

Trojans beat Buffs in last seconds

Billy Williams' basket with just over 20 seconds left lifted the Trojans over visiting Garden City 77-76 at the Colby Community Building Sunday.

Colby trailed 47-38 at half-time, but quickly erased the deficit with a 10-2 spurt in the first 3 minutes of the second half.

Colby led by four, the largest lead of the second half, with 2:10 left, but Garden City rallied to take a one point lead with 40 seconds left.

Eric Fowlkes' drive and dish to Billy Williams gave the Trojans the lead for good. Garden City's Rolando Todd attempted a running 12-footer, but it came off and Detric Spooner grabbed the rebound with 3.3 seconds left and was fouled.

After two misses at the stripe by

Spooner, Williams came up with another big play as he stole the inbounds pass and the buzzer sounded.



points.

Billy Williams had nine points. Mike Walters had four points. Brent Brooks had three.

Colby is now 14-5 overall and 3-2 in Jayhawk West Conference action. The Trojans travel to El Dorado Wednesday to face defending conference champion Butler County at 8 p.m.

Ladies get first win in conference season

The Colby Lady Trojans won their first league game of the season by defeating Garden City 67-62 at the Colby Community Building Sunday.

The Lady Trojans trailed 32-24 at halftime but erupted for 43 second half points shooting 63 percent from the floor. The Lady Trojans also outrebounded Garden City 28-18.

Serra Sanger led the Lady Trojans with 28 points and 10 rebounds. Irem Akman had 15 points and Alex

Kwiecinska led the team with five assists. She also had seven points and six rebounds.

Kim Desmond had six points. Amanda Ansel had five. Andrea Stephens had four and Ashley Stull had two.

Colby is now 7-12 overall and 1-4 in Jayhawk West play.

They travel to El Dorado on Wednesday to play Butler County. Game time is 6 p.m.

Coffeyville still unbeaten; Dodge City surprising 5-0

COFFEYVILLE — Steve Smith scored a game-best 24 points and got plenty of support from his teammates as Coffeyville stayed unbeaten in Jayhawk Community College Conference Eastern Division play Saturday night.

The Red Ravens crushed Allen County 98-69, to move their East-leading record to 5-0. Coffeyville is 16-1 in all games.

In other East games, Cowley County edged Fort Scott 92-88, Highland beat Independence 70-64, Johnson County beat Kansas City 71-57, and Neosho County beat Labette 93-65.

In the West, surprising Dodge City, which was the coaches' choice to finish sixth among nine teams in a pre-season poll, defeated Pratt, 98-69, to boost its conference record to 5-0. Elsewhere in the West, Barton County defeated Butler County 86-75, Dodge City beat Pratt 69-61, Seward County dismissed Cloud County 76-61, and Colby edged Garden City 77-76.

Coffeyville jumped on top of Allen County, taking a 58-37, lead at half-time, and never let up in the second

half.

The Red Ravens shot 65 percent from the field in the first half. They hit 22 of 34 goals, including 6 of 12 3-pointers.

Steve Smith led Coffeyville with 24 points, but the got plenty of help. Devin Smith scored 19 points, Marvin Black 16 and Tommie Eddie 12.

"This team is as deep as any I've had since I have been here," said Coffeyville Coach Jay Herkelman. "We have a lot of options. They're a motivated group. We're in a good position right now, but our players all need to realize that we still have a long way to go."

Dodge City upped its Western Division best record to 5-0 by grabbing a 40-32, lead at the half and finishing with a strong second half.

It was the Conquistadors fifth consecutive win.

"I knew wed be a good team, but I just didn't know how good," said Dodge City Coach Brian Hoberecht. "It's satisfying to be where we are today, but this race is not even close to being finished."



CINDY BAUMAN/Beloit Call

Brent Deibert worked for a pin for the Colby High School wrestling team in the Beloit Invitational Wrestling Tournament this weekend. The Eagles took fifth in the tough tournament.

Time for testing cars

We are at the time of year that a lot of testing is going on at Daytona. So far this week, the Chevy and Dodges are the fastest at Daytona.

Everham Motorsports' #19 Dodge, driven by new driver Jeremy Mayfield, had the fastest Dodge, and (Mikey) Michael Waltrip in the #15 DEI NAPA Chevy is the fastest of the General's steeds so far. The speeds that were posted at this testing session were in the 181-182 mph range for both Dodges and Chevies.

