



Marc Bremenkamp waited under the basket to put up a shot Friday during the Colby High varsity boys basketball game at the Community Building. The Eagles fell 85-36 to Scott City.

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## Colby varsity girls team wins fourth game in a row

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The Colby High varsity girls basketball team took down the Scott City Lady Beavers 61-34 Friday at the Community Building for its fourth consecutive win.

The Lady Eagles (12-5 overall, 7-2 Great West Activities Conference) led at the end of the first quarter, but not by much. Colby put in 16 points while Scott City had 11.

The Colby girls asserted their dominance in the second, outscoring the Lady Beavers 20-9 for a halftime score of 36-20.

After the break, scoring slowed down, but the Lady Eagles maintained their lead. Colby put up 12 points in the third to Scott City's 9.

The Colby girls secured the game in the fourth, scoring another 13 points while the Lady Beavers could only get just 5.

Junior Haileigh Shull had a big night for Colby, sinking 20 points from 8 of 14 field goals and 4 of 6 free throws. She added 7 rebounds, an assist and 2 steals.

Seniors Kenzie Curry, Lauren Bell and Karly Kriss followed with 8 points each. Curry made 2 of 3 three-point baskets and had 3 rebounds and 3 assists. Bell was 4 of 9 from the field and grabbed 5 rebounds, 2 assists, a block and 2

steals. Kriss fouled out with 4 of 10 field goals, 6 rebounds, 3 assists, a block and 3 steals.

Senior McKenna Ortnier finished with 6 points, a rebound and 2 steals; freshman Lara Stephens chipped in 6 points, perfect on 3 two-point shots, and had 2 steals; sophomore Hannah Strange made a three-pointer and pulled down a rebound; and freshman Brenly Terrell made one basket and grabbed a rebound, an assist and a steal.

The Lady Eagles scored 23 points off Scott City turnovers and pulled down 35 rebounds.

The Colby varsity boys lost again Friday, falling 85-36 to the Beavers.

The Eagles (6-13, 4-6) made the first quarter close, but Scott City led 22-16 as it ended.

The Beavers took off after that, outscoring the Colby boys by double-digits in the final three quarters. The Eagles scored 10 points to Scott City's 24 in the second for a score of 46-26 heading to the locker rooms.

Colby's scoring fell off even more in the third, as the boys only scored 4 points while the Beavers piled on 22.

The Eagles managed 6 points in the fourth, but Scott City continued to dominate with 17 for the win.

Senior Todd Kane led Colby's scoring with 14 points, including

2 of 5 three-point shots. He had 3 rebounds and a steal.

Senior Zane Winger and juniors Luke Cox and Marc Bremenkamp followed with 6 points each. Winger, who was 3 of 6 from the field, added 3 rebounds and an assist. Cox grabbed 2 rebounds and 3 steals and Bremenkamp, 2 of 5 on field goals, had a rebound and a steal as well.

Senior Wyatt Binder finished with 2 points, 2 rebounds and a steal and senior Daniel Myers had 2 points and 2 rebounds.

The varsity boys will begin substate play with quarterfinal games at 7 p.m. Monday at Goodland and the girls will play at home at 6 p.m. Tuesday against Larned in the high school gym.

Winners advance to the semifinals and finals in Pratt next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 28 and March 1.

## Lady Trojans squad starts season here

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The Colby Community College Lady Trojans softball team started its season this month, playing four games in its opening weekend.

The Lady Trojans (4-4 overall) played home games against Western Nebraska Community College from Scottsbluff on Feb. 8 and 9 at Carl Adams Field on campus.

On Feb. 8, Colby lost its first game 9-0, but won the second game 7-5.

In the first game, Ashley Archer and Kendra Trussel each had a hit for Colby. Courtney Kinnett and Sasha Duran-Fong each walked once.

Natalie Elmgreen pitched about four innings for the Lady Trojans, racking up 2 strikeouts and 10 first-pitch strikes.

Western Nebraska scored a run each in the second and third innings, then piled on 7 in the fifth.

In the second game, Colby's Elmgreen and Michelle Starkey

had 2 hits apiece. Elmgreen was also walked once and Sydne Massey had 2 runs batted in, with Gabi Palacios driving in 1.

Skyler Mengel pitched all seven innings for the women, throwing 4 strikeouts and 14 first-pitch strikes.

Colby brought in 3 runs in the second inning and 2 more in the fourth. Western Nebraska got on the board in the sixth, but Colby added 2 runs that inning.

