



LUKE COX/GOODLAND STAR-NEWS  
Luke Cox headed toward the basket for a shot Tuesday during the Colby High varsity boys basketball game in Goodland at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The Eagles barely lost, 54-53, to the Cowboys.

# Nine Trojan wrestlers qualify for nationals

Nine Colby Community College wrestlers qualified to compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association Championships to be held Thursday, next Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23, in Des Moines.

The Trojans wrestled against six other colleges at the West/Central District Tournament held Saturday in Pratt. The team came in second with a total of 73 points. Labette Community College finished first with 125.5 points.

The top three finishers in each weight class earned automatic bids to the championships. Only one Colby wrestler finished first in his weight, Cash Drylie of Hays at 197 pounds, while five lost their final rounds to finish second.

Individual weight classes and results for Colby:

- Seth Nehls, 125 pounds, Kearney, Neb., second.
- Josh Martinez, 133, Amarillo, second.
- Elijah Cook, 141, Dallas, third.
- Damian Walls, 149, Oakland, fifth.

- Drake Lovvorn, 157, Holton, second.
- Bryce Lewis, 165, Minden, Neb., second.
- James Jones, 174, Omaha, third.
- Dylon Braun, 184, Hays, second.
- Cash Drylie, 197, Hays, first.
- Xavier Fisher, 285, Manhattan, fourth.

Although Fisher finished fourth, he was selected as one of the “wildcards” to compete in the nationals. “We had a good weekend,” said Coach David Nordhues. “We qualified nine individuals for the national tournament in a very tough regional competition. We didn’t finish the day in the finals like we should have. We sat around on leads instead of building on them and it caught up with us in a couple of matches.

“I’m proud of this year’s team. However, there is still a lot of wrestling ahead of us. These guys understand what lies ahead of them and know we have a lot of work to do in the next 10 days to peak at the national tournament.”

# Bulldog varsity plays in Logan

By Judy Rogers  
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The Golden Plains High School boys basketball team lost a road game 62-47 to the Logan Trojans.

Both varsity and junior varsity teams worked hard but fell to the Trojans in games Feb. 1.

A couple of the varsity players were missing due to illness, but said Grant Spreser, “The younger players stepped up in their absence.”

The Bulldogs started off with several quick turnovers, but recovered to hold a 13-12 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Logan responded with intensity as the boys defended their home turf, but the Bulldog squad

displayed its own perseverance. Golden Plains pulled ahead by 4 halfway through the second.

The Trojans worked their way back in but the Bulldogs maintained their 1-point lead, 27-26, at the half.

The Bulldogs played flat in the third period and had a hard time fighting for the rebound as they allowed the Trojans to put in 21 points for a 10-point lead, 47-37.

“We struggled on defense and couldn’t get the ball inside,” Spreser said.

The Bulldogs were not out of the game, however, as Spreser stepped up and closed the spread with a couple of early-quarter shots.

With two players fouling out toward the end of the game, the

Bulldogs worked hard but lost 62-47.

G. Spreser and Tristan Schwarz each scored 13 points against the Trojans. Andrew Luna added 8, Camron Spreser 4, Zach Spreser 3 and Braden Korte 2.

The junior varsity squad played two quarters, with Koi Wessel putting in 8 points in the first quarter to the Trojans’ 9.

In the second quarter, Wessel added 4 more along with 4 from Kade Wessel and 2 from Kain Priess. Although the boys played well, the Trojans finished with a 24-18 win.

The Bulldogs were on the road in Hill City before they returned home to face the Healy Eagles last Friday.

# Colby varsity boys fall in close game

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The Colby High varsity boys lost a squeaker in Goodland on Tuesday, falling 54-53 to the Cowboys at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The Eagles (7-11 overall, 4-5 Great West Activities Conference) played close with Goodland in the first quarter, trailing by just 1, 12-11, as it ended.

The Colby boys shut down the Cowboys in the second period, holding them to 3 points while they put in 15, and the Eagles led 26-15 at the half.

Goodland came out strong after the break and outscored Colby 21-14 in the third, but the Eagles still held the lead, 40-36, at the end of the quarter.

Despite their best efforts, the Colby boys didn’t land as many points as Goodland in the fourth. The Cowboys’ scored 18 to the Eagles’ 13 to take the win, 54-53.

Senior Zane Winger and junior Marc Bremenkamp each scored 15 points for Colby. Winger, who was 7 of 11 from the field, also had a rebound, a block and steal. Bremenkamp, who fouled out, grabbed 3 rebounds and a steal.

