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Christmas girls put on a nice holiday halftime dance performance for fans at the Colby Community College men's basketball game with Air Force Prep Thursday night.

Eagle girls win at Hays

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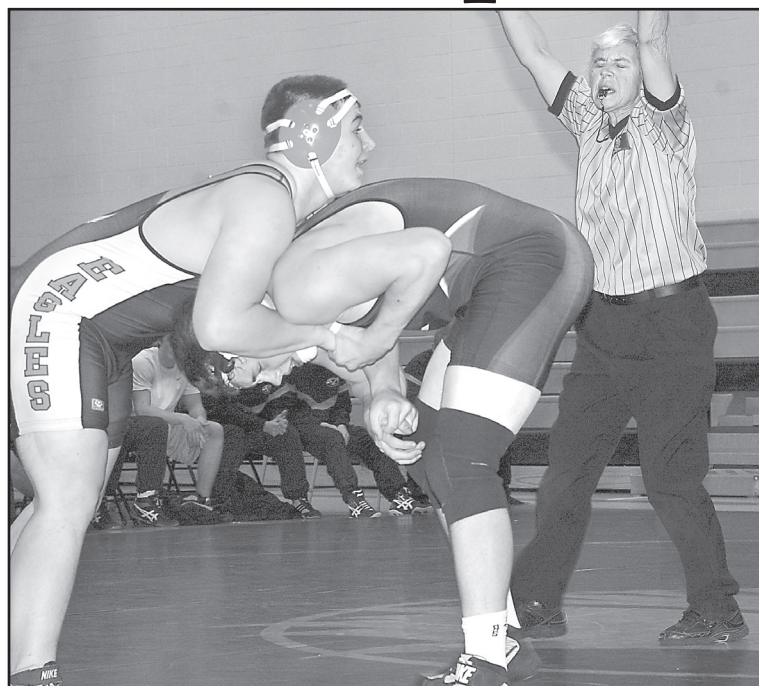
After an 11-point first quarter, the Colby High girls permitted only 11 more during those next three periods of a 32-22 road victory over Hays Thursday evening. The Eagles evened their season record at 2-2 thanks to aggressive defense (11 steals) and great teamwork on offense (11 assists). Sophomore Brenly Terrell was equally dangerous whether she was swiping the ball (four steals) or passing it (four assists). It was Terrell's three-point shot

that shook Colby out of an early funk, as winless Hays (0-4) was able to build a 9-2 lead. Terrell's outside heroics led to Hailey Schindler scoring inside on a turnaround post move. Any Hays defender getting in her way would probably have felt like grandma getting run over by a reindeer. Now the Eagles were flying. They barely noted one more Hays basket, especially when junior Brooklyn Bange sent another three-point bomb tickling through the net to make it 11-10. Junior leading scorer Haileigh Shull's free throw put Colby ahead

to stay. It also signaled Shull was taking control of a double-double (13 points/10 rebounds). Shull netted all eight second-quarter points to take Colby into halftime leading 18-14. The margin felt like 28-14 considering Hays baskets were tougher to find than happy Denver Broncos fans this morning. **Colby (32)** — Haileigh Shull 13 points, Lara Stephens 6, Brenly Terrell 5, Brooklyn Bange 3, Brielle McKee 3, Hailey Schindler 2. Rebound leaders: Shull 10, Stephens 3. Assists: Terrell 4, McKee 2. Steals: Terrell 4, McKee 2.

Colby wrestlers split two duals

Coach Billy Gabel's powerful Pine Cree, Colo., Eagles plowed through both Colby High and the Oakley Plainsmen while winning Thursday's Colby Triangular. Gabel — son of Colby High Activities Director Larry Gabel — earned Colorado 5A "Coach Of The Year" honors from the *Denver Post* in 2012. His 2013-14 squad looks strong as Pine Creek defeated Colby, 69-9, and toppled Oakley 63-16 with 17 of 20 wins on the mat by pins. Colby's two wins over Pine Creek came from sophomore Brady Holzmeister (7-0 at 145 pounds) and freshman heavyweight Ethan Jay (forfeit). The Eagles recovered for a 51-15 nightcap win over Oakley. Holzmeister and Jay both won again to cap 2-0 evenings. All three teams now get ready for the Eagle Dual Invitational beginning today. A schedule appeared in Wednesday's *Free Press*. Complete Colby results from the dual win:



Colby 51, Oakley 15
106 — Ernie Leija, Colby, won 6-3 over Estin Slack.
113 — Tate Carney, Colby, won 4-3 over Auston Holzmeister.
120 — Tanner Elias, Colby, pinned Rees Lehman in 1:35.
132 — Wyatt Murphy won 12-7 over Alex Young, Colby.
138 — Taylor Murphy pinned Travis Finley, Colby, in 2:14.
145 — Brady Holzmeister, Colby, won 8-5 over Colter Stoll.
152 — Kyle Finley, Colby, won 10-9 over Wayne Flipse.
182 — Andrew Taylor, Colby, pinned Garrett Waugh in :40.
220 — Austin Hart, Colby, won 2-1 over Dylan Gassman.
285 — Ethan Jay, Colby, pinned Mason Rains in 2:48.
Capturing forfeit wins for Colby were Matthew Pieper (160), Austin Hayes (170) and Jay Ziegelmeier (195).

