

Colby downs women

The Decatur Community High girls basketball team lost 57-49 to the Colby Eagles Friday in Colby, taking the girls' record to 7-8.

"The girls played enough to win, but came up a little short to a good team," Coach Paul Nepodal said. "It was certainly an excellent effort on our team's part."

The Eagles were able to keep just a jump ahead of the Red Devils all night, outscoring them 11-8 in the first quarter and 14-12 in the second to lead 25-20 at the half.

In the third quarter, the Eagles again did just a little bit more than Oberlin with a 15-11 score for a 40-31 lead.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Devils were able to edge the Eagles 18-17.

Scoring for Oberlin were Kortney Stapp, 11; Sarah Ruf, 8; Kelsey Dorshorst and Rena Unger, 7 each; Abby Ream and Jamie Elwood, 6 each; and Lindsay Fortin, 4.



RACING FOR OBERLIN'S BASKET, Abby Ream was pursued by Colby defenders and Devil girls during a basketball game in Colby on Friday.

— Herald photo by Darrel Pattillo

Leading rebounders for the Devils were Ruf, Stapp and Dorshorst with six each.

Besides the main game, the girls played three junior varsity games, losing 54-24, 34-32 and 64-29.

Scoring in the first game were Kaitlyn Stapp, 13; Christa Hardy, 7;

Leah Marietta, 3; and Lora Marietta, 1.

Scoring in the second game were: Lydia Karnopp, 11; Hardy, 8; Kaitlyn Stapp, 5; Leah Marietta, 2; and Lora Marietta and Megan Barrett, 2 each.

Scoring in the third game were:

Kerrie Olson, 8; Karnopp and Leah Marietta, 6 each; Hardy, 4; Kelly Olson and Danica May, 2 each; and Lora Marietta, 1.

The girls were to play Norton at home on Tuesday and Atwood on Friday, with games starting at 6:30 p.m.

Turnovers give Red Devils fits in loss to Colby

The Decatur Community High boys dropped their record to 9-6 with a 78-63 loss to Colby on Friday.

Turnovers were the key to the Colby victory, Oberlin Coach Dick Ahlberg said.

"You cannot turn the ball over 27 times and beat anybody, let alone a good club like Colby," he said. "Our defense was terrible. We shot 50 percent and lost by double figures. Colby makes 25 free throws and we shoot 15."

Oberlin also had a terrible first quarter, scoring only 5 points to Colby's 18.

By the second quarter, the Devils were doing better and edged the Eagles 19-18 but that still meant that they were behind 36-24 at the half.

In the third quarter, Oberlin worked hard and outscored Colby 17-13 but in the fourth quarter, the

Eagles, still ahead, outgunned the Devils 29-22.

Scoring for the Devils were Ryan Ruf, 28 points; Egan Grafel, 20; Kyle Inman, 12; and Matt Mondero, 3.

Grafel led the rebounds with 15, followed by Inman, six; Lance Fortin, Ruf and Mondero, four each; and Chase McKittrick, three.

Mondero led the assists with five while Ruf had four and Inman, McKittrick and Grafel came in with one each.

Ruf had three steals while Inman and McKittrick each had one.

Oberlin suffered 27 turnovers to Colby's nine but had 36 rebounds to Colby's 30.

The Red Devils were to play host to Norton on Tuesday and will welcome Hoxie to town for Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

The boys' games should start about 8 p.m.

Coyotes howl in 73-51 road victory

The Jennings High boys basketball team lost to Grinnell on Tuesday but came back to beat Sharon Springs on Friday.

On Tuesday, the Grinnell Warriors took home a 72-59 victory.

The game was close until the last quarter, when the Warriors ran away with the victory.

Grinnell took a one-point lead, outscoring the Coyotes 17-16 in the first quarter. In the second, Jennings responded by outscoring their visitors 18-14 to take a 34-31 lead into the half.

In the third quarter, Grinnell again went ahead by a point, outscoring the home team 18-14 for a 49-48 edge.

Fouls were hard on the Coyotes in the fourth quarter, as the Warriors

took 13 charity shots and hit with nine of them. Jennings had seven free-throw opportunities and sank five.

Worse than fouls, however, was the home team's inability to score field goals. While the Warriors put seven baskets up, including a three pointer, Jennings was only able to sink three for a 23-11 quarter.

Scoring were Jerry Lahnanen, 24 points; Jess Bryant and Grant Bailey, 11 each; Ryan Miller, 8; Adam Wahlmeier, 3; and Brett McKenna, 2.