The Ford camp was not fairing as well, and there were a lot of conversations concerning the Fords' performances at Daytona.

I did not read or hear them, but I'm sure that words like 'aerodynamic package,' and 'need more front down force were flying around like crazy.'

I'm also certain the Ford camp was bending the officials ears real well concerning the difference in lap times as compared to the other manufactures cars.

There is a new aero package this year for all of the cars on super speedways. I have been trying to find information on this but at this present moment, I'm clueless as to what the changes are.

While I'm on the subject of testing, RCR Racing is at Talladega testing the new Busch cars that Dale (Earnhart) Jr. will drive at Daytona and Charlotte this year.

It is a joint venture in between DEI and RCR with the stylized #3 on the side of the cars. (Same size and shape of Big E's car) The car Junior will drive at Daytona will be a blue and white OREO car, and the one for Charlotte will yellow and white, and have 'Nilla Wafers on it.

Dale Jr. said he was looking forward to this joint venture with RCR racing because, while he was growing up, dad was driving for Richard, and that most kids growing up always figure that they

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Don Fosdick

Life in the Fast Lane

will work at the same place as their dad. And that is what makes this so special for him.

The Buzz from the official NASCAR website is that some sort of a memorial to Dale Earnhardt will be unveiled around speed week at Daytona raceway. The only information I have been able to find out is that it is suppose to be somewhere the fans can go to spend time and enjoy. Daytona was Dale's favorite racetrack, and at present, he is the winningest driver, with 30 wins.

As my readers know, Dale Earnhardt, as far as I'm concerned, is one of the best there ever was, and for the future. So this memorial is to cool, and it lets me know that he will not be forgotten.

As always if you made it this far thanks for your time. Stay safe, buckled up, and get up on the wheel, and drive safely.

Don Fosdick is a local guy who loves racing. He writes every Friday and welcomes your input. His e-mail is dfosdick@grapevine.net. We hope you enjoy his take on racing as much as we do.

Eagle wrestlers fifth in tourney

By JAY KELLEY

Colby Free Press

BELOIT — The Colby High School Eagle wrestling team finished fifth among some of the top competition in the state at the Beloit Invitational Wrestling Tournament over the weekend.

"We saw some great competition from all over the state," said coach Mitch Beims. "Tournaments like that will only make us better."

Clay Center took first, Hoxie second, Manhattan third, Abilene fourth, Minneapolis fifth.

Heavyweight Eric Seemann went out with a knee injury during his first match and could not continue. Beims said Seemann's return date was still unknown.

Colby had 97.5 points on with five medalists.

Danny Mainus took second at 112 pounds, earning the team 23.5 points with a 3-2 record.

Schuyler Sharpe took third at 140 with a 4-1 record, earning 16 points.

A fourth place finish and a 4-2 record by Eric Luedke at 130 earned 18 points for the team.

Both Travis Powell and Tucker Olsen earned fifth place medals. Olsen earned 13 team points with a 4-2 record at 160 and Powell earned nine points at 2-2 at 103.

Here are the results with team points earned:
103 - Travis Powell, 5th, 9 points.
112 - Danny Mainus, 2nd, 23.5 points.
119 - Jesse Tibbles, 2-2, 5 points.
125 - John Wark, 1-2, 2 points.

130 - Eric Luedke, 4-2, 4th, 18 points.

135 - Justin Bell, 1-2, 1 point.

140 - Schuyler Sharpe, 4-1, 3rd, 16 points.

145 - Druce Herl, 2-2, 3 points.

152 - Tanner McClure, 0-2.

160 - Tucker Olsen, 4-2, 13 points.

171 - Theo Kleinsorge, 1-2, 1 point.

189 - Open.

215 - Brent Deibert, 2-2, 6 points.

275 - Eric Seemann, 0-2, injured.



Local Schedule

Wednesday, Jan. 23

Colby Community College men's and women's basketball vs. Butler County in Eldorado at 6 and 8 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 24

Colby Middle School 7/8 girls basketall at with WaKeeney and Oakley at Oakley at 4:30 p.m.

Middle school wrestling vs. Oakley at Monument at 4:30 p.m.



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