

Annual classic starts Thursday

By JAY KELLEY

Colby Free Press
The 17th Annual Orange & Black Classic starts Thursday at the Colby Community Building and Colby High School gym and the competition in this year's basketball tournament is again tough. For brackets, with game times and locations, see pages 4 and 5.

Dwight Briney Computer Services will again be posting the latest tournament information on the web at www.bstats.com/colby and the *Colby Free Press* will offer updates of results. The host Lady Eagles are the no. 1 seed in the girls bracket. Colby is 7-2

and on a six game win streak that includes McCook and Goodland, both teams in the tournament.

The Wichita South girls, Colby's first opponent, are 0-6 in the tough Wichita City League.

Goodland is 5-3 and will open against a 2-6 Ulysses team with a new coach. The Lady Tigers are improving, though and could surprise someone.

Scott City, also 7-2, will open against Beloit, at 3-6, and McCook, Neb. will open against Liberal, who is 4-4.

The top teams in the boys' bracket is Beloit, ranked sixth in the Kansas Coaches poll and first in the Salina Journal poll in Class

3A. They will open against the 2-6 Lib-

eral Redskins.

McCook, Neb., now 12-1, is the second ranked team. Their wins include the Colby Eagles at the Community Building two weeks ago and they will open against the 3-5 Goodland Cowboys.

Ulysses, at 4-4, will open against a 1-5 Wichita South team. Ulysses is a young team, looking for their chemistry. Wichita South's record is deceptive, as their losses include a 57-56 loss to no. 3 Wichita North.

Scott City and Colby make up the remaining teams. Both are rebuilding this year, but can't be discounted.



Wrestlers win against Norton, Atwood

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The Colby High School Eagle wrestling team got two dual wins Tuesday night, 45-18 against Atwood and a tough 28-27 match against the Norton Bluejays in Atwood.

The varsity wrestlers will be at the Beloit Invitational Tournament on Friday and Saturday.

Colby 28, Norton 27
Colby, ranked no. 8 in the current Class 4A coaches' poll, faced the no. 3 Norton Bluejays and jumped out to a 25-0 team lead with five straight wins. The other three team points came at 160 pounds, when Tucker Olsen won

an 8-2 decision.

Travis Powell, Scottie Lindberg and Eric Luedke won their matches by fall. Powell wrestles at 103, Lindberg at 125 and Luedke is ranked no. 1 in the coaches poll at 130.

Danny Mainus, ranked first at 112, scored a 12-0 major decision on the no. 6 wrestler, Brett McChesney.

Jesse Tibbles rounded out the scoring with an 8-7 decision at 119 pounds. Schuyler Sharpe lost a 5-1 decision

against Norton's no. 1 ranked Eric Johnson and Tanner McClure lost by fall to Jon Hausserman, also ranked no. 1 at 160 pounds.

Justin Bell lost a 6-2 decision at 135. Drue Herl lost 6-2 at 145. Rusty Raymo lost a 5-2 decision at 152. Theo Kleinsorge lost an 11-4 decision at 189. Brent Deibert lost a 4-2 decision at 215 and Eric Seemann lost a 5-2 decision at 275.

Colby 45, Atwood 18
The Eagles took several open

matches, putting them in the driver's seat from the beginning. Mainus, Tibbles and Luedke all received forfeits at 112, 119 and 130 respectively.

Powell, at 103, and John Wark at 135 each won their matches by pins, again giving Colby five straight wins.

Herl also gave the Eagles pin points at 145, as did Cubby Haremza at 215. Rusty Raymo added win points to the Colby total with a 7-6 overtime win at 152. Bell lost 4-0 at 135. Sharpe lost 8-7 at 140. Olsen lost 8-2 at 160. Kleinsorge lost 6-0 at 171.

Deibert lost 7-2 to Tanner Schmidt, ranked sixth in Class 3-2-1A, at 189. Seemann lost 5-1 at 275.



Jayvee earn medals in Hays

HAYS — The Colby High School junior varsity wrestlers earned three medals at the Hays Junior Prairie Classic on Saturday.

John Wark went 4-0 for first place at 119 pounds. Daniel Tibbles went 1-1 for second place at 103 pounds. Theo Kleinsorge went 4-1 for third place at 171 pounds.

"The junior varsity wrestled much better than they did before Christmas," said coach Mitch Beims. "They are showing lots of promise."

Here are the other results:

- 112 — Nolan Hull, 1-2; Bryce Clark, 1-2; Doug Hurtt, 2-2.
- 119 — Josh Cervosky, 2-2; Jeff Weiss, 0-2.
- 125 — Shane Waterman, 2-2; Ben Jurek, 0-2; Adam Horinek, 2-2.
- 152 — Chris Hubert, 2-2; Tanner McClure, 1-2; Ross Wright, 3-2.
- 160 — Simon Roesch, 0-2.
- 171 — Jason Erickson, 2-2; Aaron Schriener, 1-2.
- 215 — Cubby Haremza, 0-2.

Prep Scores

Boys	Girls
Norton 71, Ellis 61	Herndon vs. Kensington (n)
Oberlin 72, Republican Valley, Neb. 43	Dundy County, Neb. 64, Quinter 48
Cambridge, Neb. 65, Atwood 45	Oberlin 58, Cambridge, Neb. 52
Hoxie 85, Dundy County, Neb. 62	Atwood 57, Hoxie 49
Quinter 67, St. Francis 53	Republican Valley, Neb. 53, St. Francis 43
Oakley 61, Ransom 49	Oakley vs. Dighton (n)
Grinnell 75, Triplains 37	Grinnell 64, Triplains 44

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Golden Plains High School's Niki Spesser had her hands full as she drove for the basket against Sharon Springs in the Colby Community Building Saturday. The Golden Plains girls came up short in the 68-48 contest and will host Triplains in Rexford Friday night at 6:30 p.m.

Local racers honored

PHILLIPSBURG — Local motocrossers were honored at the Cornhusker Motocross Association banquet in Phillipsburg recently.

Zach Luedke placed second in the 125B class. Ben Jurek placed first in the 85A class in both spring and summer series.

Eric Jurek placed first in 85C in the spring and fourth in 85B in the summer. Austin Green was first in the summer series and fifth in the spring series at 85C.

Trent Mazanec, Frank Jurek and David Green were also honored for participation. The circuit has six tracks and next season's racing will begin again in March.

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