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Senior Kenzie Curry dribbled down the court Friday during the Colby High varsity girls basketball game at the Community Building. The Lady Eagles defeated Holcomb 51-46.

Colby varsity girls win tight game at home

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The Colby High varsity girls basketball team won a close game Friday, overcoming the Holcomb Lady Longhorns 51-46 at the Community Building.

The Lady Eagles (10-5 overall, 5-2 Great West Activities Conference) started off slow with only 10 points in the first quarter while Holcomb put in 12.

Due to an error, the stats for the second and third quarters were not available. The Colby girls scored 27 points between the two quarters and Holcomb could only get 16 points to fall.

The girls played a close fourth quarter and Holcomb outscored Colby 18-14, but the Lady Eagles held on for the win, 51-46.

Senior Kenzie Curry had a game-high 16 points, including 4 three-point shots. She was 4 of 8 on field goals and grabbed 3 rebounds and an assist.

Senior Lauren Bell followed with 13 points, including 3 three-pointers, as well as 9 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 blocks.

Junior Haileigh Shull fouled out with 13 points, 5 rebounds and 2 steals; senior Karly Kriss finished with 5 points, 2 rebounds, 4 assists and a block; senior McKenna Ortnier chipped in 2 points, a re-

bound, an assist and a steal; and freshman Brenly Terrell had 2 points, 3 rebounds and an assist.

The Colby girls pulled down 39 total rebounds and scored 21 points off of three-point baskets.

The varsity boys suffered a loss Friday, falling to the Holcomb Longhorns 76-44 at the Community Building.

The Eagles (7-11, 4-4) battled hard with the Longhorns in the first and second quarters. Colby led 15-14 at the end of the first, but Holcomb took over in the second and outscored the Eagles 21-13 for a halftime of score of 35-28.

The Colby boys struggled after the break, putting in only 6 points while Holcomb piled on 25. The Longhorns sealed the game in the fourth, outscoring Colby 18-10 to get the win, 76-44.

Senior Todd Kane scored a game-high 21 points, including 4 three-point shots. He sank 6 of 11 from the field and added 2 rebounds and an assist.

Senior Wyatt Binder put in 9 points and grabbed 2 rebounds; junior Marc Bremenkamp finished with 6 points and 3 rebounds; senior Zane Winger chipped in 3 points, 3 rebounds and an assist; junior Luke Cox had 2 points and 4 assists; and sophomore Ashton Russ made a free throw and had an assist.

The varsity girls and boys will play their next games Tuesday in Goodland.

Lady Bulldogs defeat Cheylin

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The Golden Plains High School Lady Bulldogs basketball team beat the Cheylin Lady Cougars 59-43 on Cheylin's home court.

The Lady Bulldogs did not have a loss in 2013, with a record of 11-2 going into this game on Jan. 29.

"Even though it wasn't our prettiest game, it was by far one of the most physical ones," said Angela Ritter. "We knew it wasn't going to be easy stepping on their home floor, but we showed up knowing we were going to have to give our all."

The Lady Bulldogs had a successful first quarter. Golden Plains played tough defense and Cheylin couldn't handle the pressure. The Lady Bulldogs ended the quarter with a 18-5 lead.

Golden Plains allowed Cheylin to put in 8 points in the second

quarter to the Lady Bulldogs' 10. Cheylin and Golden Plains both struggled to put the ball in the bucket.

Golden Plains out-rebounded Cheylin 32-11 in the first half alone. The Lady Bulldogs had a 15-point lead going into halftime, 28-13.

The third quarter brought sloppy play and turnovers on both sides. Even though both teams were struggling, Golden Plains put in 17 points to Cheylin's 13. Going into the fourth, the score was 45-26.

In the final quarter, Cheylin outscored Golden Plains 17-14, but the Lady Bulldogs still captured the win, 59-43. Ritter contributed 20 points, Jordan Christensen 12, Hailee Spresser and Kylie Jones 9 each, Kami Miller 6, Paulita Ramirez 2 and MiKayla Lobato 1.

Even though the Lady Bulldogs had more than average turnovers,

they dominated the board. Golden Plains out-rebounded Cheylin 57-32. Jones pulled down 13 rebounds, Spresser 12, Ritter 8, Christensen 7, Juenemann 6, Ramirez 4, Lobato 4, Miller 2 and Macayla Easton 1.

