

Academic award



CHARLENE KAUS  
Colby High School basketball player Katrina Kaus was presented with a plaque for being on the 4A Academic All-State Cross Country Team during halftime at the St. Francis game on Dec. 15.

Golden Plains middle school wins, extends record to 6-1 for the season

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The Golden Plains Middle School girls A team boosted its record to 6-1 last Thursday, defeating the Wallace County Lady Wildcats 35-18 in Sharon Springs.

The girls started off the game with a 12-8 lead. They added another 10 points to their score in

the second quarter while the Lady Bulldogs' defense held the Lady Wildcats scoreless.

The third was pretty much the same as the second, as the Lady Wildcats again went scoreless and the Lady Bulldogs scored another 8 points. Golden Plains led 30-8 to at the start of the fourth period. The girls put in another 5 and Wallace County scored 10, and the Lady Bulldogs captured another

win.

Kylie Jones had a team-high 18 points, Jordan Christensen added 8, Hailee Spreser 4, Leea Juenemann 3 and Payton Ramsey 2.

In the B-Team game, the girls improved their record to 5-2 by defeating the Lady Wildcats 16-8. The Lady Bulldogs scored 5 in the first quarter, 4 in the second, 5 in the third and 2 in the fourth. The Bulldog defense held strong

the whole game. The girls didn't allow the Lady Wildcats to score in the first or fourth quarters.

Kami Miller led the team in scoring with 8, Rachael Ritter and Ana Bermudez had 3 each, and Brooke Wark 2. Girls helping out included Tori Ramsey, Kaycie Clapp, Rebecca Bange, Meli Navarro, Taylor Todd, Tiffani Hapke, Madison Walz, Keann Jacobs, Brianna Stoll and Taylor Peterson.

Colby High player overcomes difficulties to get jersey honoring basketball player dad

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Colby High basketball player Corbin Stephens has been trying to get his hands on a No. 22 basketball jersey since he wore the number in middle school.

This was the number his Dad, Curt Stephens, wore when he played point guard on the 1975 Colby varsity team.

"I've always looked up to my Dad," Corbin said.

Curt said the basketball team was undefeated that year.

"We had quite a run there back in the '70s," he said. "Corbin grew up around sports and always wanted to be 22."

But it was always first-come, first-serve to get jersey numbers, and Corbin, as an underclassman, had to wait his turn. This year, however, he got the No. 22 jersey he'd been wanting, but there was a catch. The jersey was an extra large, and Corbin wears a medium.

Luckily for him, Lynn Carpenter, Colby High assistant secretary and cheerleading coach, was able to help him.

"He came in to the school office to turn in the jersey and get one with another number on it," said Carpenter. "I told him I could alter it so it would fit him."

Carpenter said she went to Activities Director Larry Gabel to make sure it would be OK for her to alter to the jersey. Gabel told her it was.

After getting the OK, Carpenter said, she went to work sewing. She removed the striped inset, made the shirt smaller and put the striped inset back in the jersey. Now, Stephens, a junior, is able to carry on the family tradition every time he plays this year.

This is not the only thing Corbin is doing to honor his dad this season, however. He also bought Nike basketball shoes that had his Dad's name engraved on the tongues. On one tongue is the word Curt and on the other tongue is the word Stephens. While he said the shoes are a little bigger than he expected them to be, he still plans to wear them at some basketball games this season.

Curt said he was surprised when his son told him.

"I was really surprise, really shocked," he said. "It's an honor for me."



Corbin Stephens

Curt said he hopes the Eagles will concentrate on being a good team this year.

With tough schedule looming, KU must shape up or ship out

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Coming out of a timeout late in the first half, Kansas coach Bill Self called for a substitution. The player who was supposed to enter the game didn't hear him, leaving the Jayhawks with four players on the court for about 15 seconds.

"It was great because it was

probably our best offensive possession of the game," Self said with a smile. "I was really proud of our team how they totally baffled their defense and were able to make a great play."

Self can joke now, but he knows his team needs to pull it together with the Big 12 season just around

the corner.

Cole Aldrich dominated inside with a double-double and six blocked shots, and No. 1 Kansas overcame a lack of focus in the first half to wear down Belmont

81-51 on Tuesday night.

Rusty off a long break, Kansas (12-0) shook off a lackadaisical first half that included the 4-on-5 sequence, pulling it together for a superb second half to extend the

nation's longest home winning streak to 50 games.

Aldrich had his way inside with 11 points and 14 rebounds, and Marcus Morris added 14 points to give the Jayhawks a rout that

wasn't quite as stellar as the final score.

A game at No. 18 Temple is next on Saturday and the Big 12 starts on Jan. 13, and Kansas still has plenty of room for improvement.

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