

Brewster girls down Ransom

The Lady Bulldogs of Brewster High School improved to 3-5 with a 54-41 win over the Ransom Lady Longhorns at Brewster on Friday night.

Brewster led only 14-12 after the first period, but a 13-5 run in the second put the Lady 'Dawgs up 27-17 at the half. It was a lead Brewster would never relinquish.

Ransom managed a 14-13 third quarter, but it wasn't enough as Brewster's girls outscored the Lady Longhorns 14-10 in the fourth quarter to seal the win.

Sara Luckert continued her lead in scoring for Brewster with 25 points. Luckert also had 12 rebounds and two steals.

Luckert averages 17.5 points and 8.8 rebounds per game.

Alicia Collett was next with 15 points and a team leading 16 rebounds. Collett leads the Lady 'Dawgs in boards for the season, averaging 11.5 per game.

She also averages 14 points per game. She also had two steals and an assist.

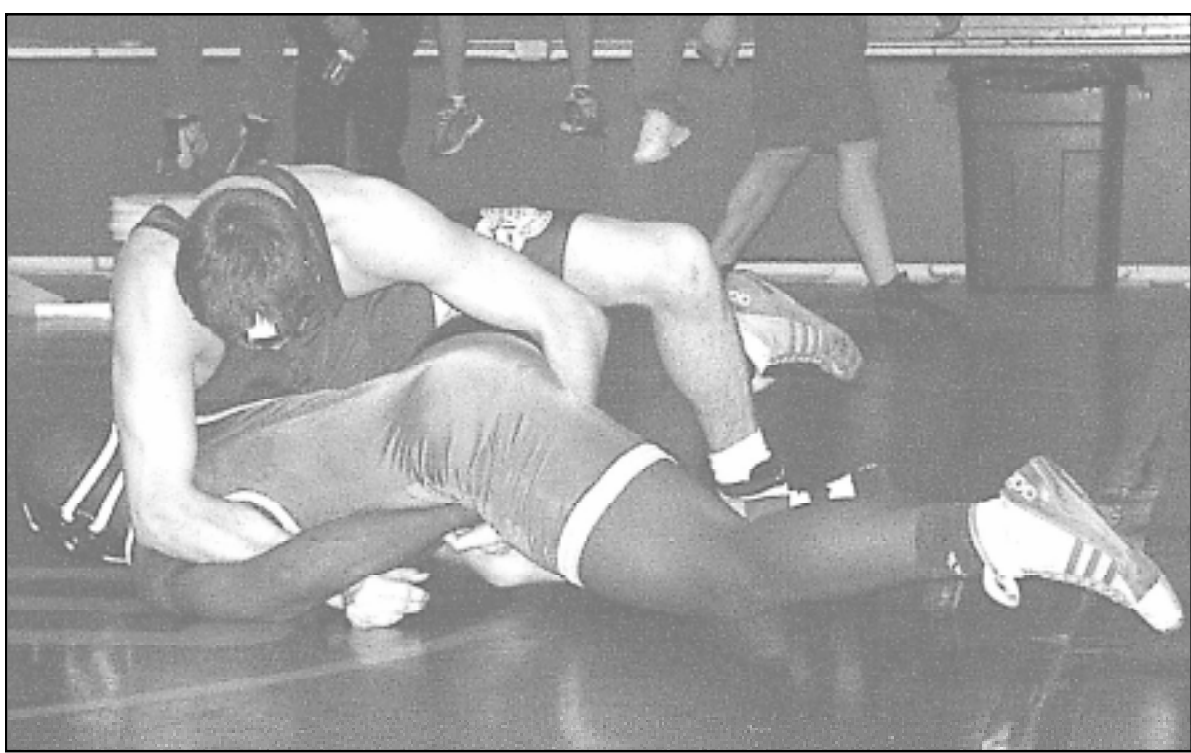
Miranda Starns had six points and two assists. Christi Somers and Jill Beiser had three points each.

Beiser had two steals and six assists while Somers had a steal and an assist.

Amber Fulwider had two points, a steal and an assist in the effort.

Brewster shot 41 percent and held Ransom to 28 overall shooting.

Brewster plays at home today in the Western Kansas Liberty League tournament, facing Grinnell at 3 p.m.



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Adam Koster worked on another win enroute to a 5-0 record and 165 pound championship in the Colby Community College Tournament of Champions on Saturday. Koster, a Hoxie native, is the no. 6 ranked wrestler in the nation.

Trojans third in home tournament

The Colby Community College Trojans managed a third place team finish against some stiff competition at the Community Building this weekend.

Colby had 66 points, just two points behind Lassen (Susanville, Calif.) the fourth-ranked team in the nation.

Labette County, a Jayhawk conference team from Parsons, was the overall winner with 75 1/2 points.

"Brandon Lehman and Adam Koster both looked outstanding," said Steve Lampe, Trojan wrestling coach.

Lampe added that he was pleased with the team's performance, but there were areas of technique and consistency that needed work.

