

Eagle duo leads win in Colby

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Invincible at home? Not quite. But impressive even in a tough defeat? Heartland Christian coach Marilee Gundlach definitely said yes.

"Our girls played with integrity and held their heads high," she said moments after visiting Healy won 53-42 at Heartland Tuesday night.

Healy also showed great heart while avenging a double-digit loss to the Crusaders at last weekend's Brewster Sagebrush Shootout.

Senior 5'11" junior guard Kiara Sharp and 5'5" sophomore Taysia Sunley scored 17 points apiece in the rematch.

Senior Kirsten Bandy netted a season-best 15 points for the Crusaders (1-3 record) despite playing most of Tuesday's second half with four fouls.

The Heartland girls sliced away half of a 14-point fourth-quarter deficit.

Bandy's steal and perfect bounce-pass assist to senior Savannah Sullivant brought their



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Heartland Christian senior Kirsten Bandy, right, tried to draw a charging foul from Healy's Kiara Sharp Tuesday night. A block was called instead as the visiting Eagles went on to win 53-42.

team within 47-40.

However, a few too many turnovers stopped the Crusaders from getting any closer.

They also lost senior Amy Myers who scored 28 points against Healy on Saturday to fouls in the

third quarter.

Myers netted all of her eight points during the first half. Sullivant added six points while freshman Allie Mollendor scored four.

Sophomore Quinlee Niblock swished one two-point jumper.

Titan girls win Shootout

The undefeated Triplains-Brewster girls are Sagebrush Shootout champions after a 58-28 triumph over Weskan on Saturday.

Senior Brittany Plummer also showed why she won the three-point shooting contest.

She unleashed not one, not two, but three bombs from beyond that magical arc during the title-game victory.

Plummer's trio of threes helped the Titans (4-0 record) take a 51-20 lead through three quarters.

Both Plummer and leading scorer Shayna Rogge (13 points) earned Sagebrush Shootout all-tournament team honors.

Rogge, a junior, started her tourney on Tuesday with 29 points in the first-round conquest of Logan.

Junior center Dara Roulier added 10 points before halftime, nearly matching Weskan's 11-point effort. The Titans took a 36-11 lead into that midway break.

All-tourney selection Robin See tallied 11 points, but no Weskan teammate could add more than six.

Triplains-Brewster faced the tougher challenge during Friday's semifinals against Stockton.

In fact, Stockton held the lead through three full quarters until a 14-5 fourth period secured this Titans victory.

Rogge's late basket finally put Triplains-Brewster ahead to stay,

and then she added two clinching free throws. She easily made up for missing four of her first five attempts from the charity line.

The Titans only made seven of 20 free throws overall, so that's something to work on leading into Friday's contest at Healy. It's part of a girls-boys varsity twinbill.

Scoring summaries from both Triplains-Brewster weekend victories:

Titans 47, Stockton 43
Shayna Rogge 15 points, Brittany Plummer 14, Dara Roulier 7, Alicia Barrie 6, C.J. Lewallen 3, April Mays 2.

Titans 58, Weskan 28
Shayna Rogge 13 points, Brittany Plummer 12, Dara Roulier 10, Alicia Barrie 6, April Mays 4, C.J. Lewallen 4, Kelly Lamb 3, Maddie Lamb 2, Jesse Williams 2, Taylry Cheatum 2.

Golden Plains girls sweep away Damar

By Maddy Walz
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Middle School girls' basketball A team easily conquered the Damar Lopers on Dec.5 by a 46-12 final score.

Golden Plains got a quick 9-4 lead in the first quarter with a basket and a free throw from Kaylie Schaben, along with two shots by Sierra Finlay and a basket by Maggi Nieman.

Schaben, Sierra Finlay, Nieman, and Jennifer Esparza each added a basket and Kaycie Miller put in 2 baskets ending the first half with a score of 21-4.

The Lady Bulldogs came out strong in the second half by adding another 12 from Finlay, Nieman, Miller and Esparza. They held Damar to four points and maintained a lead of 33-8. In the final minutes, Schaben, Finlay, Nieman, and Miller put in 13 more points to win 46-12.

Previously in the B-team game, the Lady Bulldogs claimed another win for the night.

Golden Plains fell behind 2-0 but answered with six points, and held the Lady Lopers to only three more before halftime for a 6-5 lead.

Four points in the first half came from Malilah Green and Jaiden Koerperich added two.

The girls really kicked it in gear



MINDY FLECKENSTEIN
Golden Plains High School

Eighth-grader Maggi Nieman made this layup during the Golden Plains Middle School basketball victory over Damar.

in the second half, scoring six in the third and four in the fourth. The players who hit shots were Taryn Fleckenstein, Koerperich and Green.

Titans take third in Sagebrush tourney

A dominant 39-17 second half powered the Triplains-Brewster boys past Stratton-Liberty, Colo., 58-41 for third place at Saturday's Sagebrush Shootout.

C.J. Felzien shook off a scoreless first quarter and scored his game-high 18 points during the next three periods.

Coleton Rogge added 15 points

including a trio of bombs from beyond the three-point arc. Senior Seth Smith added 10 points and junior Layton Werth added eight.

The Titans (2-3) also received

seven points from Justin Schmidt (four) and Jaden Schmidt (three).

The Titans dropped Friday's semifinal, 52-23, to eventual Shootout champion Stockton.

Colby Rec hoops season drawing near

Colby Recreation Youth Basketball is right around the corner with registration now open for all kids from first through sixth grades.

Games begin on Jan. 18 and

continue every Saturday. Registration fee is \$35 per player.

The Colby Recreation Department would like to receive all registrations by Friday so teams can be set up by the end of December.

All Colby elementary schools should have received registration forms.

Any that did not receive a form should visit the Recreation office or register on-line at www.colby-

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