Hays boys down Eagles, 86-50

Fans of playoff basketball better be watching out for the Hays Indians in about three months. "Hays is really good," Colby High coach Kevin Brown said after the 5A Top 10-rated team defeated his Eagles, 86-50, Thursday night in Hays. "If they aren't playing in the 5A state tournament, I

will be very, very surprised." The undefeated Indians (4-0) dominated their 31st annual Hays City Shootout last weekend, defeated three foes by an average of nearly 24 points. They build a 24-point halftime lead over Colby, 47-23, Thursday night. The Eagles played a bet-

Younger Eagles capture league

Every Colby Middle School wrestler earned a Great West Athletic Conference place during the league meet last weekend in Scott City. Sean Rall (118 pounds) and Lucas Taylor (182) both won championships. Jake Reed (86) and Zack Hart (130) reached their title matches en route to taking second place overall. A glance at more Eagle records: 80 pounds — Kurt Schroeder placed third. He pinned D. Briggs, Scott City, 1:53 into his final match. 86 — Jake Reed placed second. He won 13-7 over J. Urbina, Ulysses; to reach the final.

92 — Seth Huffles placed fourth.
98 — Brett Morris placed fourth with his 5-3 win over D. Kroskey, Goodland.
104 — Kory Finley placed third. He won 15-0 over K. Duong, Scott City; and pinned D. Raymer, Goodland, in 1:51.
110 — Trey Miller placed fourth. He won 5-0 over J. Sanchez, Ulysses.
118 — Rall won the championship. He pinned J. Lambert, Holcomb, in :57; and finals foe M. Faurot, Scott City, in 2:31.
122 — Tucker Branum placed third. He won a 12-2 finale over P. Nolette, Oakley.
130 — Zach Hart placed second. He pinned J. Hundertmark, Scott City, in 1:30 to reach the finals.
138 — Shevin Martin placed fourth. He pinned M. Rains, Oakley, in 1:38.
146 — Kyler Britt placed fourth.
162 — Nic Johnson placed third. He scored two pins over Z. Werner, Goodland, in :15 and S. Morris, Scott City, in :57.
170 — Josh Olson placed third. He won a 4-2 finale over B. Ramirez, Holcomb.
182 — Lucas Taylor won the championship. Scores were not available.
285 — Lander Niblock placed fourth.

Air Force 'bombers' fuel rally over Colby

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Air Force Prep's attack was stealth enough to hit 15 three-pointers in a 78-76 comeback win over Colby Community College Thursday night. "We didn't react fast enough and find their shooters," coach Rusty Grafel said about his team's first home loss this season at the Colby Community Building. "Our goal was to get there before the catch (and shoot). Instead, they got too way too many open looks. We let them get too comfortable."

The Trojans (9-6 record) actually shot ahead 17-2 as Jeremiah Ingram scored seven quick points and Kyle Summers smoothly swished Colby's first trifecta. "It was one of our best starts of the year," Grafel observed.

Strong Trojan defense nearly forced an Air Force shot-clock violation on the next possession — only to see Brendan Leonard bury a buzzer-beating three.

The barrage continued after that basket, as Prep's Greg Story (22 points) and Matt Mooney (19) turned their open space into 55 percent three-point shooting (11 for 20).

Air Force carried the momentum to a 10-point lead of 73-63. The Trojans then made their own late rally behind 6'10" powerhouse Ramon Johnson (18 points), point guard Starks and leading season scorer Ingram. Colby closed within two and still had five seconds to win or force overtime.



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Sophomore Terry Starks was an air traffic controller on this play as he soared between two Air Force Prep defenders to make a go-ahead layup for Colby Community College Thursday night.

Starks drove to the basket, but traffic awaited him and no Trojan could make a last-second tip-in. "We got basically what we wanted there," Grafel said. "There was some contact, but refs often eat their whistles on plays like that at the end. The whole key is we just need to execute better throughout the game. We had 18 unforced errors tonight." The Trojans now take a holiday

break until Jan. 7, when Trinidad (Colo.) State visits the Colby Community Building. **Colby (76)** — Ramon Johnson 18 points, Terry Starks 16, Jeremiah Ingram 16, David Tait 8, Branden Williams 7, Gage Deis 6, Kyle Summers 3, Joey Meyer 2. Three-point goals: Starks, Williams, Summers. Rebound leaders: Starks 8. Assists: Starks 2. Blocked shots: Ingram 2.

Bulldog JV falls short

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The referee reacted to a move during Colby High sophomore Austin Hart's 220-pound match against Tyler White from Pine Creek, Colo., Thursday night. Pine Creek won duals with both the Eagles and Oakley.

The Golden Plains junior varsity boys off their basketball season last Friday when they Leading the Bulldogs was Cole Ziegelmeier's five points with Jesus Aragon, Kade Wessel and Koi Wessel each adding 4. Nick Brown contributed two. The junior varsity boys will help out the varsity team at the Castle Rock Tournament. Results will appear next week.

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