

# Goodland graduate ends college career



Goodland native Jayci Stone ended her college basketball playing career Saturday by leading the University of Alaska Anchorage in scoring in its 66-51 loss to the University of California, San Diego in the semifinals of the West Region tournament.

Stone scored a game-high 20 points of which 15 from three-point range.

She also grabbed seven rebounds for the Seawolves and had three assists.

Stone set a Great Northwest Athletic Conference single-season record by making 76 three-pointers. California-San Diego, the tournament host, scored the first five

points of the game and led 15-5 midway through the first half.

Trailing 35-17 going into the second half, Anchorage outscored the Tritons 34-31 but the home team maintained a double-figure lead throughout the period to win 66-51.

The Seawolves ended their season 23-6 overall after making the national playoffs for the seventh time, the first since the 1999-2000 season.

Saturday was the fourth time this season Stone scored 20 or more points in a game including a 24-point performance on Jan. 27 at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.



# Colby defeats Augusta, 58-46, for 4A championship

By John Van Nostrand

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Four years ago Colby High's Ashley Barnes was carried off the state tournament basketball floor with a severe knee injury.

Saturday, she carried off a state championship trophy.

Colby High girls defeated Augusta 58-46 for the 4A state championship at the Bicentennial Center in Salina.

Barnes' 17 points were key as the Eagles turned a three-point lead at the beginning of the fourth quarter into a 10-point cushion. For the game, Barnes was 7-9 from the field and 2-3 at the free throw line.

"I realized I was in the zone," she said. "When the shots were on, I just shot away."

Colby coach Derrek Bissitt mentioned one piece of advice he told Barnes before the game.

"I told her to save her best game for last," he said.

Barnes, a senior, finished her high school career with a better memory at the 2007 state tournament than when she started as a freshman.

"Coming back my senior year, it's amazing," she said.

Colby finished fourth at state that year. Colby last played in the championship game in 1990 losing to Rose Hill.

Barnes' play symbolized the Eagles' performance in the state championship game. The previous two games, Colby needed overtime periods to get through the first and semifinal rounds. Colby defeated

Columbus in double-overtime in the first round and needed one overtime period to get by Tonganoxie in the semifinals.

"It's kind of anticlimactic to win this way after the last two nights," said Bissitt.

Bissitt said the team's start in the championship game was key.

"I loved their energy at the beginning and every time they made a run, we responded," he said.

Colby had a 15-8 lead at the end of the first quarter and would eventually lose that lead in the second quarter. Augusta's Julie Stephenson tied the game at 17 with two free throws at the 4:35 mark. Stephenson led the Orioles with 18 points.

But Colby responded. Barnes made two free throws one minute later to give Colby a 21-17 lead. Another Barnes' bucket later on gave Colby a 27-20 lead at halftime.

In the third quarter, Augusta had a difficult time making a basket and Colby extended its lead to 37-24 with 3:50 left. Augusta stormed back behind Stephenson. She scored nine points in the last three minutes to trim Colby's lead to 41-38 at the end of the quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Augusta's Brooke Burns scored and the Orioles trailed 41-40. Augusta would not get any closer.

When Augusta closed in, Colby's Aubrette Stephens said she was not rattled.

"I feel secure with these girls," she said. "I knew we were going to win."

Colby's Lissa Mazanec's basket with 6:04 left gave Colby a 45-42 lead. With 3:13 on the clock, Mazanec's two free throws extended Colby's lead to 49-42. Mazanec led Colby with 18 points and eight rebounds.

Bissitt said how his team played in the fourth quarter showed their strengths. Later in the quarter, Augusta continually fouled sending Colby to the free throw line. What was a weakness against Columbus, was a strength against Columbus. Colby made 21-23 free throws.

"We overcame adversity," Bissitt said.

Knowing what was at stake, Mazanec said her teammates knew how to handle the situations Augusta put them in.

"We are all close friends and we play for one another," she said. "That's what it came down to. This has been a wonderful experience. You win, look around and say, 'Oh my gosh.'"