Both Lehman and Koster were champions in their divisions.

Lehman defeated Brandon Jobe

of Labette with a 15-5 major decision at 141.

Koster, a Hoxie native currently ranked no. 6 nationally at 165, pinned Rob Picher of Ellsworth Community College (Iowa Falls, Ia.)

Second place at 197 went to Jack Dennis, an Oakley native ranked fourth nationally. Dennis lost to Lassen's Richard Pauluikonas 13-7. Pauluikonas is the no. 2 ranked wrestler in the country and two-time olympian, competing in freestyle in 1996 and 2000.

Lampe said, "(Jack Dennis) gave a valiant effort against a two-time olympian in the championship finals."

Two Trojans also took third. Ben Duell beat Ellsworth's Brian Dennis at 125. Ellsworth is in Iowa Falls, Ia. Duell went 3-1 in the tournament.

Derek Jones downed Keith Eimer of Lincoln (Ill.) 13-6 in the third place

match at 133. Jones also went 3-1.

Gabe Jenkins went 2-2 at 149, falling to Matt Philippi of Ridgewater (Minn.) in the fourth round.

Philippi ended the tournament in fourth place.

Barry Samuelson went 1-2 at 157, dropping out with a loss to Lassen's Al Daniels in the third round.

Duke Oursler went 0-2 after a bye in the first round at 174.

He was knocked out of contention in the third round by Dallas O'Brien of Ellsworth.

Rafael Ruiz went 1-2 at 184, losing 11-8 to Adam Janeczek of Labette in the third round.

Justin Helus, wrestling at 285, went 0-2, falling 8-0 to Nathan Welsh of Lincoln in the second round.

The Trojans' next match is the Bluejay open in Worthington, Minn. on Jan. 19-20.

Golden Plains' boys struggle in Weskan

Golden Plains fell to Weskan 76-53 in a Western Kansas Liberty League game on Friday night in Weskan.

The Bulldogs trailed by only one point at the quarter and trailed 33-24 at half-time.

The seventh ranked Coyotes extended their lead in the second half to put away the Bulldogs.

Josh Miller led the Bulldogs with 19 points. Brady Dible and Matt Juenemann had 10 each. Juenemann had 10 rebounds for a double double.



Miller had five rebounds and Dible had three. Lee Albers had seven points and nine rebounds. Chris Broeckelman had four points had three rebounds. Heath Albers had three points and a rebound.

Matt Gould had five rebound and Brandon Offutt had one.

The Bulldogs are in Brewster today at 4:30 p.m., playing Grinnell in the league tournament.

Colby C-team shows 'improvement' in win

The Colby High School C-team overpowered the Goodland Cowboys 67-40 in Goodland on Friday night.

The Colby victory came on the strength of 39 rebounds, including 20 offensive boards. Coach Jack Elliott said the Eagles' 16 turnovers were a "good improvement."

"We had a great first half, but were a little sluggish in the second half," said Elliott.

Chris Gordon had 14 points, five rebounds and one assist. Brian Sulzmann had 13 points, two rebounds and a team high six assists. Josh Houtz had 13 points, four boards and one assist.

Travis Fromholt had eight points and five rebounds.

Shane Stover had seven points, a



team high 12 rebounds and three assists. Josh Cox and Bruce Arnberger had four points each. Cox had one rebound while Arnberger had five rebounds and an assist.

Tyson Reed and Clay Webb had two points and two rebounds each.

Tony Brown had a rebound and Jerad Helin also saw court time.

The C-team Eagles will be in McCook tonight for a game starting at 4:30 p.m.

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Conference play starts; teams are 1-0

Colby Community College basketball is off to the right start! Both our men and women opened conference play with wins.

Our ladies improved to 11-4 and we improved to 10-5. It wasn't pretty but both teams are 1-0 in Jayhawk Western Conference play! Your next chance to see the teams play is on Jan. 15 as we both host nationally ranked teams from Seward County. Get there early and bring your yelling voices.

Cloud County may have deserved to beat us. They led by nine at the half and clearly outplayed us for 30 minutes. We were fortunate to outplay them for about 10 crucial minutes and it was enough to get the victory.

After shaking off three weeks of rust in the first half we played much better in the second half. We played harder and more unselfish. I thought in the



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• Brian Ostermann

first half each guy tried to do a little to much on their own offensively.

Our defense was more aggressive in the second half and I believe our pressure wore them down a little. Despite a very poor shooting night we found a way to win. That's a credit to the guys for doing whatever it takes to win.

The other thing is that we were simply more talented than Cloud. Now it's onto a very solid Pratt team (12-2).

Our next conference home game will be at the community building

Monday, Jan. 15. The women play at 6 p.m. with the men to follow. The ladies take on first-ranked Seward County and we play the Seward men who are currently ranked no. 6 in the nation! Should be two great games! Let's see if we can pack the gym!

Jottings

• Three Jayhawk West teams are currently ranked in the top 25. Barton County is no. 21, Seward County no. 6, and Garden City no. 13.

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