

Eagle wrestling takes fourth at league meet in Oakley

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OAKLEY — The Colby High School Eagle wrestling team pulled off a fourth place finish, behind Goodland, Hoxie and Oakley, at the Northwest Kansas League wrestling meet Saturday in Oakley.

Tournament championships at 112 by Danny Mainus, 130 by Eric Luedke and 140 by Schuyler Sharpe, a second place finish by Scottie Lindberg at 135 and third place wins by Travis Powell at 103, Tucker Olsen at 160 and Brent Deibert at 215 gave the Eagles 111 points.

The Eagles were open at 189 and at 275, where Eric Seemann is still recovering from a knee injury at Beloit on Jan. 19.

Goodland had 140 points, Hoxie 139, Oakley 129, Atwood 93, Oberlin 82.5, St. Francis 77 and Quinter 14.

"We had some excellent individual performances on Saturday," said coach Mitch Beims. "We still have been unable to put together a total team effort."

The Eagles will wrestle Goodland for the league championship tonight at

6:30 p.m. in Goodland. They are home Friday against Oberlin at the high school gym, again at 6:30 p.m.

"We would appreciate a huge crowd for both matches," said Beims.



103 — Powell went 2-1 after losing his first match to Goodland's Dexter Deeds. He won the consolation final against Hoxie's Farber 2-1 in two overtimes.

112 — Mainus won his first match by fall and beat Blayze Bahe 5-0 in the championship finals.

119 — Jesse Tibbles went 1-2, including a 2-1 win and a heart-breaking 4-2 overtime loss. He did not place.

125 — Travis Button lost two matches and did not place.

130 — Luedke won a 13-4 match in round one and beat Bryce Bahe, Goodland, 3-1 in overtime in the championship round.

135 — Scottie Lindberg went 2-1. His only loss was to Hoxie's Jason Schippers, 1-0 in the finals.

140 — Schuyler Sharpe went 3-0, including a major decision, on his way to the championship.

145 — Drue Herl lost to matches and did not place.

152 — Rusty Raymo lost two matches and did not place.

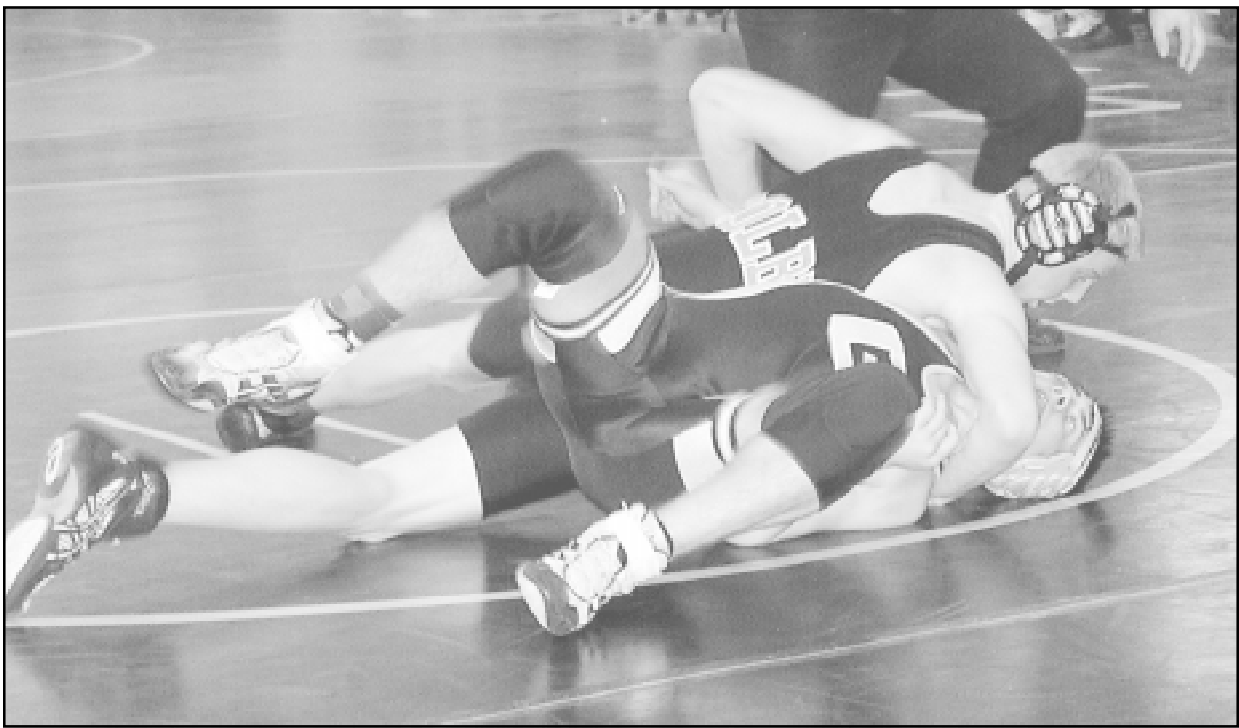
160 — Olsen went 3-1 on his way to third, opening and closing the tournament with pins against Goodland's Linden.

