



Lady Eagles fall to undefeated Cheney

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KINGMAN — The Cheney High Lady Cardinals exploited their size advantage, knocking the Colby Lady Eagles out of the Class 4A substate finals 56-35 on Saturday in Kingman.

Cheney post players Merissa Quick and Courtney Traxson combined to score 36 of the Lady Cardinals 56 points on 13-of-20 shooting. Together they grabbed 22 rebounds.

The Lady Eagles were ice cold from the field in the first half, hitting only one of 21 field goals.

Coach Parker McKee said he thought nerves played a role in his team's poor shooting.

"We played really nervous and timid at the start of the game," he said.

The coach said Cheney's post players also played a key role in Colby's low percentage. He said Lady Cardinals' size inside the lane forced the girls to alter a lot of their shots.

Colby trailed 26-6 at the half. Coach McKee said if the girls could have made a few more free throws, they would have had a better chance of making the game close in the second half. The Lady Eagles only made four of 12 foul shots in the first half.

Despite the big deficit, the girls continued to play hard in the second half. Colby's defense, the girls trademark this season, played tough, holding the Lady Cardinals to 44 percent shooting in the second half. The Colby of-



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Colby High sophomore Morgan Bell went up for a shot amid a crowd of Cheney players in the Class 4A substate finals Saturday at Kingman.

fense showed signs of life as the girls started hitting the mid-range jumpers and three-pointers that hadn't been falling. The girls also recovered from their first half free-throw shooting woes, hitting

six of eight foul shots in the second half.

Quick scored two bucket inside to give Cheney a 6-0 lead with 4:39 remaining in the first quarter. Then Colby junior Katherine Kaus scored on a reverse layup to cut the lead to 6-2.

Quick threw the ball out of bounds on Cheney's next possession, but Colby was unable to take advantage. The girls were getting some decent looks at the basket, but their shots just weren't falling. Colby's only other point in the quarter was a free-throw by freshman Alexa Haas and Cheney led 13-3 going into the second quarter.

Traxson completed two three-point plays in the second half that increased the Lady Cardinals' lead. The Lady Eagles didn't make a field goal in the second. Their three points came from free throws by the Kaus sisters and sophomore Morgan Bell. The Lady Eagles trailed 26-6 at the half.

Despite the lopsided score, Colby's defense caused problems for Cheney in the first half. At one point, the Lady Eagles forced them to turn the ball over three times in a row.

Katherine Kaus drilled a mid-range jumper to make it 28-8 early in the third period. But Quick answered back by scoring inside off a pick-and-roll to extend Cheney's lead to 30-8. Moments later, Katrina Kaus was fouled on a drive to the bucket. She sank both her free throws to narrow the gap to 30-10.

Katrina got a rebound inside the

lane and somehow managed to make a shot in amongst the trees while being fouled to cut the Lady Cardinals' lead to 30-12. She missed her free throw, but moments later, buried a jumper from near the free-throw line to make it 30-14.

Later in the third, Bell scored on a drive past Quick to narrow the gap to 32-16. Quick made a hook shot while being fouled that increased Lady Cardinals' lead to 36-16 a few minutes later. She sank her free-throw to complete the play.

The Lady Eagles had their most productive quarter in the fourth. Junior Shelby Terrell rebounded a Haas air ball and stuck the ball in to make it 46-24. Later, sophomore Kayla Hockersmith hit two three pointers and Haas buried a three. Colby was too far behind to make a comeback, though, and Cheney won 56-35.

Haas had a team-high eight points and the Kaus sisters both scored seven. Hockersmith had six. Bell five and Terrel two.

With the loss, the Lady Eagles ended the season with a 16-7 record and second place in the substate region.

While Coach McKee wasn't pleased with the way the game turned out, he said he did feel his girls competed on every possession. The coach said he wanted to thank his players, their families and the fans for a memorable season. He said he also wanted to thank the local radio stations, Colby College radio KTCC and KXXX, and the Colby Free Press for their coverage.

College hires new wrestling coach

Colby Community College has named a former Trojans wrestling captain, David Nordhues, to head the wrestling program, replacing long-time coach Steve Lampe as he retired this spring.

A native of Greeley, Neb., Nordhues was a four-time state champion in high school. He was a member of the college wrestling squad from 2001 to 2003, and served as team captain his sophomore year.

He continued his career at Fort Hays State University, where he was a two-time All

American and won a Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference championship in 2005. Following graduation, he was hired as an assistant wrestling coach at Fort Hays.

"I assisted in all areas of the program," said Nordhues. "I was involved in recruiting student athletes, monitoring and supporting the academic success, planning and conducting pre- and post-season conditioning programs, evaluations and fund-raising events."

Nordhues has been wrestling camp director at Fort Hays State 2004, and sponsored his

own wrestling camp in Greeley since 2001.

"I am pleased that Coach Nordhues has accepted the job," said Athletic Director Ryan Sturdy. "He is energetic and has a real passion and desire to win. His experience on the collegiate level, both as a coach and athlete, is a big plus. He is the right guy for the job."

"I look forward to the continuing success of the wrestling program under his leadership." Nordhues will begin his duties immediately.

