



Delivering the pass



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Colby High freshman Luke Cox made a pass to sophomore Todd Kane during a fast break drill at the Eagles' practice Thursday at the high school gym.

Colby junior varsity girls team crush three straight opponents

The Lady Eagles junior varsity basketball team has been on a tear, winning its last three games in dominant fashion.

The girls overwhelmed Dodge City 46-18 in a road game last Thursday.

Coach Jack Elliot said the girls' applied full-court pressure on defense that caused the Lady Demons to commit multiple turnovers. He said the pressure also prevented Dodge City from executing much of its offense.

Elliot said the girls need to be a little more focused when shooting free throws, but all in all his team turned in another good performance.

Sophomore Lauren Bell was the team's high point scorer, finishing with 11 points. Senior Caitlyn Wark added 8 points; sophomore Karly Kriss, 7; and junior Brenna McKee and sophomore Kenzie Curry, 5 each. Other scorers included freshman Haileigh

Shull with 4; junior Emilea Finley, 3; freshman Haley Mengel, 2; and freshman Morgan Mengel – Haley's twin – sophomore McKenna Ortner and junior Paige Roopchan, 1 each.

The Lady Eagles crushed rival Goodland 56-28 last Friday at the high school.

"Pressure defense was the main factor in this win," the coach said.

Curry had a team-high 15 points and Bell added 11. Shull finished with 10 points; Kriss scored 8; Wark, 7; Finley, 4; Ortner, 2; and McKee, 1.

The girls dominated Holcomb 50-20 on Tuesday at the high school.

Curry led the team with 17 points and Ortner added 11. Bell finished with 7; Wark, 6; Shull, 3; Kriss, McKee, Roopchan, 2 each.

With the wins, the girls improved to 14-1. They will play at 8 p.m. Friday at Ulysses.

Junior varsity boys defeat league foe

The Colby High junior varsity basketball team slipped past Goodland 55-52 last Friday at the high school gym.

Coach Kevin Cox said the Eagles led 18-11 at the end of the first quarter. The Cowboys dominated the second, outscoring the Eagles 19-4, and the Eagles went into the locker room trailing 30-22.

The boys rallied in the second

half and eventually picked up a 55-52 win.

Junior Dalaan Organ led the team with 14 points and junior Braden Sager added 12.

Freshman Marc Bremenkamp finished with 10 points and freshman Luke Cox, Kevin's son, scored 7 and had numerous assists. The coach said the team doesn't keep track of assists, but

he guessed that Luke had about 11.

Other scorers included sophomore Todd Kane, who added 6 points in just one quarter, and sophomore Zane Winger, who chipped in 4.

The boys play at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday against Holcomb at the high school gym.

throws by Golden Plains' Angela Ritter and another Bulldog basket extended the lead to 56-47. They went on to win 61-47.

Melissa Ritter led the team with 17 points and Jordan Christensen added 11. Other scorers included Jacy Moss, Jones and Hailee Spresser, with 9 points each; Avery Spresser, 4; and Angela Ritter, 2.

Sophomore wrestler finishes first at open

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Colby High sophomore Quade Woofter took first in the 140-pound A class at the Bill Voss Open junior varsity meet on Saturday at Colby High School.

Woofter, who just recently returned to action after being sidelined with an illness, went 3-0. He pinned his first opponent, won a 13-4 major decision (winning by 8 or more points) in the second round and won a 4-3 decision in the finals.

When asked if he was fully recovered from his sickness, Woofter said he was still kind of sore, but it felt good to be back on the mat.

"Quade really looked sharp today," coach Ed Schmitt said.

Woofter competed in 140A because weight classes that had several wrestlers competing had to split into two or three groups. Some weight classes had A and B tournaments, others had A, B and C competition.

Schools wrestling in the tournament included Hays, Thomas

More Prep-Marian, Garden City, Goodland, Hill City, Holcomb, Hoxie, Hugoton, Norton, Oakley, Oberlin, Phillipsburg, Rawlins County (Atwood), St. Francis and Trego County (WaKeeney) high schools.

Senior Trevor Strutt, sophomores Brady Rose, Beau Brown and John Faber and freshman Brady Colson all finished second in their respective weight classes.

Strutt won his first two matches by fall at 171B and won his third match in a 14-4 major decision. Brown won his first match by fall and won his second 5-3. He was pinned in the finals. Schmitt said Brown had made some good strides this season.

Rose was pinned in his first match, but he bounced back to pin his next three opponents.

Faber won by technical fall 17-2 in the first round and won a 3-1 decision in the second at 119.

A technical fall is when a match is stopped because a wrestler is leading by 15 or more points. He was pinned in the finals.

Colson lost his first match by fall, but he pinned his next two

opponents.

Junior Marcus Colson placed third at 160B. He won his next match by technical fall (19-2), but lost his second 6-4 in overtime.

He won his next two matches by fall. He pinned his opponents in 16 and 20 seconds respectively.

