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Shantya Arnold (left) and Linda Pagrode played tough defense Saturday during the Colby Community College women's basketball game at the Community Building. The Lady Trojans fell 52-49 to Dodge City Community College.

College teams lose on the road, at home

The Colby Community College basketball teams lost on the road at Liberal on Feb. 6. The men's final score was 67-60, while the Lady Trojans lost 87-60.

"It was a very physical game," said men's Coach Rusty Grafel. "We dug ourselves a hole in the first half by just turning the ball over and not blocking out. We came out the second half and tied the ballgame in a matter of minutes, but the turnovers and offensive rebounds were too much at the end of the night."

"We played OK, but not good enough to get a road win."

The men are 2-8 in Jayhawk Conference play and 11-13 overall. The women are 0-10 in the conference and 6-18 overall.

The college teams played home games Saturday against Dodge City Community College at the Community Building.

The women played an exciting game, but fell to the Lady Conquistadors 52-49.

The Lady Trojans (6-20, 0-12) didn't get many points to fall in the first half and trailed 27-19 at the break.

Colby was determined after halftime and outscored Dodge City 30-25, but it wasn't enough to get the win.

Shantya Arnold led Colby in scoring with 14 points. She also had 4 rebounds, an assist and 2 steals.

Kytiana Seals followed with 12 points, 6 rebounds, and a steal; Agnese Aramina finished with 9 points, 8 rebounds, 2 steals and a block; Hailey Dinkel chipped in 6 points and 3 rebounds; Kasey Hoyt scored 4 points and grabbed 3 rebounds, an assist and 2 steals; and Linda Pagrode had 4 points, a rebound, an assist and a steal.

The Trojan men lost their game as well, falling 60-53 to Dodge City in front of the home crowd. They are now 12-14 overall and 3-9 in conference play.

The first half was a tight battle

for points and the teams went into halftime tied at 22.

Colby couldn't hang on in the second half as Dodge City outscored the Trojans 38-31 to get the win.

Terry Starks was the lead scorer with 13 points. He added 2 rebounds, an assist and a steal to his stat line.

John Clarke followed with 11 points, including 3 three-point baskets, and 4 rebounds; Jeremiah Ingram finished with 8 points, 9 rebounds, a steal and a block; Kris Rolle chipped in 8 points, 5 rebounds and an assist; Cody Sluder contributed 7 points, 2 rebounds and a steal; Branden Williams scored 4 points and grabbed 3 rebounds and an assist; and Marko Kracun made one basket and pulled down 3 rebounds.

The Colby teams will play in Hutchinson on Saturday, with the women at 5:30 p.m. and the men following about 7:30 p.m.

Colby wrestlers place at annual Bill Voss tourney

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Colby High School put on the annual Bill Voss Novice Tournament on Saturday for junior varsity wrestlers, and several Colby wrestlers placed in their weights.

Tanner Elias won the championship at 106 pounds. He defeated P. Ozburn, Hol-

comb, and then took down S. Johnson, Norton. He finished off M. Perez, Garden City, to claim the championship.

Andrew Voss, 126, took third place. He outwrestled J. Beceerill, Holcomb, but couldn't overcome D. Coomes, Phillipsburg. In the consolation bracket, he took down W. Erbert, Norton. Finally, he beat H. Kerbow, Hugoton to take third.

Brady Holzmeister, 132, finished sec-

ond in Pool A. He beat N. Hamel, Hill City, but fell to A. White, St. Francis. In the final round, Holzmeister took down R. Lopez, Goodland, to finish in second place.

Bryce Arnberger, 138, won over C. Ratliff, WaKeeney, then A. Zillinger, Oberlin. He outwrestled T. Nickell, Norton, to take the top spot.

Garrett Rose, 145, took down J. Pache-

co, St. Francis, lost to M. Casson, Norton, and B. Wesley, Oberlin, giving him third place.

Brandon Gaede, 152, took second after five rounds. He won the first round over A. Petz, Hays, but fell to K. Butxton, Hays. Gaede defeated Matthew Pieper, Colby, then had a bye in the fourth round. He outwrestled A. Chaves, Phillipsburg, in the final round to finish second.

Eric Schuette, 160, was runner up in Pool A. He downed J. Mahathey, Phillipsburg, and J. Steele, Garden City, to make it to the championship match, but lost to K. Dietze, Hays, landing in second place.

In Pool B of the 160 weight class, Keegan Morgan finished fourth. He was defeated by M. Munoz, Garden City,

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Middle school finishes season

By Brianna Stoll

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Middle School girls' basketball teams traveled to Weskan to finish out their regular season, coming home with two wins.

The B-team girls started out their game with great momentum Jan. 31, scoring 8 points in the first quarter and leaving Weskan scoreless. During the second quarter, they put in 4 more, while Weskan was only able to score 2.

In the third quarter, the Bulldogs put 6 on the scoreboard while Weskan scored 4. Weskan picked up its defense in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Bulldogs 4-3 to make the final score 21-10.

Seventh grader Sierra Finlay was the lead scorer with 10 points, Maggi Nieman, seventh grade, made 5, while seventh grader Kaylie Schaben and sixth graders Noel Ritter and KayCee Miller each put in 2 points.

The A-team Lady Bulldogs didn't start out playing to their full potential, scoring only 2 points in the first quarter and allowing Weskan 4. Even though they only scored 1 point in the second quarter, they picked up their intensity, not allowing Weskan to score at all.

