



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press  
Colby High sophomore Lauren Bell drove to the hole during the Lady Eagles' game against Holcomb on Tuesday at the Community Building.

# Lady Eagles lose by 3; win streak ends at 14

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The Lady Eagles basketball team's 14-game winning streak came to an end Tuesday as the girls fell to Holcomb 47-44 at the Community Building.

The girls just didn't make enough plays to pull off the victory in the competitive contest, denying them a sweep of Holcomb. Colby shot 50 percent in the second half on 9 of 18 shooting, but Holcomb shot about 54 percent, or 7 of 13 shooting. The Lady Eagles also took 11 fewer free throws than their opponents and made nine less free throws. The girls went 12 for 17 from the foul line and Holcomb 21 of 28.

Both team's got off to a slow start offensively and the game was knotted at 2 with 3:01 left in the first quarter. Later in the quarter, senior Kelsey Shields made a short jumper from the left baseline, giving Colby a 6-2 lead. The girls led 6-4 at the end of the quarter.

The Lady Eagles' lead ballooned to 11-4 after senior Katherine Kaus found senior Kayla Hockersmith inside for a layup. Holcomb scored 7 unanswered points before Hockersmith scored on a drive to the bucket. The Lady Eagles led 15-14 at the half.

Sophomore Lauren Bell made a couple of shots inside in the third, but Holcomb outscored Colby 18-14 in the quarter and led 32-29 going into the fourth.

Hockersmith found Bell posted up deep inside the lane: She turned to face the bucket and scored, cutting Holcomb's lead to 33-31. Later, Holcomb's Breanna Gottschalk, who led all scorers with 21 points on 7-of-12 shooting; got an easy bucket after managing to get wide open near the hoop, giving Holcomb a 38-33 lead. Then senior Katrina Kaus, Katherine's twin, drilled a huge three-pointer from the right corner, cutting the lead to 38-36 with 3:28 left.

# Garden City ends Trojans' win streak

A three-game winning streak came to an end on Saturday as the Colby College Trojans men's basketball team went from a 1-point halftime lead to a 72-58 loss at Garden City.

Freshman Carson Konrade was the team's high point man, scoring 15 points on 6-of-10 shooting.

The Trojans led 30-29 at the half, but the Broncbusters outscored Colby 43-28 in the second half.

Colby shot about 37 percent, going 23 for 62. They only shot

about 26 percent from beyond the arc, going 8 for 31 from three-point range. The Trojans struggled at the free-throw line, shooting about 36 percent, or 4 of 11.

Sophomore Michael Morris scored 10 points and pulled down 7 rebounds. He connected on 5 of 8 shots. Colby was outrebounded 38-31.

With the loss, the Trojans dropped to 13-14 and 4-9 in the Jayhawk Community College Conference Western Division.

Freshman Hurley Johnson

didn't see any action due to an abdominal strain, coach Dustin Pfeifer said.

The Trojans will play Butler County Community College from El Dorado at 8 p.m. tonight at the Community College.

Colby will be wearing pink warmups for the Pink Zone breast cancer awareness campaign sponsored by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. Pink prizes will be raffled off during the mens' and womens' games, coordinator Stacy Lee said.

# Fouls, turnovers cost Eagles in league games

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Late rallies couldn't save the Colby High Eagles, who gave their opponents plenty of time – and points – at the free-throw line both Friday and Tuesday, and also managed to give the ball away quite a bit, especially in the game Tuesday against Holcomb.

The Eagles tried, shooting a little better than the other side, but fouls and poor shooting from three-point range kept them from avenging their road loss to Goodland, falling to their long-time rivals 52-43 Friday at the Community Building.

Colby senior Corbin Stephens led the team with 12 points on 6-of-16 shooting, while senior Kale Arnberger added 10 at 4 for 13.

Colby trailed at the half. The Eagles mounted a fierce rally, tying the game at one point in the second half, but the Cowboys surged back ahead and walked away with the victory.