171 — Theo Kleinsorge went 1-2, with a 3-1 win in the second round. He did not place.

189 — Open.

215 — Brent Deibert took third after a first round loss. He won the next two matches, including a 19-4 technical fall in round two.

275 — Open.



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Colby High School Eagle Schuyler Sharpe had his opponent in trouble enroute to a 140-pound championship at the Northwest Kansas League Wrestling Tournament Saturday. The Eagles were fourth and will wrestle Goodland tonight at 6:30 p.m.

Jayvee girls go 1-1 in WaKeeney

WAKEENEY — The Colby High School Lady Eagles junior varsity basketball team went 1-1 in WaKeeney on Saturday to take second in a jayvee basketball tournament.

In the championship game against Phillipsburg, the Eagles held a 20-17 lead at half time, but could not hang on for the victory, losing 35-26.

Desiree Sharp led the team in scoring with 10 points, seven rebounds, three steals and a blocked shot.

Layla Woodall and Marcia Kaus both finished the game with six points.

Woodall had seven rebounds, a steal, an assist and a blocked shot.

Kaus finished the game with one board and one steal.

Tasha Fromholtz added three points

and Shawna Cox scored a point, grabbed four boards and had three steals.

Crystal Mannebach was credited with four boards, a steal and an assist.

Clarissa Unger and MacKayla Dougherty both finished the game with two rebounds.

The Eagles were held to just 6 points in the second half, while Phillipsburg connected for 18.

Colby jayvee's record is now 7-5 on the season. They will play the Garden City jayvee tonight at the elementary gym after the boys' jayvee.

Colby 41, WaKeeney 32

In their first game Colby defeated

WaKeeney 41-32.

Sharp led the way with 18 points, including a buzzer beater from half court to end the third period.

She also recorded three rebounds, four steals and one blocked shot.

Cox added 10 points, three boards and a steal.

Unger finished the game with eight points, 10 rebounds, a steal and an assist.

Kaus had four points and three rebounds. Mannebach scored a point, had a rebound and an assist.

Woodall was credited with three boards and Fromholtz had two rebounds.

Changes coming for football playoffs

SALINA (AP)—A new playoff system in Kansas high school football takes effect this year, adding an additional round of games in all except eight-man competition.

The system approved earlier this month by the executive board of the Kansas State High School Activities Association will allow both a district champion and runner-up to advance in the playoffs.

Classes 6A and 5A will increase from eight playoff teams to 16, with Classes 4A, 3A and 2-1A going from 16 teams to 32.

The change followed two years of study and surveys in which the organization's member schools voted 3-to-1 in favor of the new system.

"The board wrestled with this long and hard," Gary Musselman, the association's executive director told The Salina Journal. "They took into great account the fact that the surveys showed the schools wanted this change. It's obviously an important thing to the schools, and they couldn't disregard that."

Musselman said the details of the new playoff system haven't been worked out, but there will be cross-bracketing to ensure two teams from one district won't face each other in the playoffs until at least the sub-state

championship game.

The other certainty is that district champions will be guaranteed first-round home games, with the runners-up going on the road to play the champion of a neighboring district.

"You have to look at the distances teams are going to have to travel for first-round games, and try to keep them in a close proximity," Musselman said. "But we also wanted to keep the teams from the same district apart until the semifinals."

Still to be determined is when the added playoff game will take place. The KSHSAA handbook states football playoffs must be completed no later than the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving.

Musselman said the executive board doesn't have the power to change that rule, something that can be done only by the Board of Directors, which won't meet again until April.

The proposed plan calls for Classes 4A, 3A and 2-1A to play first-round games on Tuesday, Nov. 5; second-round games on Saturday, Nov. 9; quarterfinals on Friday, Nov. 15; semifinals on Friday, Nov. 22; and the state championship game on Friday, Nov. 29.

Classes 5A and 6A would play first-round games on Friday, Nov. 8;

quarterfinals on Friday, Nov. 15; semifinals on Friday, Nov. 22; and the championship on Friday, Nov. 29.

Musselman said the time sequence could change.

"I'm not going to predict anything, but I would think that the people will look at it and decide to lengthen the process," he said. "Otherwise you would be playing two games in a week, two weeks in a row."

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