Bissitt also had concerns of the Colby girls showing fatigue after playing two overtime games on consecutive days. The fatigue never showed up against Augusta.

"We never run sprints in practice," he said. "They work that hard."

Paige Stephens scored 12 and eight rebounds.

Barnes is one of three seniors on this year's team. Rishonna Martin and April Weaver are the others. Mazanec, a junior, likes what next year has to offer.

"Four juniors come back and we all have great potential," she said. The other juniors include Tasha Wagoner, Aubrette Stephens and Paige Stephens.

"We could all be back here again," Mazanec said.

Colby finished the season 24-2. Augusta 8 12 18 8 — 46

Colby 15 12 14 17 — 58

Colby (58): R. Martin, 0-2, 0-0, 0; L. Wilson, 0-0, 0-0, 0; T. Wagoner, 0-5, 7-8, 7; A. Stephens, 0-1, 4-4, 4; P. Stephens, 4-6, 4-4, 12; K. Kendrick, 0-0, 0-0, 0; A. Gee, 0-2, 0-0, 0; A. Barnes, 7-9, 2-3, 17; A. Weaver, 0-0, 0-0, 0; T. Young, 0-0, 0-0, 0; L. Mazanec, 7-15, 4-4, 18; A. Barton, 0-0, 0-0, 0. Team totals: 18-40, 21-23, 58. Three-point shots, 1-5. Rebounds, 34. Turnovers, 11. Fouls, 13.

Augusta (46): A. Poor, 0-6, 1-2, 1; E. Myers, 0-1, 0-0, 0; S. Waldorf, 2-5, 0-0, 0; A. Schwimmer, 0-0, 0-0, 0; N. Gillies, 0-4, 0-0, 0; C. Carman, 0-0, 0-0, 0; B. Burns, 6-9, 0-0, 12; K. Farmer, 0-3, 0-1, 0; L. Crawford, 0-0, 0-0, 0; R. Nickel, 4-16, 0-4, 9; J. Stephenson, 4-9, 8-9, 18. Team totals: 16-53, 10-13, 46. Three-point shots, 4-18. Rebounds, 28. Turnovers, 9. Fouls, 19.

**Semifinal game**  
Been there, done that.

For the second consecutive game, Colby needed extra time to defeat Tonganoxie 73-67 in the semifinal round of the 4A state basketball tournament. In the first round, Colby defeated Columbus in double-overtime.

Tonganoxie was seeded first in the tournament with a 22-1 record. Colby was seeded fourth.

Colby would have been playing for third place Saturday if Tonganoxie Chieftain Ali Pistora's shot at the buzzer would have fallen through to break the tie in regulation.

The Eagles had the advantage in the overtime Building a lead and not giving it up. Barnes made one of two free throws to give Colby a 67-62 lead with 1:15 remaining.

Chieftain Elizabeth Baska's score cut the deficit to 67-64. Gee and Paige Stephens each followed up with baskets to extend Colby lead and force Tonganoxie to foul.

Tonganoxie led through much of the first half including 33-28 at halftime. Barnes' three-point shot with 2:41 left in the third quarter gave Colby a 37-36 lead.

Barnes was one of five Eagles to score in double figures. Mazanec led with 16 points. Gee had 14 and Barnes added 12. Aubrette Stephens and Paige Stephens each scored 10.

Late in the third quarter, one of Gee's baskets tied the game at 43.

The fourth quarter was a see-saw

battle at the biggest lead was four points, when Tonganoxie led 53-49 with 4:30 remaining. Wagoner's basket with 3:12 left tied the score at 53.

Pistora made one of two free throws with 16 seconds left in the game to tie the score at 60. Tonganoxie called a timeout after an Eagle turnover to set up the last second shot.

Colby's defense forced 22 turnovers.

In the third-place game Saturday, Andover-Central defeated Tonganoxie 55-46.

