tournament has be-

come. Colby senior Trevor Siebert knew teams like Scott City are what makes the tournament.

"Some of the greatest teams in the area as well as teams from big cities like Denver and Kansas City come. It has been going on for 22 years, so it's a big deal," said Colby senior Trevor Siebert.

Colby head coach Beau Sheets knows the Orange and Black Classic tournament is important because of the difficult competition.

"There is great competition at this tournament every year, and there is great community support," said Sheets.

With the loss the Eagles (3-7) face Beloit 8 p.m. tonight at the high school in the consolation bracket.

Bracket day 2

Colby boys will face Beloit at 8:15 tonight at Colby High School in the consolation bracket of the Orange and Black Classic.

Colby lost its first-round game to Scott City Thursday 55-42. Beloit lost to Montbello in the first round 58-45.

In other consolation games today, McCook, Neb., will play Goodland at 4:45 at the high school. McCook lost to Liberal 46-41 Thursday. Hays defeated Goodland 82-46 Thursday.

On the winner's side of the boy's bracket, in the semi-finals Liberal plays Hays at 4:45 p.m. today at the Colby Community Building. Scott City plays Montbello at 8:15 p.m. at the community building.

The championship game will be 8 p.m. Saturday at the community building.

The third-place game is 4 p.m. Saturday at the community building. Fourth place game is 2 p.m. Saturday at the high school. Seventh place game is noon Saturday at the community building.

Girls

The Colby girls team will play Liberal in the semi-final round 6:30 p.m. today at the Colby Community Building. Colby defeated Scott City 72-28 Thursday in the first round. Liberal defeated Kansas City Christian 68-61 in the first round.

Goodland defeated McCook, Neb., 55-35 in the first round. Beloit beat Montbello 68-59. Goodland and Beloit will play at 3 p.m. today at the community building.

The championship game is 6 p.m. Saturday at the community building.

On the consolation side, Scott City and Kansas City Christian will play 6:30 p.m. today at Colby High School. McCook, Neb., and Montbello will play 3 p.m. today at Colby High School.

The third-place game will be 4 p.m. Saturday at the high school. Fourth-place game is 2 p.m. Saturday at the community building. Seventh-place game is noon, Saturday at the high school.

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