

Wrestling fans turn out for college, high school

By JAY KELLEY
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More than 800 area wrestling fans turned out to see Colby Community College and Colby High School wrestlers take on opponents in simultaneous duals at the Colby Community Building on Thursday.
The high school Eagles beat St.

Francis 45-21 and the college Trojans beat Labette (Parsons) 32-9.
Hoxie and Oberlin were also well-represented, with fans on hand to cheer on Trojans Derek Jones and Bryan Miller.
Jones, a former Hoxie standout, got a 16-0 technical fall on Labette's Greg Smith. Miller, a state champion from

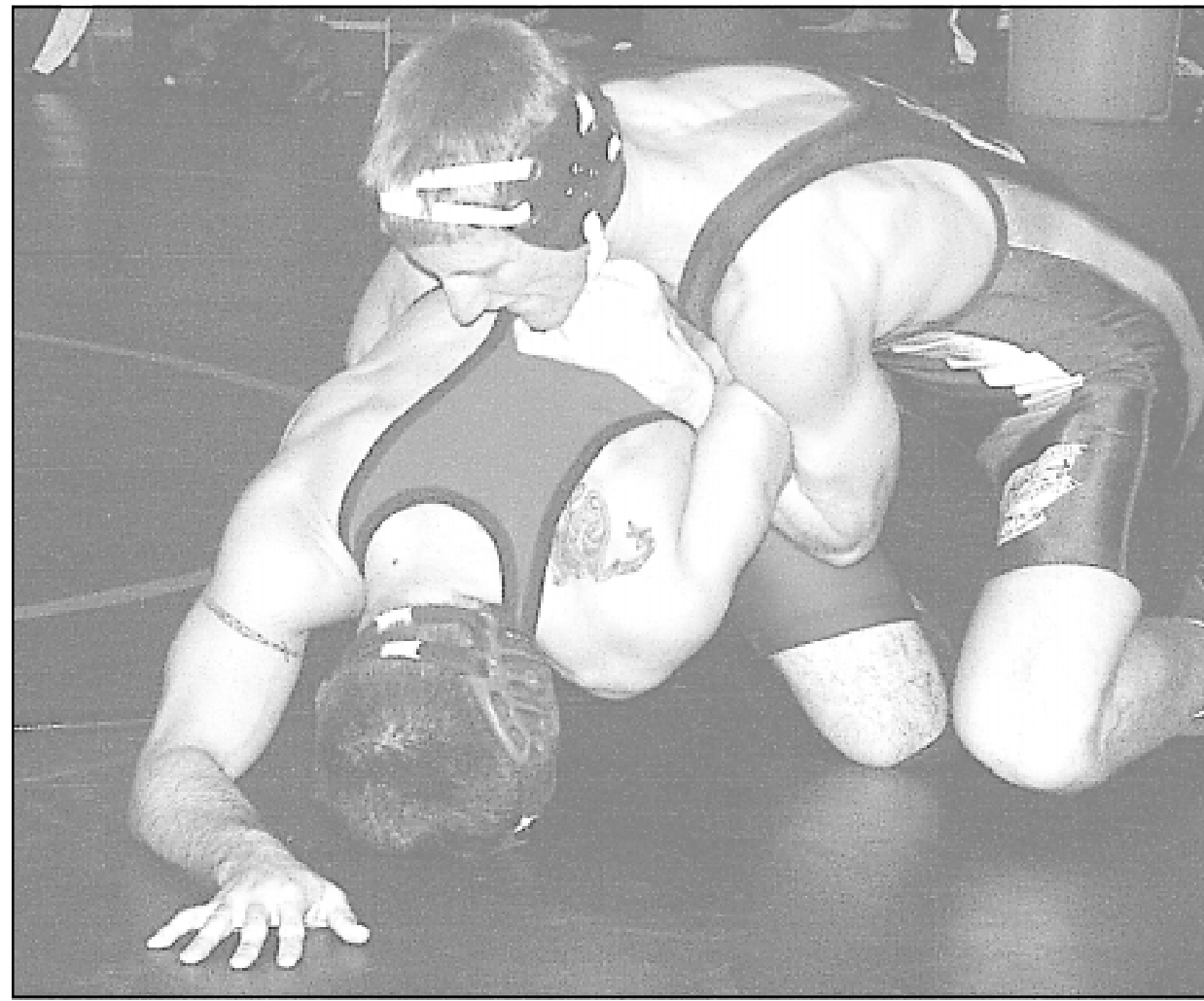
Oberlin, pinned Scotty Steingreber in 47 seconds.
The Eagles got off to a 36-0 start and got some good matches late to put St. Francis away.
The Trojans started at 165 pounds and were tied 6-6 when a pin at 285, along with two technical falls and a pin at the lower weights sealed the win.