The schools played half of a junior varsity game. The Golden Plains junior varsity girls came into this game with an undefeated record of 7-0.

In the first quarter, the Lady Bulldogs came out strong and outscored Cheylin by 2, 13-11. The second quarter was a hard fought battle for Golden Plains. The Lady Bulldogs scored 8, but Cheylin put in 14 to end the game with the score of 25-21, giving the Lady Bulldogs their first loss of the season.

Walz led the Lady Bulldogs with 8 points while Kynndra Rush had 5, Tayler Petersen and Rachael Ritter 3 each and Taylor Todd and Ramirez 2 each.

Equestrian team hits top team points

The Colby Community College equestrian team competed in two shows at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on Feb. 3.

"We had a clean sweep, earning High Point Team at both shows," said Coach Shanda Mattix. "The team came ready to ride their best and were rewarded with top placings in all divisions."

"In addition to the team winning both shows, William Wright was the high point rider for both shows and Heather Darling was the reserve high point in the second show."

"It was a great weekend, and I couldn't be more pleased with our performance."

The Colby team also gained several regional qualifiers, including Amanda Reed, Brookville, Intermediate; Chelsea Brady, Parker,

Colo., Advanced; Wright, Louisa, Reining; and Darling, Abilene, Reining and Open Horsemanship. Individual results:

Show 1

Reining: Wright, first; Kruse, second; Darling, second.

Open Horsemanship: Wright, second; Darling, fourth; Kruse, fifth.

Advanced: Brittany Normand, Fort Scott; fourth, Brady, sixth.

Novice: Liz Leiker, WaKeeney, third.

Intermediate 2: Sara Schurz, Phillipsburg, first; Reed, first; Allison Grimmitt, Olathe, first.

Beginner: Ariel Severson, Colby, third; Emily Nuss, Newton, sixth.

Show 2

Reining: Wright, first; Kruse,

fifth; Darling, third.

Open Horsemanship: Wright, fourth; Darling, third.

Advanced: Normand, first.

Novice: Leiker, fourth.

Intermediate: Reed, second; Molly Jensen, Arthur, Neb., fifth; Kassie Spalding, Rockport, Md., sixth.

Beginner: Severson, sixth.

The team will co-host the Western Regional Show on Saturday, Feb. 23, with the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture team. The show will be held in Curtis, Neb.

The equestrian team will travel to Colorado Springs to compete in hunt seat shows on Saturday and to Lincoln, Neb., on Saturday, Feb. 16.

A-team strong on road

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The Golden Plains Middle School A-Team boys basketball team lost to Weskan 40-32 in a road game.

They fell behind early in the contest Jan. 31, scoring only 5 points in the first quarter while allowing the Coyotes to pull ahead with 11. Weskan increased its offensive run with 18 points in the second while the Bulldogs added for a 29-12 halftime score.

The Coyotes continued to control the game in the third, outshooting the Bulldogs 9-6, but the Bulldogs came back in the fourth to score 14 points. The boys held the Coyotes to only 2, closing the spread to 8 by the final buzzer.

A.J. Camacho, who scored 20 points earlier in the two quarters of the B-team game, put in 15 points for the A-team in the second half. Also scoring for the A-team were Jesus Aragon 10, Dylan Spresser 2, Jacob Ritter 2, Bodie Sauvage 2 and Cole Bingham 1.

The A-team was to play in the first round of the Western Kansas Liberty League tournament on Thursday against Logan.

The B-team boys won a high-scoring game over Weskan, 53-16.

The game started out in the first quarter with Camacho putting in 14 points for the Bulldogs. Ritter and Jeron Schutte each added a bucket to the visiting Bulldogs' 18-4 first-quarter lead over the Coyotes.

Camacho continued his run in the second with 6 more points and Schutte added 4 for a 28-6 halftime score. Ritter led the third quarter with 6 points and a consistent Schutte added 2. The fourth quarter was Schutte's turn to get hot under the basket, as he matched Camacho's first quarter 14.

Three more from Dylan Spresser gave the victory over the Coyotes.

Schutte finished the game with 22 points and Camacho finished with 20 – all in the first half. Ritter put in 8 and Spresser 3.

The boys entered the league tournament on Thursday with a 9-2 record with their only two losses to Grinnell-Wheatland and Northern Valley.

They had a bye for the first round and will play a rematch with Grinnell-Wheatland in Brewster.



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