

Jayhawks hammer Buffaloes

LAWRENCE (AP) — Bill Self could kick himself.

In the excitement of the locker room after No. 1 Kansas cruised past Colorado 94-74 on Saturday, Self neglected to mention the great milestone reached by the player who he says impacts a game more than anyone else he ever coached.

With 123 victories in his illustrious career, senior guard Sherron Collins, along with senior Brady Morningstar, tied the record for most wins by a player in the storied history of Kansas basketball. With four games left in the regular season and the entire postseason also looming for the nation's top-ranked team, no one doubts they will shatter the record set by Raef LaFrentz, C.B. McGrath and Billy Thomas from 1995-98.

"I talk about it all the time but I forget to mention it in the locker room after the game," Self said.

Cole Aldrich had 17 points, 10 rebounds and five blocked shots.

Lady Eagles' defense leads to Colby victory

The Lady Eagles' stifling defense, mixed with another strong offensive effort by sophomore Morgan Bell, overwhelmed the Atwood Lady Buffaloes, who fell to Colby 45-24 Friday night at the Community Building.

Colby's defense forced 31 turnovers, including 24 steals. Junior Kayla Hockersmith accounted for half the steals.

"She's quicker than anybody else on the court and she uses it to her advantage," said coach Parker McKee. "She's a very smart defensive player."

Bell paced the Lady Eagles with 15 points on six-for-11 shooting, two for two from three-point range.

"She's one of the hardest workers on the team," said coach McKee.

Hockersmith posted a double-double, 12 points and 12 steals.

The Lady Eagles scored 24 points off turnovers by the

Lady Buffaloes. Colby got off 54 shots, twice as many as the Rawlins County team.

Rhett Martin, the Lady Eagles' sole senior, was inserted into the starting lineup for the game, since it was senior recognition night. Colby set the tone of the contest early by grabbing an 8-1 lead. Then Hockersmith intercepted a pass and took it down court for a layup to extend the Lady Eagles' lead to 10-1. The girls led 15-3 at the end of the first quarter.

Bell drained a three-pointer that upped Colby's lead to 18-3 at the start of the second. Later on, her sister, freshman Lauren Bell, scored inside after receiving a bounce pass from fellow freshman Alexa Haas. Moments later, Lauren rejected a shot on the other end of the floor. Haas hit a midrange jumper to give Colby a 26-11 lead at the end of the half.

The Lady Eagles kept the heat on defensively in the third. The girls' half-court press forced the Lady Buffaloes to commit several turnovers. Atwood only scored four points the entire quarter and Colby led 36-15 going into the fourth.

Hockersmith found Lauren Bell inside for a bucket that extended the Lady Eagles' lead to 38-15 early in the fourth. Later in the quarter, Morgan Bell drained a jumper from the baseline to make it 45-15. The girls went on to win 45-24.

Lauren Bell had eight points on four-for-seven shooting, while junior Katherine Kaus scored six. Katrina Kaus and Haas each had two.

With the win, the Lady Eagles improved to 13-6. The girls will play their final game of the regular season at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Norton.



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Colby High junior Kayla Hockersmith rose to take a shot during the Lady Eagles' game against Atwood on Friday at the Community Building.

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