Lahnanen was the chief rebounder with seven, followed by Miller, five; Wahlmeier and Bryant, two each; and McKenna and Bailey, one each.

On Friday, the Coyotes were the

ones on the road and the ones with the win, as they beat Sharon Springs 73-51.

The game was close for the first half, as Jennings took a two-point lead of 14-12 at the end of one quarter and the Wildcats came back in the second to tie the score at 36.

In the third quarter, the Coyotes pulled ahead, outscoring the 'Cats 19-11 as Bailey hit a pair of three pointers.

In the fourth quarter, Sharon Springs dropped out of the game, hitting only one three-point basket and a free throw for 4 points while the Coyotes sunk four baskets for 7 points and 10 out of 12 free-throw opportunities to outscore the home team 18-4.

Scoring were R. Miller, 26 in-

cluding four three pointers and four out of four at the free-throw line; Bailey, 18 with eight out of 12 at the free-throw line; Lahnanen, 9 with three out of four free throws; Adam Miller, 8; McKenna, 4; Wahlmeier and Bryant, 3 each; and Andy Coiner, 2, both free throws.

Top rebounder was Bryant with 10, followed by Lahnanen, nine; Bailey, eight; R. Miller, five; A. Miller, three; Wahlmeier, two; and McKenna, Coiner, Kyle Kinser and Tyler Bolt, one each.

The Coyotes now have a 9-6 record.

Tuesday, the Palco Roosters were to be in town, and on Friday, the team was to be in Grainfield to take on the Wheatland Shockers at 8 p.m.

Bowling

DAYTIMERS

Bridges Insurance, 15-9; Pauls, 14-10; Family Lumber, 13.5-10.5; Music Lab, 13-11; Beauty Boutique, 10.5-13.5.

Judy Cathcart - 201, 245, 476, 652.

Jill Reichert - 181, 224, 475, 604.

Family Lumber - 638, 826, 1722, 2286.

HIGH PLAINS BOWLING

NAPA, 22-13; Pizza Hut, 19-16; Warren Bainter CPA, 19-11 (incomplete); Decatur Co-op, 17-18; 2B Creative, 15-15 (incomplete); R&M Service, 4-12.

Men: High scratch game, Karol Evans - 241; series, Karol Evans - 769. High handicap game, Mike Robinson; series, Karol Evans - 857.

Women: High scratch game, Carol Kingery - 141; series, Carol Kingery - 422. High handicap game, Carol Kingery - 213; series, Carol Kingery - 710.

High team game, Co-op - 891; series, Co-op - 3334.

METRO

Fredrickson Ins., 17-8;

Hartman Telephone, 16-9; Reliance Body Shop, 13-12; W&L Pumping, 12-13; Bob's Plumbing, 12-13; AGVantage Seeds, 11-14; Baker-Petrolite, 11-14; UNWF Credit Union, 8-17.

Wayne Hackey - 216.

Karol Evans - 208, 225.

PINETTE

Raye's Grocery, 16.5-7.5, 51762; Gassy Little Bears, 15-9, 52192; Re-Load, 15-9, 51269; Flowers by Lee, 14.5-9.5, 50946; Hair Gallery, 13-11, 51467; Trash-R-Us, 10-14, 51287; Log Cabin, 7-17, 51218; NWKS Organ Donors, 2-6, 42064 (blind).

High score: Rose Riffle - 209.

NORTHWEST KANSAS WOMEN'S TRAVEL LEAGUE

Colby Bowl, 36-12; Centennial Bowl, 32-16; Goodland Bowladium, 30-18; Goodland Budweiser, 28-20; Atwood Bowl, 22-26; Hoxie-Western Times, 20-28; Cheyenne Bowl-St. Francis, 19-29.

Jennings girls fall hard in three straight games

After a devastating loss to Greeley County, the Jennings High girls basketball team fell to Grinnell and Sharon Springs last week.

The Greeley County Jackrabbits roared into town on Jan. 31 and swept up a 107-13 victory.

Scoring were Courtney Gillespie, 4; Elise Kinser, 3; and Sara Kier, Peggy Foster and Adrienne Vacura, 2 each.

Tiffany Wheeler, Kinser, Kier, Vacura, Gillespie and Foster each had a rebound. Wheeler had a pair of steals and Christina Coiner had one. Kinser got two assists and

Coiner, one.

After that game, Tuesday's 57-29 loss to the Grinnell Warriors at home didn't seem so bad.

Scoring were Gillespie, 10; Wheeler and Vacura, 6 each; Coiner, Kinser and Foster, 2 each; and Kier, 1.