Golden Plains wins overtime thriller, but Bulldogs lose big to mighty Quinter

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The Golden Plains High School Bulldogs entered the Kansas State High School Activities Association's Class 1A Regional Tournament facing the Cheylin Cougars on Feb. 23 in Rexford and came away with a 48-46 overtime victory.

After losing to the Cougars by one point in overtime during the league tournament in January, the Bulldogs had whipped them by 30 the Friday before and were looking forward to playing them again.

"We knew they were going to play as hard as they could," said senior Dylan Moss.

In the first quarter, the Bulldogs played Cheylin close and the quarter ended with a 13-13 tie. The team was able to pull ahead

slightly in the second as the boys put in 12 points and held the Cougars to eight. The 'Dawgs were able to maintain their lead through the third, 36-33, but the Cougars were not ready to give up.

In the fourth, the Cougars scored nine points on four field goals and a free throw while the Bulldogs only made two buckets and two free throws to end regulation play tied at 42.

In the four-minute overtime, the Bulldogs were determined not to repeat their loss to the Cougars. They hustled and the crowd cheered as Corey Shaw put in a basket. Spresser made a basket and Tate Preston added two free throws. Cheylin was able to match the two baskets, but a last-second shot failed to go in and the Bulldogs won 48-46.

"We played well in the first half, but we did not shoot well in the

second half," said Moss. "Going into overtime was stressful after we had defeated them on Friday."

Preston had a team-high 15 points, Spresser had 12, Moss 10, Cole Christensen five and Jonathan Broeckelman, Isaac Broeckelman and Shaw two each.

With this first-round win, the Bulldogs were scheduled play the top-seeded, undefeated Quinter Bulldogs on Thursday in a road game.

"We were excited to get another chance to play Quinter," said Moss.

Golden Plains had already played Quinter twice this season. In preparing for this game, Moss was optimistic.

"I believe we can play with them, as we are on a winning

streak," he said.

Quinter, however, seemed determined to not let the Bulldogs take them out. They jumped out to a 21-6 lead in the first quarter.

Golden Plains seemed to have lost its momentum, as the boys only added three to their score by halftime. Moss scored all nine points in the half. Things did not improve, as Quinter added 24 in the third and seven in the fourth.

Golden Plains only put in eight points in the third and two in the fourth as their season ended with a devastating 70-19 loss.

Moss led the 'Dawgs with 9 points. Spresser added five, Preston four and Isaac Broeckelman one.

Quinter went on to become regional champions.

Kansas State coach recognized by league

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Frank Martin's grandmother sat in a small room for 12 hours a day and sewed. His uncle worked the docks in the hot Miami sun. His grandfather died of a heart attack while helping the family escape communist rule.

On Sunday, the son of impoverished Cuban immigrants fulfilled the American dream that had kept his family going through all the tough times, and he could hardly keep from weeping.

Struggling with his composure, Martin said Sunday he had agreed to a contract extension with Kansas State that will boost his annual salary to more than \$1.5 million. On the same day, he was also picked as The Associated Press Big 12 coach of the year.

Seated alongside athletic director John Currie at a hastily called news conference, Martin had to pause several times as he recalled his humble beginnings.

"As I've been reflecting all day today — from selling newspaper ads and being the pool hall change boy when I was 12 to now making the dollar figure that I'm getting ready to make," he said in a quavering voice.

The first man to win 20-plus games in each of his first three seasons at Kansas State, Martin had been one of the lowest-paid coaches in the Big 12 at around \$750,000 annually. But a new president and athletic director began contract discussions during the season and accelerated the talks as Martin reeled off victory after victory and fans — many of whom had criticized his hiring — expressed fear they might lose him.

The Wildcats finished the regular season 24-6 overall and 11-5 in the Big 12, second to Kansas. Martin's overall record of 67-30 is the best of any Kansas State coach in their first three seasons.

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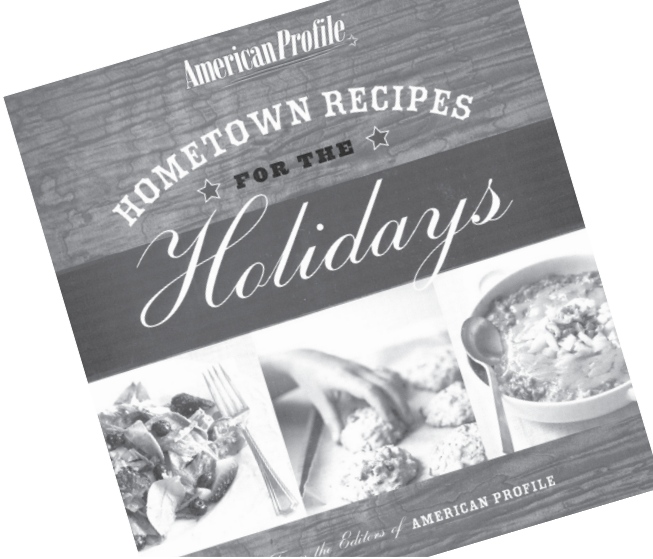
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