Senior Todd Kane followed with 13 points, 5 rebounds and 2 blocks; junior Luke Cox finished with 5 points, 10 rebounds, an assist and 2 steals; senior Daniel Myers chipped in 3 points and a rebound; and senior Wiatt Binder had 2 points, 6 rebounds and an assist.

The Eagles pulled down 31 total rebounds.

The varsity girls won easily in Goodland, crushing the Cowgirls 45-15.

The Lady Eagles (11-5, 6-2) took a big lead in the first quarter, outscoring Goodland 16-6 after the first eight minutes.

The Colby girls continued their attack and put in 14 points while holding the Cowgirls to 2 in the second. The Lady Eagles led 30-8 at the break.

Scoring slowed down for Colby in the third, with 8 points landing. Goodland had 4 points in the quarter to put Colby’s lead at 38-12.

The Lady Eagles put in 7 more points in the final quarter while the Cowgirls put in 3, securing Colby’s victory, 45-15.

Senior Lauren Bell scored a game-high 14 points, including 4 of 8 field goals and 5 of 5 free throws. She added 5 rebounds, an assist, a block and a steal to her stat line.

Junior Haileigh Shull followed with 9 points, 7 rebounds and 6 steals; senior Kenzie Curry finished with 8 points, 2 rebounds and an assist; senior Karly Kriss scored 7 points and grabbed 2 rebounds, an assist, a block and 2 steals; senior McKenna Ortnier chipped in 5 points, an assist and 3 steals; and freshman Lara Stephens made one basket and had a rebound and a steal.

The Lady Eagles pulled down 33 rebounds and had 12 points on three-point shots.

The varsity boys and girls will play at home tonight against Scott City at the Community Building.

They will play in their last home game Tuesday against Thomas More Prep-Marian High of Hays with both Senior Recognition Night and Pink Zone night.

The girls will play at 6:30 p.m. and the boys will follow about 8 both nights.

# Lady Bulldogs squad squeaks past Lady Trojans

By Hailee Spreser  
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The Golden Plains High School Lady Bulldogs basketball team traveled to Logan for a league matchup against the Logan Lady Trojans, hanging on for a 39-33 win.

The Lady Bulldogs came into the game Feb. 1 with a 12-2 record.

Logan won the tip and the Lady Bulldogs began to play competitive defense. The Lady Trojans out-rebounded Golden Plains, but the Lady Bulldogs were able to outscore Logan 11-9 in the first quarter. Kami Miller put in a three layups and 7 of those 11 points.

The second quarter brought a

lot of contest between the two teams. Logan’s solid defense allowed Golden Plains only 6 points, and the Lady Trojans gained their first lead at the end of the second, setting the score at 18-17 in favor of Logan going into the break.

Coming out of the half, the Lady Bulldogs and Logan traded leads. Golden Plains put pressure on the ball with Logan, but Logan was able to handle it. Golden Plains advanced into the fourth quarter with a 2-point lead, 26-24.

In the fourth quarter, the girls turned up the defensive pressure. The Lady Bulldogs stole their biggest lead of the game early with a 9-point lead. As the quarter went on, Logan began chip-

ping away at that margin. Logan got as close as 2 points, but Golden Plains refused to give in. The Lady Bulldogs were able to cling to the win, 39-33.

“We played awesome defense!” said freshman Kami Miller. “Everyone played hard and contributed to the win. We adjusted to the way the game was being called very well.”

Jordan Christensen led the team with 12 points, Angela Ritter had 9, Miller 9, Hailee Spreser 5 and Kylie Jones 4.

The Lady Bulldogs remain undefeated in league play at 6-0. Golden Plains traveled to Hill City for a nonleague matchup against the Lady Ringnecks on Feb. 5.

# Junior varsity battles with Cheylin

The junior varsity basketball team from Golden Plains High School battled on the basketball court with the Cougars in Cheylin.

They got off to a slow start on Jan. 29, only scoring 2 points from Kade Wessel in the first quarter. They stepped it up in the second, with each team posting 9 points in the quarter. However, the first quarter deficit left the Bulldogs trailing 17-11 at the half.

The Bulldog squad played consistently in the second half, managing 10 points in the third and 9 in the fourth. The Cougars, however, had 12 in the third

and 18 in the fourth to claim a 47-30 victory.

“Our first half was stronger than the second,” said Wessel. “We need to play a full 32 minutes of basketball every game.”

The Bulldogs’ teamwork is a core component of their play. They share the ball well as evidenced in the scoring. Each team member contributed to the final score including Zach Spreser and Kade Wessel 6 each, Kain Priess, Koi Wessel and Braden Korte 4 each, and Benny Martinez and Joseph Koerperich 3 each.

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