

Winning weekend for Eagles, Trojans

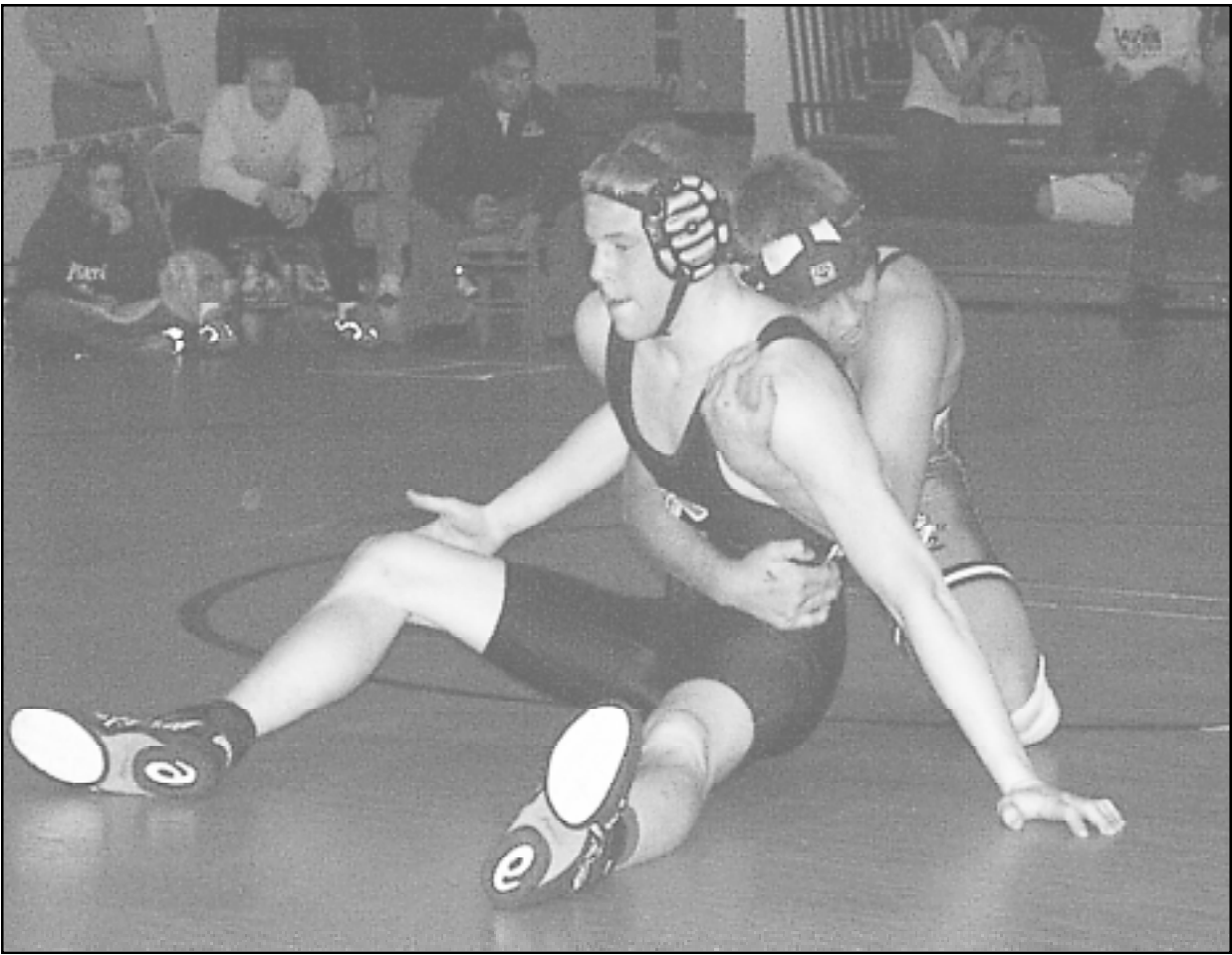
High school wrestlers qualify eight for state

By JAY KELLEY
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LARNED — The Colby High School Eagles took fifth in a western Kansas dominated Class 4A Regional Wrestling Tournament in Larned this weekend.