Trojans dismantle Parsons 32-9

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The Colby Community College Trojan wrestling team started slow, but picked up steam as they beat Labette Community College (Parsons) 32-9 at the Colby Community Building Thursday night.
The Trojans started at the 165-pound class, with Toribio Lujan falling 7-5 in one overtime. He led 5-4 at the end of two, but riding time tied the match. Labette's Dan Peterson scored midway through the overtime to win.
At 174, Jim Latoski beat Aaron Meister 2-0 to put the Trojans on the board.
Colby went ahead of Labette on an

excited 10-7 finish by Rafael Ruiz at 184. Ruiz was ahead 6-5 with about 30 seconds left when Tylor Shearburn took him down. Ruiz escaped and took Shearburn down to regain the lead.
Labette's Jalon Crowley evened the team score at six with a 9-6 win over Shannon Ford at 197.
Derek Daugherty put the Trojans ahead with a big pin at 285. Daugherty's win was the first of five that sealed Labette's fate.
Next came Hoxie native Derek Jones at 125, who put on an exhibition with a 16-0 technical fall over Greg Smith.
Bryan Miller's pin of Scotty Steingreber came in just 47 seconds,

almost too fast for the many Oberlin fans who had come to see their man wrestle at 133.
Colby's Matt Murray was in top form at 141 as he dominated Tommy Cortez with a 17-1 technical fall.
David Nordhues, at 149, caught fire in round three, after leading 5-2 and 8-5 at the end of the first two. He beat Ryan Phillips 19-5 for a major decision and the team score was 32-6 Colby.
Labette took the final match as Josh Bain beat Antonio Sepulveda 8-2 at 157-pounds.
The Trojans are at the University of Kearney Open in Kearney, Neb. this weekend, where they will face many of the Labette team again.



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Wrestling fans were treated to a double meet as the Colby Community College Trojans beat Labette County 32-9 and the Colby High School Eagles beat St. Francis 45-21 at the Colby Community Building Thursday night. **ABOVE:** Trojan, and former Eagle, Matt Murray beat his opponent 17-1 at 141-pounds. **BELOW:** Eagle Justin Bell worked for a pin, but had to settle for a 7-1 decision at 135-pounds.

Eagles get 45-21 win over Indians

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The Colby High School Eagle wrestling team jumped out to a 36-0 lead on the way to a 45-21 win over St. Francis in a dual at the Colby Community Building on Thursday.
St. Francis gave up 12 points with open spots at 112 and 140.
The Eagles opened with a 28 second pin by Travis Powell at 103-pounds. Travis Button followed at 119 with an 11-4 win. Scottie Lindberg pinned his opponent at 125 with 1:12 remaining in the second period.
Eric Luedke pinned his man at 130 in just over a minute. Justin Bell, at

135, earned a 7-1 decision.
The 145-pound class saw Eagle Schuyler Sharpe, ranked sixth in the coaches' poll, take on no. 3 Ryan Sweygard. Sharpe was down 2-0 at the end of one and at the end of three rounds of tough wrestling, the score stood for Colby's first loss.
Ross Wright, at 152, was pinned in the first round, cutting the Eagle team lead to 36-9.
Tucker Olsen was next, at 160. He led a tough match 2-1 at the end of one period and 3-1 at the end of two. The match was tied at 7 points when time sounded and Indian Ty Long got a takedown in the sudden victory over-

time for a 9-7 win.
Rusty Raymo wrestled his opponent to a 0-0 tie at the end of two periods, but fell 3-1 at the end of three.
Theo Kleinsorge lost by fall at the end of the third period at 189. The dual score was 39-21 Eagles, and though the Indians couldn't catch Colby, the next two weights sealed the Colby win.
Brent Diebert won at 215, leading 2-0, 4-1 and 6-1 at the end of each period. Eric Seemann was winning 3-1 when he pinned Travis Hilt with 54 seconds left in the second period.
The Eagles are at home for the Colby Eagle/Comfort Inn Invitational Tournament today and Saturday.



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