



Lady Eagles cruise to victory

Girls' streak climbs to eight games

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Another game, same result. That pretty much sums up the 62-21 shellacking the Lady Eagles laid on Ulysses Friday night at the Community Building.

Colby outplayed the Lady Tigers in every aspect of the game on the way to its eighth straight victory. The girls doubled Ulysses' rebounding total, 32-15, and scored 34 points off Lady Tigers' turnovers. Colby's bench outscored Ulysses' 25-0 and the Lady Eagles got 18 steals to Ulysses' 5. The girls made a little over 77 percent of their free throws, 17 of 22, while Ulysses only took 12.

"We always work on pressure defense in practice," said Colby junior Morgan Bell.

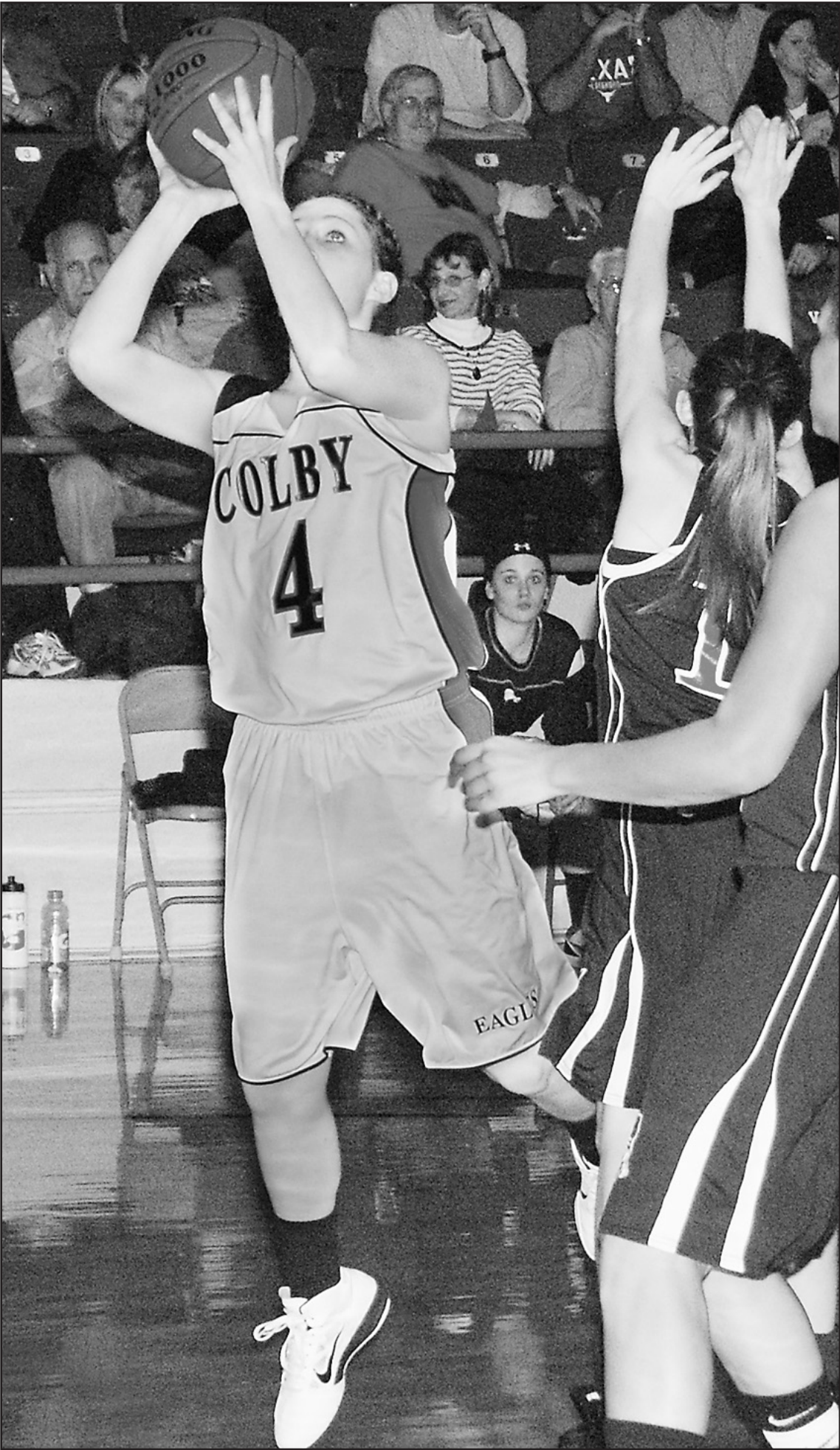
It was a dominating performance by the girls, from the opening tip to the final buzzer. The Bell sisters, Morgan and sophomore Lauren, once again led the way on offense with 17 and 15 points respectively. Morgan shot 7 for 13 and 2-of-4 from the three-point line and Lauren was 4 for 6 with 6 of 8 free throws.