Colby (73): R. Martin, 1-3, 0-0, 2; L. Wilson, 0-0, 0-0, 0; T. Wagoner, 2-6, 3-4, 7; A. Stephens, 3-6, 3-4, 10; P. Stephens, 3-11, 4-4, 10; K. Kendrick, 0-0, 0-0, 0; A. Gee, 7-7, 0-1, 14; A. Barnes, 4-9, 2-4, 12; A. Weaver, 1-3, 0-0, 0; T. Young, 0-0, 0-0, 0; L. Mazanec, 7-19, 2-4, 16; A. Barton, 0-0, 0-0, 0. Team totals: 28-64, 14-21, 73. Three-point shots, 3-10. Rebounds, 33. Fouls, 19. Turnovers, 13.

Tonganoxie (67) T. Hileman, 3-6, 1-1, 7; V. Grizzle, 0-0, 0-0, 0; C. Weller, 3-7, 3-3, 11; A. Pistora, 3-8, 5-8, 11; E. Baska, 7-14, 0-1, 15; A. Ostermeyer, 0-0, 0-0, 0; R. Grizzle, 0-0, 0-0, 0; S. Carlin, 4-9, 0-3, 9; C. Jeannin, 2-3, 0-0, 4; R. Bogard, 1-2, 0-0, 2; R. Bogard, 4-8, 0-2, 8; A. Erickson, 0-0, 0-0, 0. Team totals: 27-57, 9-18, 67. Three-point shots 4-10. Rebounds, 44. Fouls, 21. Turnovers, 22.

## bowling results

**Wednesday Night Scratch League**  
February 28  
Sigco over J & L Deliveries 11-9  
Floyd's Refrig. & A.C. over Adronics 11-9

Phil's Pro Shop over Steve's Body Shop 12-8  
Weber Kennels over Fitzgibbon's Inc. 14-6

**Team high score game:** Phil's Pro Shop 683  
**Team high scores series:** Weber Kennels 2363

**Individual high score game:** Eric Corke 254  
**Individual high score series:** Jeff Stevens 949

# Wrestler takes third title

Brett Bahe, former Goodland High School wrestler, now a senior at Great Bend High School won his third state wrestling title.

Bahe wrestled at 130 pounds for the panthers and on Saturday, February 17, won his title at 130 pounds in Class 5A. His season record was 26-0.

He was a two-time Class 4A state champion as a Cowboy, winning the title at 112 pounds in 2004 as a sophomore and at 119 pounds last year. He finished fourth at 103 pounds his freshman year.

Brett's older brothers both have continued their wrestling careers in college after graduating from Goodland High. Bryce is a junior at Fort Hays State University wrestling at 141 pounds, while Blayze is a sophomore at 133 pounds at the University of Northern Colorado.

## bowling results

**Monday Afternoon Ladies League**  
March 5  
Alcorn/Shelter Insurance tied Clawsons 2-2

Callahans over Bowladium Lanes 3-1  
Wheatridge Farms tied McClure Plumbing & Heating 4-0

**Team high score game:** Wheatridge Farms 618

**Team high scores series:** Callahans 1738  
**Individual high score game:** Suzie Butts 190

**Individual high score series:** Suzie Butts 512

**Standings**  
1. Alcorn/Shelter Insurance 28-12  
2. Tie Clawsons and Callahans 24-16

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## School calendar for March 14 to March 20

**Wednesday:** Black Day, 4 p.m. Central Site Council Meeting, 7 p.m. City Country Recreation.

**Thursday:** Gold Day, End of Third Nine Weeks, First day of competition for Baseball, Softball, Track and Boys Golf.

**Friday:** No School – Teacher Professional Day

**Monday:** 1 p.m. 4th Grade Concert Rehearsal, 7 p.m. National Honor Society Installation

**Tuesday:** Black Day, 1 p.m. 4th Grade Concert Rehearsal, 3:30 Right Combination Dance – Miss Kansas, 7 p.m. 4th Grade Concert.

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