



GOODLAND STAR-NEWS

Colby's Tasha Wagoner got by the Goodland defender for a lay-up Saturday during Goodland's win.

Goodland girls corral Colby

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for the Colby Free Press

Colby's girls basketball team may have felt deja vu Saturday. It was the same place and almost the same difference in score.

The Lady Eagles were handed their second loss of the season, 55-50, Saturday at Goodland. Colby lost to Goodland 47-43 in December in the Goodland Tournament.

During the first quarter the Lady Eagles trailed by 10, but by the end of the quarter they were only behind by one point thanks to junior Lissa Mazanec who made a running three-point shot right before the buzzer.

Colby managed a three point lead at halftime. Colby built a nine-point lead in the third quarter.

Colby's lead and offense faded late in the second half because of turnovers.

"We turned the ball over too much. We had 24 turnovers, which was by far the most this season. We also came up too many easy shots defensively," said Colby head coach Derek Bissitt.

Colby senior Ashley Barnes and Mazanec led the Lady Eagles with 20 points each. Barnes also had eight rebounds and six steals for her team.

Colby shot 63 percent from the free throw line, but only pulled off 37 percent from field shots.

Bissitt said he wasn't impressed with the way the Lady Eagles played.

It's possible the two teams will meet again in the postseason.

"I know that his team can pull off a win against Goodland," he said. "We know that if we want to go to Salina we will have to play them again. We need to play our game, that's when it will really matter,"

The Colby Eagles extended their winning streak to six games beating Rawlins County 59-44 Friday at Atwood.

The Eagles kept Rawlins County at a stand still during the first quarter, holding them to only three points.

"We played really well defensively and had some other guys step up that we haven't seen much this season," said Colby head coach Beau Sheets.

Those players Sheets mentioned were Ethan Stover, a junior, who led the Eagles with 19 points. Following him were Steven Dinkle, a junior, 11 points, and senior Trey Barnett with 10 points and nine rebounds.

Senior Ryan White also had six rebounds for the Eagles.

Colby shot 52 percent from the free throw line and 45 percent from the field.

The win against Rawlins County helped Colby earned a shot at the league championship.

Sheets was pleased with the pres-

said Bissitt.

Colby's game at Goodland was originally scheduled Tuesday but was postponed due to weather.

Colby (16-2, 5-1) finishes the regular season Tuesday against Norton at the Community Building.

Boys

The Colby Eagles six-game winning streak ended Saturday at Goodland, 49-43.

The Eagles struggled to make perimeter shots. Colby only made two of their 17 shots from the three-point line.

"We couldn't put the ball in the hoop or hit outside shots," said Colby coach Beau Sheets. The Eagles struggled with their shooting, only making 18- 48 field shots.

Levi Schlick, a sophomore, led the Eagles with 19 points. He also shot 75 percent from the free throw line. Close behind him were senior Trey Barnett with nine points and junior Ethan Stover with seven points.

The second half of the game looked up for the Eagles for a while. They were able to play better defensively, which kept them in the game.

"We played better the second half. For us to actually be in the game we had to play pretty tough on defense after playing really poorly offensively," said Colby head coach Beau Sheets.

Despite the challenges the Eagles managed to keep the deficit to six points. There is room for improvement before post-season play begins, though.

"We need to learn to play well both offensively and defensively in the same game with a high intensity," said Sheets.

The Eagles (9-9, 4-2) play their last home game of the regular season Tuesday against the Norton Blue jays.

sure the Eagles forced on the Buf-faloes.

"We forced a lot of turnovers and bad shots on their part," said Sheets.

Girls

The Lady Eagles also defeated Rawlins County Friday 68-50.

Lissa Mazanec, a junior, led Colby with 22 points. Behind were junior Tasha Wagoner with 16 points, senior Ashley Barnes with 11 points, and Paige Stephens, a junior, with 10 points, 11 rebounds, and six steals.

The Lady Eagles shot an out-standing 13-14 free throw shots for 93 percent. Spreading the point production across four players kept Rawlins County's defense guessing.

"We were very well balanced in scoring and that is nice to see. We had four girls in double figures," said Colby coach Derek Bissitt.

The Lady Eagles proved to be strongest during the third quarter. Colby kept with the strategy that has been working for them all season: the full-court press.

"We made some adjustments at halftime and we did a good job in the third quarter. We built a 26-point lead," said Bissitt.

Kansas State hopes to end losing streak

MANHATTAN (AP) — Bob Huggins said it. Many people heard him say it. Reporters within earshot, doing what they're trained to do, even jotted it down.

"Remember, Feb. 19 is when we break the streak," Huggins said shortly before beginning his first season as Kansas State's coach. "Then we will have a rivalry."

Well, Feb. 19 is here. And so is the rivalry. Bramlage Coliseum is going to be crackling with energy and rocking with noise when the ninth-ranked Jayhawks tip off at 8 p.m. Monday, trying to make it 24 straight years they've beaten the Wildcats in their very own gym.

Under their first-year head coach, the Wildcats (19-8, 8-4) already have more Big 12 wins than they've ever had. An NCAA bid, their first since 1996, would be almost assured if they snap Kansas' maddening Manhattan streak.

"I think that the crowd will definitely be loud, and them being for us is a plus," said Kansas State for-

ward Cartier Martin. "We are looking forward to the game. We just need to bring energy and execute on both ends of the floor."

Both coaches say, of course, that the streak means nothing to them.

"At the risk of being mundane and boring, I want to win them all," said Huggins. "I never look at a schedule and say, 'Well, if we can win this many ...' We want to line up and play and win."

Kansas' Bill Self goes even further.


"I won't have to mention it to (the players) much, because you guys will," Self told reporters. "We'll talk about that. But to me, that's totally irrelevant. Those were totally different players, totally different eras."

Both teams are coming off big wins. The Wildcats tuned up with a 65-47 trouncing in Bramlage of Iowa State, their ninth victory in 11 games.

No. 9 Kansas (23-4, 10-2) had 13 different players score on Saturday in a 92-39 blowout of Nebraska.

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