Lauren drilled a three from the left corner, giving the Lady Eagles a 9-2 lead in the first quarter. Morgan knocked down a three at the end of the first quarter, giving the team an 18-4 lead.

Morgan nailed a jumper from the right baseline after some nice ball movement around the perimeter by Colby. The Lady Eagles' press forced Ulysses to turn the ball over several times in the quarter.

Senior Katrina Kaus got a friendly roll on a jumper. Then senior Kayla Hockersmith stepped into the passing lane and stole the ball, pushing it up court and finishing with a layup. Senior Caitlyn Wark knocked down a jumper from the right baseline, giving the Lady Eagles a 34-13 lead. They led 36-13 at the half.

Morgan Bell knocked down another three-pointer in the third and senior Katherine Kaus, Katrina's twin, got a friendly roll on a three. Later in the half, Morgan missed a three, but she followed her shot, recovered the ball and knocked down a short jumper. The Lady Eagles' stingy defense continued to force turnovers in the third. Colby led 59-18 going into the



Colby High senior Kelsey Shields went up for a layup during the Lady Eagles' game against Ulysses on Friday at the Community Building.

fourth and went on to win 62-21.

Katherine Kaus had 8 points on 2-of-9 shooting, and Hockersmith added 7. Katrina Kaus had 5, sophomore Kenzie Curry, 3; and Wark 2. Morgan Bell and Hocker-

smith had 5 steals each.

With the win, the girls improved to 9-1. They will play Liberal in the first round of the 26th annual Paul Wintz/Tom Bowen Orange and Black Tournament at 6:30

p.m. Thursday at the Community Building. The tournament, expected to bring 7 boys and 7 girls teams, will run through Saturday.

Turnovers haunt Colby in loss to Ulysses

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The Colby High boys basketball team's inability to take care of the ball played a major role in a 62-41 loss to Ulysses on Friday at the Community Building.

The Tigers took full advantage of Colby's mistakes, scoring 25 points off the boys' 26 turnovers. The visitors got a substantial lift from their bench, who scored 29 points compared to 15 by Colby's.

The Eagles' defense was tough throughout the contest, forcing 24 turnovers and holding Ulysses to about 38 percent from the field. However, the Tigers outrebounded Colby 37-32. Colby was able to get to the line a lot, but the boys only made 6 of 20 free throws while Ulysses made 12 of 23.

Senior Braden Sager was the Eagles' high-point man, finishing with 9 points on 4-of-7 shooting.

He also led the team in rebounds with 7, all defensive. Senior Kale Arnberger added 8, including making 2 of 4 three pointers.

Sager banked in a short jumper off the glass, cutting the Tigers' lead to 4-2 early in the first. The Tigers' Chase Newell hit a three, extending his teams lead to 7-2. Senior Spencer Tubbs had two blocks early in the first quarter and Sager grabbed a couple defensive boards.

Later in the quarter, senior Clint Goosen rebounded a Tubbs' miss and made a tough bucket inside. Colby trailed 14-7 at the end of the first quarter. The Eagles had a lot of trouble handling the Tigers' press, committing several turnovers.

The boys seemed to get a handle on things in the second period, making quick passes before the Tigers could double team one of the Eagles' players in backcourt. On one occasion, the boys' ability to break the press led to an easy

transition layup by Sager.

Arnberger made two three-pointers in the second quarter, one off the backboard, and senior Andrew Ketchum also drilled one. But the Eagles struggled to get stops on defense and trailed 34-23 at the half.

The boys reverted back to some bad habits in the third as Ulysses' press caused them to turn the ball over many times. Senior Corbin Stephens came up with the ball after a scramble and hit junior Dalaan Organ with a bounce pass for a layup. Colby trailed 47-31 at the end of the third.

Tubbs knocked down two free throws after drawing a shooting foul early in the fourth and sophomore Zane Winger made a layup on a fast break later in the quarter. But Colby was unable to rally and Ulysses picked up the 62-41 victory.

Tubbs finished with 5 points on 1-of-9 shooting, Winger and Organ had 4 each; Ketchum, 3; and

Stephens and sophomore Todd Kane, 2 each.

With the loss, Colby dropped to 0-10 for the year. They play in the first round of the 26th annual Paul Wintz/Tom Bowen Orange and Black Classic against Sunrise Christian from Bel Aire near Wichita at 8:15 p.m. Thursday at the Community Building.

