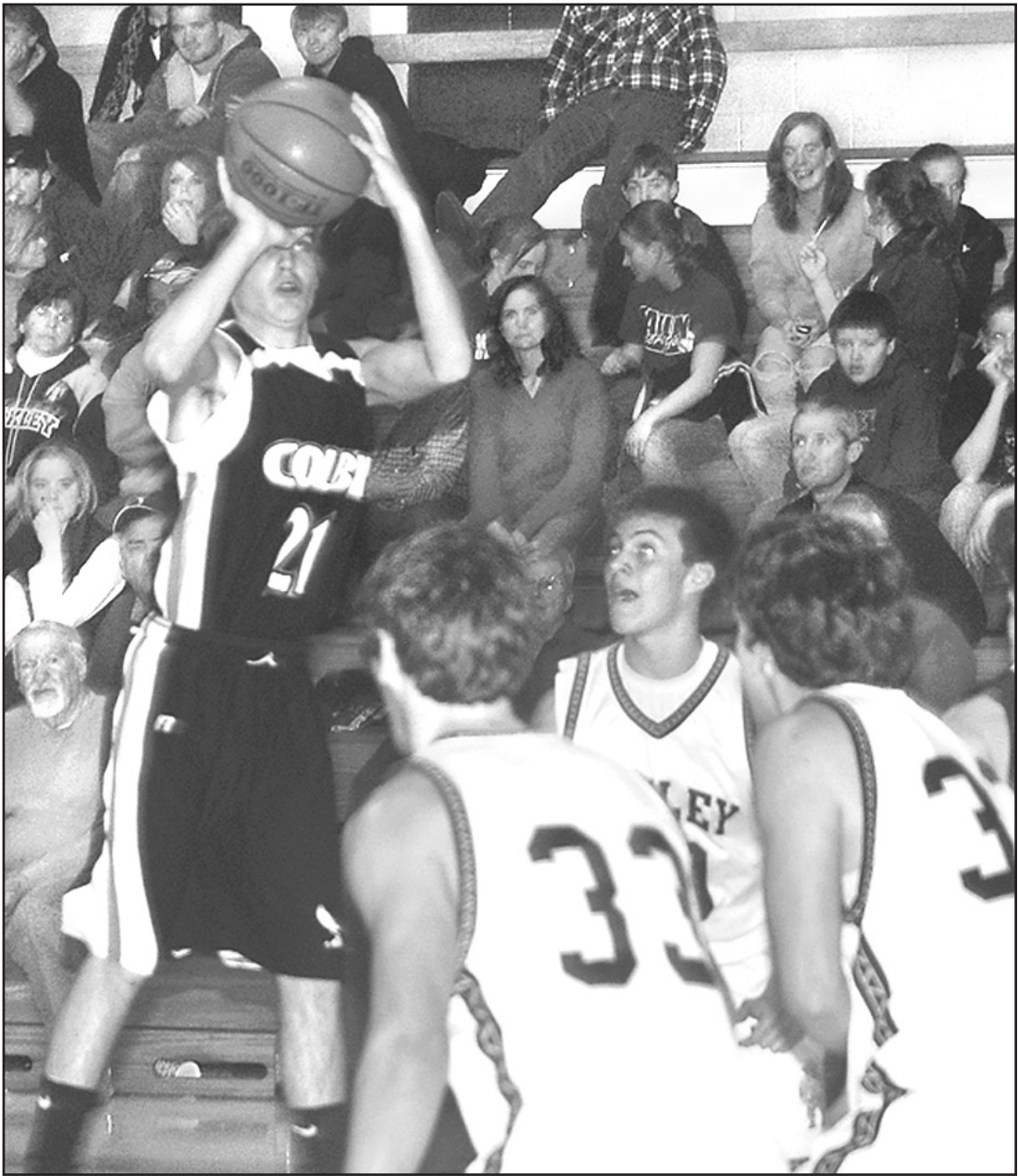




Aiming for a victory



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
Junior Ryley Haas squared up for a shot against Oakley on Dec. 19. The Eagles compete against Ulysses at 8:15 p.m. tonight at the Community Building in the first round of the 24th annual Paul Wintz/Tom Bowen Orange and Black Classic.

Lady Eagles lose close contests

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The Colby High girls junior varsity suffered a 26-23 loss to Hoxie on Friday, but it took two overtimes to settle the issue. Freshman Morgan Bell scored a team-high eight points and sopho-

more Kelsey Sheilds added 6. “The girls played extremely hard, but came up a little short,” said Coach Jack Elliot. The younger Lady Eagles lost 41-35 at McCook last Tuesday. Colby mounted a comeback late in the game after being down 16 going into the fourth quarter. The girls struggled from the line dur-

ing the game, making only 6 of 17 free throws. Freshman Emilea Finley led the team in scoring with 14 and junior Rhett Martin had 6. The junior varsity will play Thomas More Prep-Marian at 8 p.m. on Thursday at Colby High School.