Vacura led the rebounds with 10, followed by Gillespie, eight, and Kinser and Foster, five each.

Kier had a pair of steals while Foster, Katie Randolph and Wheeler had one each. Coiner, Kier and Randolph each had an assist.

Kinser and Gillespie were both

two for two at the free-throw line.

On Friday, the girls traveled to Sharon Springs to take on Wallace County and fell 74-36 at the hands of the Wildcats.

"After a rough first quarter, the girls' confidence seemed to gradually improve," Coach Cheri Brooks said. "They started taking a lot more shots and handled the ball better."

Scoring were Kinser, 12; Gillespie, 8; Nakita Graf, Vacura and Randolph, 4 each; and Coiner and Foster, 2 each.

Kinser led in rebounds with four while Foster had three and Gilles-

pie, and Vacura and Kier had two each.

In junior varsity play, Grinnell outscored Jennings 19-11 in two quarters of play and Jennings downed Sharon Springs 16-14.

Scoring against Grinnell were Kinser, 3, and Kier, Foster, Vacura and Gillespie, 2 each.

Scoring against Sharon Springs were Gillespie, 7; Vacura, 5; and Kier and Kinser, 2 each.

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Beavers get by Healy, but lose game Friday

The Healy High Eagles fell to the Herndon Beavers 81-78 in boys basketball play on Tuesday, but the Beavers lost to Eastern Heights 63-59 on Friday.

It was a fast, hard game on Tuesday, with Healy taking an early 19-11 lead at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, the Eagles' big man, Mark Johnson, led the team to a 43-24 lead over the Beavers at the half.

In the third quarter, though, Herndon was able to corral the big man, keeping him and Healy's other top scorer, Clint Johnson, to three baskets between them. Holding the Eagles to 12 points in the third quarter, Herndon came on fast with 29, mostly on the strength of three-point shots — seven of them.

Both teams played well in the fourth quarter but Herndon, who at the end of three was behind 55-53, played better and was able to score 28 to Healy's 23.

Scoring were Lance Basgall, 37; Brett Chambers, 16; Jeff Riener, 11;

Ben Marintzer, 6; Daron Chamber, 5; Chris Brown, 4; and Dan Riener, 2.

Basgall, J. Riener and B. Chambers each hit three three-point shots and D. Chambers put up one. The Beavers were 23 for 29 at the free-throw line while giving the Eagles only 18 chances, of which they made nine.

Friday, the game was tight from the jump off to the last basket. Eastern Heights and Herndon were tied at 14 at the end of the first quarter and Herndon was ahead 30-28 at the half. In the third quarter, each team scored 16, but in the fourth, the Mustangs were able to outscore the Beavers 19-13 for the victory.

Scoring were Marintzer, 20; Basgall, 12; J. Riener, 10; D. Riener, 8; B. Chambers, 5; Brown and D. Chambers, 2

The Beavers were to play Eastern Heights in Herndon on Friday and Triplains in Winona on Tuesday. Friday, the Beavers will welcome the Kensington Goldbugs for a 5:30 p.m. start.

Freshmen win, lose

The Decatur Community High freshman boys basketball team fell to Goodland in overtime on Jan. 31, then beat Colby 56-38 on Friday.

The freshmen had a close game in Goodland and ended with a 68-68 tie before losing in overtime.

The game ended with the Cowboys ahead 75-70.

"It was really an exciting game," Coach Keith Grafel said. "We got in some serious foul trouble, but our bench players did a nice job of helping us stay in the game."

"These are fun games to play; even though we didn't win, everyone felt we played hard and had a great game. We just need to do a better job of playing defense without fouling."

Scoring were Jason Thomas, 25; Jesse Juenemann, 19; Josh Fortin, 12; Andy Inman, 10; and Brent Stallman, 4. Thomas had four three pointers and Inman had one.

The freshmen took their record

to 5-3 on Friday as they beat the Colby Eagles.

Oberlin started off hot and the Eagles cold, as the Devils lead 18-4 in the first quarter. The second and third quarters were more of the same and at the end of three, the Devils led 40-13. In the fourth quarter the Eagles took over and scored 25 points while Oberlin only had 16, most of them free throws.

"We played very well," Coach Grafel said. "We shot the ball well early, and our defense only allowed them one shot a lot of the time."

"It was a nice team effort, and at times, we played our best game of the year. We have some real tough freshman games coming up, so this should help us with our confidence. This was a nice win for us."

Scoring were Inman, 17; Fortin and Juenemann, 10 each; Thomas, 9; Teryn Grafel, 8; and Zeke Ruzicka, 2.

Inman had a three pointer.

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