The difference came at the free-throw line: Colby only got to the line six times and made only one, while Goodland hit 17 of 29. The Colby boys shot 38 percent from the field, connecting on 19 of 50 shots, and the Cowboys hit 35 percent on 17-of-49 shooting.

Goodland went 7 for 24 from three-point lane, while Colby sank just 1 of 8.

Junior Braden Sager finished with 8 points and senior Spencer Tubbs and sophomore Todd Kane added 4 each. Seniors Andrew Ketchum and Clint Goosen both scored 2.

Another Eagles' comeback fell short in a 60-54 loss to Holcomb on Tuesday at the Community Building.

Colby's loss came in spite of

shooting 63 percent from the field, hitting 20 for 32. Turnovers proved to be the Eagles' undoing on a night where both Colby players and fans donned pink to promote breast cancer awareness and raise money for the Northwest Kansas Foundation for Hope, a local nonprofit group that helps cancer patients in Thomas and surrounding counties offset cancer-related expenses.

Holcomb scored 29 points off 25 Colby turnovers. The Eagles had several unforced turnovers on missed and ill-advised passes. Fouls again got the team in trouble: While the Eagles shot a better percentage, Holcomb made nine more foul shots. Colby went 11 for 16 at the charity stripe while Holcomb made 20 of 36.

Stephens led the team with 14 points on 4-of-7 shooting and Tubbs finished with 12 on 6-of-8 shooting. Stephens went 6 for 7 at the foul line and Tubbs led the team with 8 rebounds, all defensive, and 4 blocked shots.

The Eagles struggled to take care of the ball right from the get go as they tried to maneuver against Holcomb's full-court press. The boys fell behind 11-2 before freshman Luke Cox found a cutting Todd Kane (sophomore) for a layup.

Holcomb's Tyler LaSalle got a first step on Cox and drove in for a layup. Arnberger knocked down two three pointers – one at the buzzer – at the end of the quarter, but the Eagles still trailed 23-12 going into the second.

Tubbs blocked Holcombs' Aaron Hernandez early in the second without even leaving his feet. Later in the in the corner, Tubbs was whistled for his third foul on a block attempt. Many of the Eagles' fans voiced disagreement with the call.

The boys trailed 29-18 when

Stephens penetrated inside and found an open Sager for a layup. Sager banked in a difficult turn-around jumper high off the glass with a hand in his face, cutting Holcomb's lead to 32-25 with less than a minute left. Colby trailed 33-25 at the half.

The Eagles' continued to struggle with turnovers in the third, but their offense kept them in the game. Tubbs banked in a shot inside the lane and Andrew Ketchum drilled a three-pointer during the quarter. Sophomore Zane Winger scored on a drive to the bucket in the final seconds of the third and Colby trailed 47-39.

Stephens hung in the air and buried a short jumper in the lane early in the fourth. Later, Stephens fed Tubbs for a layup after the Eagles had successfully broken Holcomb's press, narrowing the gap to 8 points, 56-48.

Stephens made a layup and knocked down a shot from a difficult angle on the right baseline to make it 56-52 with about a minute remaining. Tubbs banked in a turn-around jumper off the backboard, cutting Holcomb's lead to 57-54 a couple of possessions later.

The Eagles were forced to foul Holcomb to stop the clock. Holcomb's players knocked down 3 of 4 free throws in the final seconds and Holcomb prevailed 60-54.

Holcomb only shot about 39 percent from the field, but took 17 more shots than Colby. The boys were narrowly outrebounded 21-20. Fourteen of Holcomb's rebounds were offensive.

"We gave up too many second shots," coach Jerad Johnson said.

Arnberger finished with 8 points and Sager added 7, Ketchum, 3, and Cox and Winger 2 each. Cox finished with 6 turnovers.

With the loss, the boys dropped to 2-15. They will play at 8 p.m. Friday at Ulysses.

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