Western Nebraska scored 2 in the top of the seventh, but it wasn't enough and Colby got the win.

The Lady Trojans then played two more games with Western Nebraska on Feb. 9, losing the first 8-1 and the second 9-7.

In the first game, Palacios led the team with 4 hits and Taryn DiRito got 1. DiRito and Kinnett were walked once.

Elmgreen pitched four innings for Colby and Mengel pitched two. Elmgreen had 3 strikeouts and 17 first-pitch strikes while Mengel had 5 first-pitch strikes.

Western Nebraska started the game with 3 runs in the first, and Colby scored its only run in the

bottom of that inning. Western Nebraska brought in 2 runs in the second and 3 runs in the sixth for the 8-1 win.

In the next game, Palacios and DiRito had 2 hits apiece and each walked once. Elmgreen had 3 runs batted in and Archer drove in 2.

Elmgreen pitched the entire game for the Lady Trojans. She had only 1 strikeout, but racked up 21 first-pitch strikes.

Western Nebraska grabbed 3 runs in the first inning and Colby added 1 in the third. Western Nebraska scored 3 more in the fifth, but the Lady Trojans racked up 4 that inning. Western Nebraska brought in 1 run in the sixth while Colby brought in 2 to tie the game at 7.

Western Nebraska sealed the win in the seventh, scoring 2 runs and keeping the Lady Trojans from scoring in the bottom of the inning.

The Colby women played more home games on Saturday and Sunday and then went on the road Tuesday to McCook Community College in Nebraska.

## Bulldog varsity boys add win over Healy

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The Golden Plains Bulldogs added another win to their record when they defeated the Healy Eagles 63-28 on their home floor in Rexford.

With no junior varsity game Feb. 1, all the boys had a chance to play in and contribute to the varsity win.

"This was a good game for all the team members to gain varsity experience," said Tristan Schwarz. "Everyone was able to contribute to the win."

Senior Camron Spreser started the game absolutely on fire as he put in 6 of the first 9 points. His energy ignited the his teammates, as they gained a 23-4 lead by the end of the first quarter - tying the mark for the most points scored in a quarter this season by the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs stayed on course as they added another 14 in the second period, including two blazing steals leading to layups by junior Shane Ryburn. They held the Eagles to 5 points and the Bulldogs posted a 37-9 lead at halftime.

Ryburn put in 3 more baskets in the third, along with 13 from his teammates to increase their score by 16. The Eagles played their best quarter of the game to put in 11 points, but the Bulldogs still claimed a 53-20 lead going into the fourth. With every member contributing on the floor, the Bulldogs continued through the final quarter to outscore the Eagles and win their fifth game of the season.

Bulldogs posting up points were Tristan Schwarz 17, Shane Ryburn 10, Cameron Spreser 8, Grant Spreser and Kade Wessel 7 each, Joseph Koerperich 6, Andrew Luna and Koi Wessel 3 each, and Jose Bermudez 2.

## Junior varsity finds another win

By Hailee Spreser  
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The Golden Plains High School junior varsity Lady Bulldogs traveled to Hill City to go face to face with the Lady Ringnecks with an 8-1 record. They came home 9-1, but it wasn't easy.

"From the beginning on, we were always a few points behind," said junior Lena Janke. "With team spirit, mental focus and awesome fans, we were able to change the game in the last minutes. I could feel the tension in the gym in those last minutes."

Golden Plains began with a rocky start in the first quarter Feb. 5. The Lady Bulldogs put in 8 points for the quarter but allowed Hill City 11.

Golden Plains picked up the momentum of the game in the second period. The Lady Bulldogs matched Hill City point for point to go into halftime

Hill City leading 21-18.

The Lady Bulldogs came out of the break with a slow pace. Golden Plains could not keep the Lady Ringnecks from scoring 11 to their own 6.

The fourth quarter brought a change of mind and momentum. The Lady Bulldogs stepped up their game and executed well. Golden Plains put in 20 points in the fourth quarter alone and held Hill City to 6, adding another win to their record, 44-38.

"We are always working hard in practice, and this time we could show it again that with hard work you can have success," Janke added.

Paulita Ramirez led the girls with 11 points, followed by Kynndra Rush 11, Tayler Petersen 7, Maddy Walz 6, Taylor Todd 6 and Janke and Ritter 2 each.

The junior varsity played its next game Feb. 12 in Brewster.

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