Wrestler dominates open

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Freshman Ganbayar Sanjaa could do no wrong this weekend at the Worthington Open in Minnesota. Not only did he win all four of his matches in the 149 pound class, but he didn’t have one point scored on him all tournament. This led to Sanjaa being named the outstanding wrestler of the day. Sanjaa won a 16-0 technical fall over Alex Kontz and pinned Matt Taylor of Morningside College located in Sioux City, Iowa. He also pinned Dave Schiley of Northern State located in Aberdeen, South Dakota and Robert Eklund of Augsburg. Freshman Bekzod Abdurakhmonov placed first in the 157 pound weight class. Abdurakhmonov won a 8-3 decision over University of Minnesota’s Jared Rickert and won a 4-2 decision over David Albrecht of Southwest Minnesota. He won a

15-5 decision over Adam Minette of St. Cloud State University and he won a 8-1 decision over Orlando Ponce of Augsburg college located in Minneapolis, Minn. The Trojans had four other players place at the tournament. Freshmen Ronnie Tetrault finished second in the 165 pound class, freshman Nick Kriss finished third at 197 pounds, Justin Gardner finished fourth in the 125 pound class and Julian Hightower finished fourth at 285 pounds. Tetrault pinned Jared Wildeboor of Morningside and won a 5-3 decision over Augsburg’s John McCormick. He won a 8-7 decision over Steve Merth of Itasca College located in Grand Rapids, Minn. and he won a 6-5 decision over Trent Molacek of Ridgewater located in Willmar, Minn. He lost a 8-6 decision to Beau Hanson of Augsburg. Kriss won a 6-2 decision over Augsburg’s Andy Peterson and 6-2 decision over Greg Arnt of Ridgewater. He won a 14-5 decision over the University of Min-

nesota’s Ryland Geiger and a 10-3 decision over Nic Leither of Northwestern College located in Chicago. He defeated Brad Salverson 5-2. Gardner pinned John Duch of Itasca and won a 9-6 decision over Kyle Donlan of Buena Vista located in Storm Lake, Iowa. He pinned Ashton Griffin of Minnesota West and won a 4-3 decision over Augsburg’s Freddie Vigil. He also won a 9-6 decision over Coty Rigleman. Hightower pinned Logan Atkins and won a 3-1 decision over Josh Wilkins. He defeated Iowa Lakes’ Joshua Marsh 3-1 and he won a 4-0 decision over Robert Madison. Freshman Jernato Harris went 1-2 in the 141 pound class and freshman Brennan Ward went 1-2 at 184 pounds. Freshman Jak-sen Cottorell went 2-2 in the 174 pound class. The Trojans will compete in a dual at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in Pratt.

Baylor pounds Wildcats 83-65

MANHATTAN (AP) — Lacedarius Dunn was giving all the credit to the guys who got him the ball. Dunn tied a Baylor record with nine 3-pointers Wednesday night and scored 33 points as Baylor cruised past Kansas State 83-65, leaving the Wildcats winless in four Big 12 games. “I was really surprised,” said Dunn, who reached the 30-point mark for the first time this season. “I have to give a lot of credit to our guards. They found the open spots and it was my responsibility to knock down the shots.” Curtis Jerrells added 18 points while Quincy Acy and Kevin Rogers each had 12 for the Bears (15-3, 3-1 Big 12), who led the entire way. Denis Clemente scored 17 points for Kansas State (11-7, 0-4), which has lost its first four conference games for the first time since the 1996-97 season. “It’s always tough to lose four in

a row,” said Kansas State’s Darren Kent. “We’re digging ourselves too big of holes that we can’t get out of.” Kansas State’s losing streak resembles the four straight losses the Wildcats endured late last season, and Kent, the team’s lone senior, believes they can bounce back as they did in 2008, when they won their final two games en route to an NCAA tournament appearance. “Most of these guys were on the team with us last year that had a losing streak like this one, and we dug out of it,” he said. “We need to keep the energy and the fire and we should be fine.” Dominique Sutton scored 12 points and Kent added 11 for the Wildcats. The nine 3-pointers by Dunn raised his team-leading total to 61 and tied the single-game record set by David Hamilton in 1995. Dunn came within five points

of the career-high 38 he scored against Texas Tech last March 8.

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Denver coach hires staff

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Josh McDaniels continued filling out his first coaching staff with the Denver Broncos, hiring Don Martindale as linebackers coach and younger brother Ben as an offensive assistant. Martindale spent the last five seasons coaching the linebackers for the Oakland Raiders. Martindale’s hiring follows the additions of special teams coordinator Mike Priefer, who spent the last three seasons as Kansas City’s special teams coach, and defensive line coach Wayne Nunnely, who spent the last dozen seasons as San Diego’s defensive line coach. Ben McDaniels was the quarter-

backs coach at Massillon Jackson High School in Ohio. He served as a graduate assistant under Glen Mason at Minnesota from 2004-05 and was quarterback coach at Canton McKinley High School in Canton, Ohio, from 2006-07. Ben McDaniels played quarterback at Kent State from 1999-01 and played on McKinley’s 1997 state championship-winning team with Broncos defensive lineman Kenny Peterson. Jay Rodgers was also hired as an offensive assistant. He enters his first NFL season after spending nine years at the college level. He was Iowa State’s receivers coach the last two years.

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