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Freshman Angela Ritter (No. 10) and senior Jessica Luna worked hard on defense in the second round of the Golden Plains Lady Bulldog's Class 1A Regional game against the Hoxie Indians.

Golden Plains girls win overtime thriller

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The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs won their seventh game of the season, defeating the Cheylin Lady Cougars 60-51 in an overtime thriller in the first round of the regional tournament Feb. 23. This was the Lady Bulldogs third win over Cheylin. They had defeated them in the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament in January and again the previous Friday during regular-season play. The girls led 12-6 at the end of the first quarter, then added 15 in the second to lead 27-19 at the half. With both teams putting in nine points during the third period, it looked like an easy win for the Lady Bulldogs. Not giving up, the Lady Cougars stepped up their game and pumped in 19 points in the fourth while holding the Lady Bulldogs to 11 to tie the game at 47 at the buzzer.

The Lady Cougars seemed to have used up all their strength to

catch up however, as they only managed to add four points in the overtime, while the Lady Bulldogs scored 13, including seven free throws, to win 60-51. This gave the girls two more days of practice to prepare for the second round against the Hoxie Lady Indians on Feb. 25. The girls were anxious to play Hoxie, but the Lady Indians played a high-pressure game and ran the Lady Bulldogs off the floor with a 59-17 defeat. Hoxie pulled ahead early and led 25-9 at the half. Things didn't improve for the Lady Bulldogs in the second half. They only made one bucket in the third and made just 6 points in the fourth to end the game with 17 points, their lowest score of the season. The Lady Indians continued to play strong and won the game 59-17. Hoxie went on to defeat Wheatland/Grinnell to claim the substate

championship. Melissa Ritter led the Lady Bulldogs in scoring with eight. Senior Jessica Luna added six, Aisha Walter two and Jacy Moss one.



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Junior varsity squad wins final two contests

The Colby High boys junior varsity basketball teams ended their season with a 53-38 win at Norton on Feb. 23. The young Eagles hammered Rawlins County 65-30 on Feb. 19 in Atwood. The boys led 10-8 at the end of the first quarter but had a breakout second quarter, outscoring the Buffaloes 23-7. They led 33-15 at the half. The boys tacked on 16 more points in the third and led 49-19 at the end of the quarter. The Eagles held Rawlins County to only five points in the fourth and picked up a 65-30 win. Archrival Goodland squeaked by Colby 45-44 on Feb. 16 at Colby High. The Eagles led 11-10 at the end of the first period, but the Cowboys' rallied and

led 24-19 at the half. The boys cut into Goodlands' lead in the third and trailed 35-32 going into the final quarter. While Colby outscored the Cowboys 11-10 in the quarter, Goodland escaped with a 45-44 win. The boys "C" team finished its season with a crushing 43-17 victory at Norton. The "C" Eagles beat Atwood 28-23 in two quarters Feb. 23 in Colby High. Colby lost big to Goodland 49-27 at the high school on Feb. 19. Coach Dean Anderson said he thought both teams finished as strong as they could. He said the boys had improved a lot on defense since the start of the year. "It was to me, a very good season," said Anderson.

Younger Bulldogs players gain experience on 'C' team

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The Golden Plains boys basketball team had 26 boys participate this season. This large number allowed the less experienced, younger players to play in seven C-team games, allowing them to get more playing time. The boys won two of the "C" games. They scored a total of 204 points - an average of about 29 a game. Kalyn Weber led the team in scoring with 56 points, followed closely by Casey Gould with 43.

Also posting points were Camron Spresser 23, Andrew Luna 22, Trey Schwarz 17, Jose Bermudez 15, Dalton Becker 10, Miguel Navarro eight, Brady Ginther six, Jesus Garcia two and A.J. Stoll two. The boys pulled down 127 rebounds and dished out 27 assists. They had 72 steals and 16 blocked shots. Among individuals, Bermudez had eight rebounds, three assists, 15 steals and once block; Luna, 12 rebounds, seven assists, 11 steals, one block; Spresser, 22 rebounds, one assist, five steals; Ryan Ptashkin, one rebound; Weber, 11 rebounds, three assists, eight

steals, five blocks; Navarro, six rebounds, eight steals; Garcia, one rebound; Ginther, eight rebounds, one assist, two steals, one block; Becker, 10 rebounds, three assists, three steals, two blocks; Schwarz, 25 rebounds, six assists, six steals, one block; Stoll; six rebounds, one assist, three steals, two blocks; Gould, 19 rebounds, two assists, 11 steals, three blocks. "It was a fun season," said Schwarz. "It helped us gain experience." "C team gave us an opportunity to play more to improve our skills," Bermudez added.





Recreation league champs crowned; Team Arnberger wins another title

The Colby Recreation Department wrapped up its winter men's basketball and women's volleyball seasons at the end of the February. Western Sprinklers defeated Tubbs Chiropractic for the women's volleyball title on Feb. 20. Motor Town claimed its third consecutive championship by defeating Team Arnberger in the men's league basketball championship on Feb. 28.

League awards went to Brent Brooks of Motor Town for most three pointers made, Parker McKee, Motor Town, most points scored, and Shane Stover, Team

Arnberger, and McKee were named co-most valuable players. "We'd like to thank all the teams who participated in both leagues for another successful season," said Director Stacy Lee. "Don't forget to check your recreation calendars for upcoming events and deadlines."


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