The Eagles had 133 team points, behind Ulysses with 139. The first three schools were northwestern powerhouses Norton, 186.5, Goodland, 178.5 and Scott City 145.5. Colby placed eight wrestlers in the finals. The Eagles had one first place wrestler, Eric Luedke at 130. Three Eagles took second, Danny Mainus at 112, Schuyler Sharpe at 140 and Eric Seemann at 275. Colby wrestlers earned two third place medals, Travis Powell at 103 and Jesse Tibbles at 119. Two fourth place wrestlers will also go to state, Tucker Olsen at 160 and Brent Deibert at 215. Norton and Goodland placed nine, Scott City six and Ulysses seven. Luedke pinned Clearwater's Johnny Seiter and scored a technical fall on Scott City's Aaron Dirks before beating Goodland's Bryce Bahe 4-1 in one of the more dominating performances of the tournament. Mainus scored a technical fall on Clearwater's Brent Sparr, then beat Ulysses' Joey Ortiz 1-0. He met

Goodland's Blayze Bahe in the finals, losing 5-2 for second place. Sharpe beat Clearwater's Conrad Garrison 3-0 and Pratt's Jorge Espinosa 7-4 before falling to Eric Johnson, who is undefeated from Norton, 10-4. Seemann pinned Nickerson's Bryce Miller in round one, then pinned Adam Hooten from Larned. He met Michael Sprigg, Norton in the finals and lost 8-3 for second place. Powell beat Andale's Doug Stroot 3-0, the lost by fall in the second round to Chapparral's Matt Fadenrecht, who went on to take second place. He then beat Norton's Joel Nielsen 9-3 and Aaron Blasi from Pratt 6-3 for third place. Tibbles took third at 119. He pinned Mathias Goodley from Goodland in round one, then lost a 6-2 decision to the eventual champion, Daniel Prater, Pratt. He then beat Scott City's Zach Conine 8-2 and met Goodley again in the consolation finals, winning 8-7. Olsen beat Grant Lindal, Clearwater, 10-8 in round one then lost an overtime match to Scott City's Nick Spear 7-3. He beat Goodland's Brandon Linden 11-6 and met Lindal again in the consolation finals, pinning him in the first round.

Deibert was pinned in round one by Ulysses' Tony Lewis, then pinned Larned's Chance Haremza in round two. He won a tough 6-4 overtime decision against Scott City's Michael Radnor and fell again to Lewis, 11-6, in the consolation finals. The state finals start Friday at the Kansas Coliseum in Wichita. Here are the team and individual results: **Team results:** 1. Norton, 186.5 2. Goodland, 178.5 3. Scott City, 145.5 4. Ulysses, 139 5. Colby 133 6. Pratt, 100 7. Nickerson, 84.5 8. Clearwater, 58 9. Chapparral, 45.5 10. Hugoton, 39.5 11. Larned, 36 12. Andale, 25 13. Haven, 19. 14. Smokey Valley, 0 **Individual results for Colby:** 103 — Travis Powell, 3-1, 3rd. 112 — Danny Mainus, 2-1, 2nd. 119 — Jesse Tibbles, 3-1, 3rd. 125 — Travis Button, 0-2, did not place 130 — Eric Luedke, 3-0, 1st. 135 — Scottie Lindberg, 2-2, did not place



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Schuyler Sharpe sat out on an opponent on the way to a second place finish at 140-pounds for the Colby High School Eagle wrestling team. Sharpe and seven other Eagles earned a trip to the state tournament in Wichita this weekend.

140 — Schuyler Sharpe, 2-1, 2nd
145 — Drue Herl, 0-2, did not place.
152 — Rusty Raymo, 2-2, did not place.
160 — Tucker Olsen, 2-2, 4th
171 — Theo Kleinsorge, 0-2, did not place
189 — Open
215 — Brent Deibert, 2-2, 4th.
275 — Eric Seemann, 2-1, 2nd.

College team sixth in country

By JAY KELLEY
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ROCHESTER, Minn. — The Colby Community College Trojan wrestling team overcame some injuries on Saturday and placed sixth overall at the National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament in Rochester, Minn. last weekend. Derek Jones took sixth at 125, Bryan Miller took fifth at 133, Matt Murray was sixth at 141 and O.T. Johnson was 7th at 149.

"We had some bad luck on Saturday with injuries to Jones and Murray," said Trojan coach Steve Lampe. "Overall, the guys wrestled very tough and certainly have nothing to be ashamed of." Jones injured his back and Murray his ankle, forcing medical defaults in their final matches. Lampe added that three freshman, Miller, Murray and Johnson, gave the Trojans a good shot for 2003. "It's very similar to 1998 when we

placed sixth with Cormier, Budreaux and Kosterearning All-Americans," he said. The Trojans won the national championship in 1999. "Four All-Americans is excellent from six representatives," he said. It's also the first time the northwestern Kansas region has placed three All-Americans. Jones is from Hoxie, Miller from Oberlin and Murray a Colby native. Iowa Central, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was

first., followed by Neosho County Community College, Chanute, Northern Idaho, Ellsworth, Iowa and Pima, Ariz. Here are the individual results: 125 — Derek Jones, 3-3, 6th. 133 — Bryan Miller, 4-2, 5th. 141 — Matt Murray, 3-3 6th. 149 — O.T. Johnson, 5-2, 7th. 157 — Antonio Sepulveda, 2-2, did not place. 184 — Rafael Ruiz, 0-2, did not place.