Sophomore Dustin Burleigh finished fourth at 215. He lost his first match by fall and he pinned his second opponent.

He won an 11-2 major decision over teammate Kurtis Sloan, a sophomore; in his third match. He lost his final match.

Senior Cameron Crocker and sophomores Brandon Gaede and Sloan each won one of three matches in their weight classes. Crocker's sole victory was by fall at 285; Gaede, 6-3 decision at 135; and Sloan, 11-2 major decision at 215. Sophomore Troy Quenzer went 1-3 at 189.

He won his first match by fall, but he lost his next three matches. Freshman Ashley Coleman and Garrett Kraft both lost their two matches at 152 and 135.

Bulldogs pick up win

By Judy Rogers

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The Golden Plains Bulldogs overpowered the Wallace County Wildcats 71-58 in a home game at Rexford.

The Feb. 5 matchup was the first time the Bulldogs faced the Wildcats from Sharon Springs this season. The Bulldogs put together a strong first quarter. They led 21-12 going into the second quarter with 8 points coming from Rilee Spresser, 6 from Cole Christensen, 6 from Tate Preston, and 1 from Tyler Stevenson.

After their strong start, the boys continued to hit their shots in the second, as did the Wildcats; Golden Plains led 37-29 at halftime. In

the third, the Wildcats brought the game within 9 before the Bulldogs hit some quick shots to recapture a 54-42 lead going into the fourth.

Senior Tate Preston took over in the fourth, hitting seven free throws, including two technical shots after a technical foul was called on the Sharon Springs' bench, a couple of baskets and a three-pointer. With Spresser drilling another three in the final minutes of play, the Bulldogs finished the game with a solid 71-58 win.

"We tried to slow their fast break and control the pace of the game. We ran our own game and played to our tempo," Preston said.

The Bulldogs are now 10-5 on the season and 5-2 in the league.

Preston finished with 28 points

and Rilee Spresser added 24. Also in double figures was Christensen with 12. Senior Devinn Ritter finished with 6 points and Tyler Stevenson scored 3.

Preston shot 80 percent from the line, making 8-of-10 foul shots and Ritter made both his free throws.

Spresser made 80 percent of his three-pointers on 4-of-5 shooting. The boys pulled down 32 rebounds with Christensen grabbing 11 boards; Preston, six; Spresser, eight; Stevenson, three; and Ritter, four.

Christensen had two blocks and a steal and Preston had two steals and eight assists. Spresser had five assists and a steal and Ritter had a steal and an assist.

Titans lose by 40 to Quinter

The Triplains-Brewster Lady Titans basketball team was whipped by Quinter 65-25 on Tuesday at Brewster.

Quinter built up a substantial lead early in the contest. The Lady Bulldogs led 22-5 by the end of the first quarter. The Lady Titans were outscored 16-6 in the second and they trailed 38-11 at the half.

The Lady Titans were outscored 14-4 in the third quarter. The fourth was more competitive with Quinter only outscoring Triplains-Brewster 13-10.

The Lady Bulldogs picked up a 65-25 victory.

Kasey Hoyt led the Lady Titans with 11 points and Brittany Plummer added 10, including two 3-pointers. Amber Barrie and Rebecca Smith finished with 2 each. Triplains-Brewster went 7 for 14 from the foul line.

With the loss, the Lady Titans dropped to 2-14 and 1-8 in the Western Kansas Liberty League. They will play at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Dighton.

Colby boys C team beats Goodland

The Colby High basketball C team picked up a 46-40 win over rival Goodland on Friday at the high school.

"We played great defense and had balanced scoring," said coach

Brent Brooks. "It was a total team contribution."

Freshman Reed Stephens had a team-high 14 points, including a few three-pointers. Freshmen

Marc Bremenkamp and Michael Schiferl had 8 points and freshman Spencer Barnes added 6. Freshmen Connor Schwanke and Daniel Myers had 5 each.

Lady Bulldogs pick up fifth victory, defeating Sharon Springs at home

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The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs added a fifth win to their record as they defeated the Sharon Springs Lady Wildcats 61-47 in Rexford.

The girls got off to a good start, building up an early lead in the game on Feb. 4. They finished the first quarter with an 11-7 lead.

They continued to hold the lead for much of the second quarter, but Sharon Springs pulled ahead 20-19 toward the end of the half.

A bucket by Hailee Spresser put the Lady Bulldogs back on top 21-20 with one minute to play until halftime. Sharon Springs took the game into a stall and made a three-point shot with just one second left on the clock to gain a 23-21 lead going into the half.

The Lady 'Dogs were not about to give up as they worked hard throughout the third putting in 21 more points while holding the Lady Wildcats to six to pull ahead 42-29 by the end of the quarter.

With two girls on the floor with 4 fouls apiece, the Lady Bulldogs continued to up their score throughout the fourth. However, Sharon Springs' girls were not about to give up easily. Golden Plains led 50-32 with 5 minutes left.

Sharon Springs went on a run and closed the gap to 53-47 with 1:09 remaining. A couple of free



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