Trojans sophomore leads team to win

Lady Trojans sophomore Taylor Puttergill scored 26 points in the Colby College women's 81-67 basketball victory Saturday at Dodge City.

Puttergill went 8 for 16 from the field and 10-of-12 from the free-throw line.

"Taylor played really well," coach Brady Jasper said.

Sophomore Hannah Thornton added 18 points and pulled down a team-high 8 rebounds while freshman Morgan Rickwartz chipped in 15 on 5-of-10 shooting. Freshman Liga Vente had 12 points while making 5 of 13 shots.

The Lady Trojans outrebounded Dodge City 40-38, including 16 offensive boards. Jasper said Thornton, Puttergill and freshmen Liga Vente and Christina Anderson all got offensive rebounds.

"We did a good job on the offensive glass," the coach said.

The Lady Trojans forced the Lady Conquistadors to turn the ball over 33 times, while com-

mitting 22 turnovers of their own. The women had 15 steals.

Colby made about 42 percent of its shots, going 29 for 69. The women hit 21 of 29 free throws and 2 of 12 three-pointers.

The Lady Trojans held just a 32-30 lead at halftime, but they outscored the Lady Conquistadors 49-37 in the second half. Coach Brady Jasper said his team went on a 8-0 run at the start of the half. Then Colby applied a full-court press that helped it increase its lead to 15, the coach said.

Jasper said Dodge City made little push backs that brought it within 10 or 11, but the Lady Trojans would respond by upping their lead to 16 or 17.

With the win, the Colby improved to 7-11 and 2-2 in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Western Division.

They will play Garden City Community College at 6 p.m. tonight at the Community Building.

'Phog' helps Kansas survive Nebraska

LAWRENCE (AP) — Maybe it's the crowd. Maybe it's the history. Maybe it's the standout athletes Bill Self brings in year after year.

There's just something about 56-year-old Allen Fieldhouse that seems to pour energy and determination into every Kansas team that passes through. With a hard-fought, come-from-behind 63-60 victory over Nebraska on Saturday, the third-ranked Jayhawks ran their school-record home-court winning streak to 69 games in a row and made Self 124-6 on his friendly home court.

"I don't know what it is," said senior guard Tyrel Reed, who had 16 points and hit a critical free throw in the final seconds. "I guess you could call it magic; the aura of Allen Fieldhouse. Throughout my years I've seen some runs and some plays that you don't see in any other arena."

Kansas (17-0, 2-0 Big 12), which has dominated Nebraska throughout the decades and came in with a 15-game winning streak over the Huskers, was thoroughly outplayed in a ragged first half and fell behind by 10 points right after intermission.

But slowly at first, and then more quickly, the Jayhawks closed the gap. Marcus Morris' dunk off a rebound by his twin, Markieff, finally put the Jayhawks ahead to stay at 52-50.

Marcus Morris had 16 points and 11 rebounds and Reed also scored 16 as the Jayhawks made it 16 in a row and 25 of 26 over Nebraska (13-4, 1-2).

In Allen Fieldhouse, the series stands 51-7 in favor of Kansas.

"You talk about the passion in this building — wow," Nebraska coach Doc Sadler said. "It's like

coming to (Nebraska's) Memorial Stadium for football."

It was the last time Nebraska will visit Lawrence as a member of the Big 12 because the Huskers are moving to the Big Ten.

"I can tell you this, as long as I'm coaching here ... I'll be a spectator probably the next time there's a game here," Sadler said. "I don't like it that much."

Marcus Morris' two foul shots gave the Jayhawks a 62-58 lead. After Lance Jeter drove in for a layup, Reed was quickly fouled and made one of two.

Jeter then missed a 3-pointer for Nebraska, which outrebounded Kansas 44-31.

"We came in here to win," Nebraska center Andre Almeida said. "We're not happy with it. It was a good game and we were close but almost isn't good enough."

Jeter had 13 points for Nebraska and Almeida had 10.

The Huskers set the pace from the outset, forcing the Jayhawks into a slow-down game. Dictating the tempo, swarming after every rebound and loose ball, they took a 30-25 halftime lead after outrebounding Kansas in the first half an astonishing 24-12.

The Morris twins had only four points between them in the first half. Markieff wound up with seven points and seven rebounds.

"We obviously didn't play a lick the first 25 minutes," Self said. "But their defense was so good. We panicked. Didn't get really good perimeter play and then started the second half as bad as you could start it."


The Huskers quickly went ahead 35-25 after intermission on Toney McCray's 3-pointer and Jeter's two free throws.

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