Boys basketball finishes with wins

By JAY KELLEY
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The Colby High School boys basketball team finished their season with a 68-50 win over Atwood at the Colby High School gym Friday and a 70-41 win over Wamego in Russell on Saturday. The Eagles are 9-11 overall and 5-2 in the league. Their next matchup will be in the first round of the Class 4A Sub-State Tournament. Brackets will be announced later in the week. **Colby 68, Atwood 50.** The Eagles jumped out to a 13-9 lead in the last home game of the season and

led by four at half-time. The third quarter saw Colby build on the lead 45-36 and the fourth was a 23-14 disaster for the Buffaloes. Clayton Kaiser had 20 points for Colby. He also had six rebounds, a steal and three assists. Jordan Harris was next with 18 points, four rebounds, two steals and two assists. Landon Stover had nine points, five boards, three steals and three assists. Matt Augustine also had nine points. He added two rebounds and two steals. Carson McKee had five points, a board, four steals and three assists.

Shane Stover had three points, three rebounds and an assist. Wyatt Rundel had two points, along with Tucker Stover. Rundel had a steal and Stover had a rebound. Jared Cranston had a rebound, two steals and three assists. Jeff Williams had a board. **Colby 70, Wamego 41** The Eagles again led by four at half-time against Wamego. The third quarter found the Eagles up by 16 and the fourth was more of the same. Kaiser had 22 points, four boards and two assists.

Harris had 18 points, 10 rebounds, four steals and five assists. Augustine had 11 points, three rebounds, two steals and three assists. Landon Stover had eight points, five rebounds and six assists. Shane Stover had five points, six rebounds, two steals and two assists. McKee, Cranston and Tucker Stover had two points each. McKee had two rebounds and three assists. Cranston had two rebounds, a steal and five assists. Stover had a steal. Williams had a rebound.

Ladies 18-2 going into post-season

By RALPH WOLF
Colby Free Press
The Colby High School Lady Eagles pick up two more wins last weekend, by defeating Atwood 59-29 on Friday night at home, then defeated the Wamego Red Raiders 72-50 in Russell on Saturday afternoon. With the victories the Lady Eagles regular season comes to an end with a record of 18-2. Next action for the Lady Eagles will be Monday, Feb. 25 in the first round of the Class 4A Sub-State Tournament. The sub-state bracket will be announced later this week. **Colby 72, Wamego 50** Colby jumped out to take a 20-8 lead at the end of the first period of play and by the break they had increased their lead to 38-22. Leading the Eagles in scoring was Summar Stephens with 23 points. Stephens also recorded three rebounds, two steals and blocked one shot. Ivy Ramsey tossed in 18 points, grabbed six boards, stole the ball four times, dished out three assists, and rejected six shots.

Amanda Seemann lit up the scoreboard with 14 points. She also had three rebounds, three steals, and a team high four assists. Defensive ace Brianna Swafford recorded an impressive nine steals. She also was credited with six points, three rebounds and two assists. Bethanie Linden finished the game with four points, a team high seven rebounds, three steals and two assists. Breann Hart added three points, four boards and two steals. Sam Wolf and Emily Sloan both contributed two points apiece. Wolf also had two steals and two assists., while Sloan came down with two boards, a steal and one blocked shot. Desiree Sharp also saw some playing time. As a team the Eagles connected 47 percent of their shots from the field and 63 percent from the charity stripe. **Colby 59, Atwood 29** The Lady Eagles had one of those nights where they just couldn't get the ball to drop through the hoop. The Eagles made only 33 percent of

their shots from the field, 20 percent from behind the three point-line, but managed to connect on 17-of-24 for 70 percent from the free throw line. Despite the low shooting percentage, the Lady Eagles won the game with their tenacious defense. The Eagles held a 14-10 lead at the end of first period and held Atwood to just seven points while putting in 14 points in the second stanza to take a 28-17 lead into the locker room at the half Ramsey led the way with 20 points, seven rebounds, two steals and three blocked shots.

Stephens followed with 16 points, six boards, three steals and one assist. Linden was also in double figures, scoring 11 points, grabbing four boards, four steals and one assist. Swafford had four points, three rebounds, and a team high eight steals. Sloan tossed in three points, pulled down four boards, stole the ball once and blocked a shot. Seemann scored two points, recorded six steals, and led the team with three assists. Hart was credited with a board, two steals and an assist.

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