

Golden Plains girls third at state tourney

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs took third place at the Class 1A Division II state tournament in Hays this weekend. The joy and pride of the team, the school and its fans showed on Hailee Spresser's face (left) as she received a hug from Coach Parker Christensen, who distributed medals to the girls.

The Lady Bulldogs started as the No. 3 seed, facing the Hope Lady Lions in the first round on Wednesday. They won 58-43, earning the right to advance to the semifinals. The girls faced the Norwich Lady Eagles on Friday. They led throughout most of the game, but the Lady Eagles pulled ahead at the end of a low-scoring contest to win 32-29. That sent the Lady Bulldogs to the consolation game on Saturday.

The Lady Bulldogs played a physical game against the Wilson Lady Dragons, fighting their way to a third-place victory, 77-67.

A crowd of students, parents, alumni and fans (below) filled the stands for all three state-tournament games. The girls said that support helped them keep their energy high and helped them work hard for their third-place finish.

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College softball team loses doubleheader

The Colby Community College Lady Trojans lost both games of a doubleheader on Wednesday at Garden City Community College.

In game one, Colby lost 7-6 after a surprise rally turned a 6-run sixth inning advantage into a Garden City victory.

Gabi Palacios had 3 extra-base hits for the Colby team, a triple in the first inning and doubles in the third and fourth.

Even though Kallie Hoover allowed 5 runs over six innings for Garden City, she still recorded the victory. She struck out 4, walked 1 and surrendered 8 hits.

Colby scored 1 run in the first inning followed by 3 in the third

and 2 in the fourth. Garden City was scoreless until the sixth inning when scored a run. Then the home team knocked in 6 runs in the seventh.

In the second game, Palacios did all she could to give the Lady Trojans a boost, but it wasn't enough to get past Garden City as Colby lost 6-5 in seven innings.

Palacios racked up 2 RBIs on 1 hit for the Lady Trojans. She homered in the fifth inning.

Colby had 3 runs in the first, followed by 2 in the fifth. Garden City tied the game at 3 in the third, but brought in a run in each of the fifth, sixth and seventh to claim the win.

"We did exactly what we needed to for the first six innings in both games," said Coach Ryan Sturdy. "Our next six games are on the road against Butler, Brown Mackie and Barton. They are all tough teams, and we will have to find a way to close to be successful in this conference."

The Lady Trojans are 5-9 overall and 0-2 in the Jayhawk West conference. Their next games were Friday against Butler County Community College in El Dorado. Then they went to Salina on Sunday to play Brown Mackie College followed by Great Bend today to play Barton County Community College.

Oakley club plans tournament

The Oakley Basketball Club will be holding the Oakley 3-on-3 Youth Basketball Tourney on Saturday, April 6.

The entry fee is \$28 per team and the deadline for entry is Tuesday, April 2.

There will be three sessions: session 1 for fifth and sixth grade boys and girls and third and fourth grade boys and girls; session 2 is for first and second grade boys and girls; and session three for seventh and eighth grade boys and girls.

The tournament will be held in the Oakley High School and Oakley Middle School gyms. Conces-

ion and lunch items will be available, "champion" T-shirts and medals will be awarded to winners of each grade division and second-place medals will be awarded in each division. Entries may be limited.

The tournament will begin at 8:30 a.m. and each team needs to check in 30 minutes before its first game.

The final game schedule will be posted online at www.discoveroakley.com by Wednesday of tournament week.

For information or to get an entry form, e-mail Brenda Weiser at brendacahojweiser@hotmail.com.



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