After halftime, the Bulldogs picked up their game, outscoring Weskan 13-5 to take a 16-5 lead. The Lady Bulldogs finished the game strong, scoring 8 points to Weskan's 4 in the fourth. The Lady Bulldogs ended the day with a game with a 24-13 win.

Finishing out the regular schedule, the B-team girls had an 8-1 record, while the A-team girls were 8-3. The Lady Bulldogs finished off the basketball season on Saturday at the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament in Brewster.

"I'm really proud of my middle-school girls and all that they have accomplished this basketball season," said Coach Travis Smith.

Golden Plains boys varsity keeps pace against Cheylin

By Judy Rogers

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The Golden Plains Bulldogs traveled to Cheylin to take on the Western Kansas Liberty League tournament champions, the Cougars, but came home with another loss.

The Bulldogs had played the Cougars early in the season at the Castle Rock tournament, where they fell by 31 points to an inside offense.

"We have improved as a team," said junior Shane Ryburn. "We were determined to handle the 6-foot, 9-inch Keltz better."

Although the Cougars won the tip Jan. 29, the Bulldogs scored first with a field goal from Tristan Schwarz. The Cougars quickly tied it up as both teams traded baskets throughout most of the first quarter before Cheylin pulled ahead 17-12 by the buzzer.

The Bulldogs were not discouraged, however. Senior Andrew Luna opened the second with a three-point shot to put them within two. The Cougars answered by going on an 11-point run before the Bulldogs got back on the board with shots from Joseph Koerperich and Camron Spresser. Although the Cougars kept upping their score, the Bulldogs kept pace, closing the spread to 8 by the half.

The Cougars scored early in the third to make it a 10-point

game and the Bulldogs kept hanging around, keeping it a 10-point contest and ending the third 48-38. Hustling with energy in the fourth, the Bulldogs stayed with the Cougars to narrow the gap to 7 with just under three minutes remaining. They sent the Cougars to the foul line in an effort to regain possession of the ball, but the Cougars made enough of their free shots to hang on to their lead and the win 58-47.

"We kept our energy up throughout the entire game," added Ryburn. "We kept them from doing what they did last time."

"We held on to the ball less than last time moving the ball more," Schwarz said.

The boys only turned the ball over 6 times during this game.

Scoring for Golden Plains were

Schwarz with 17, including 5 three-pointers; Joseph Koerperich 13; Luna 9; and Ryburn, Grant Spresser and Jose Bermudez 2 each. They also played a much cleaner game than last time, with few fouls until the last seconds of play.

"The rebounding was better in the second half," said assistant coach Laura Rush.

The Bulldogs had a total of 34 rebounds. Schwarz had 13, Koerperich 6, Ryburn and Bermudez 4 each, G. Spresser 3, C. Spresser 2 and Luna 2. They had 15 assists and 2 steals.

The Bulldogs continued to play on the road in Logan and Hill City but returned to their home floor on Friday to take on the Healy Eagles.

Titans win in first round of tourney

By Bonnie Holm

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Both Titans boys teams won in the opening round of the Western Kansas Liberty League junior high basketball tournament in Brewster last Thursday.

The A-team boys struggled with defense in the opening minutes of their game against the Weskan Coyotes as the Coyotes went on a 6-0 run. The Titans were finally able to score, with Verlin Plummer and Jaden Schmidt each making a basket. Tad Holm added a free throw and the Titans closed the gap to trail 8-5 at the end of the first quarter.

Hudson Stramel opened the second quarter with a couple of buckets, while Plummer and Schmidt again chipped in 2 points each to take the lead at halftime, 13-10.

Struggling with turnovers and missed shots, the Titans were only able to add 2 points to their score during the third quarter. The Coyotes scored 7 and led the Titans 17-15 to start the last quarter.

The Titans began the fourth quarter with a strong offensive game, outscoring the Coyotes

15-8. Up by 1 with less than a minute left after a key basket and free throw by Stramel, the Titans looked like they were in control. Jacob Benham threw a long pass to Holm under the basket, and Holm made the left-handed layup for a three-point lead.

After a turnover by the Coyotes, Holm was fouled and hit both his free throws to ice the game, giving the Titans the victory, 30-25.

J.B. Felzien, Adrian Mercado, Austin Rivera and Plummer showed great defensive presence in the fourth quarter, holding the Coyotes to just 8 points. Leading scorer for the Titans was Stramel with 11, followed by Schmidt with 7 and Holm with 6. Plummer scored 4 and Felzien had 2 points.

While the A-team struggled with offense, the B-team had no problem scoring against the Cheylin Cougars. The first quarter found the score tied 4-4, with all the points from the Titans scored by Dalton Armtt.

The second and third quarters belonged to sixth grader Brett Roulrier, who scored 18 points in 12 minutes, to give the team the lead over the Cougars, 16-12.

Hunter House scored 2 in the third quarter, while Roulrier again lit up the offense with 6 points. At the end of the third quarter, the Titans led by 10, 24-14. House scored 9 points in the fourth quarter, including a baseline three, while Roulrier added another basket. The final score was 35-16 and the Titans were headed to the semifinals.

Roulrier finished the game with 20 points, House had 11 and Armtt 4. Other Titans providing assists and great defense were Lane Cheatum, Cutter Kvasniska, Jess Schertz, Silas Smith, Austin Burkholder, Levi Rall and Desmond Purvis.

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