

# Colby Eagles put three in state wrestling finals



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Colby High School 112-pounder Danny Mainus was in a little trouble against Goodland's Blayze Bahe in the finals at the Class 4A State Wrestling Tournament Saturday. Mainus spun out of his predicament and won 5-1 to become the new state champion.

## Northwest Kansas League streak alive; Hoxie wins another championship

**By JAY KELLEY**  
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HAYS — Hoxie High School gave the Northwest Kansas League their seventh consecutive wrestling championship in at least one division by scoring 140 points Saturday at Busch Gross Coliseum in Hays in the 3-2-1A State Wrestling Tournament. Previous winners were: 2001, Colby, 4A; 2000, Goodland, 4A; 1999, Hoxie, 3-2-1A; 1998, Hoxie, 3-2-1A; 1997, Goodland, 4A; 1996, St. Francis (tie) 3-2-1A; Hoxie continues the dominance northwest Kansas holds on wrestling

in the state. Teams from the area have won at least one state championship in 51 tournaments since 1936 (wrestling began in Kansas in 1930.) Northwest Kansas league teams have won at least one championship in 41 of those years. Here are the top 10 and northwest-ern Kansas team results from this year:0  
1. Hoxie 140  
2. Ellsworth 130  
3. Oakley 104.5  
4. Atchison County 90.5  
5. Rossville 88  
6. Minneapolis 79.5  
7. Plainville 75  
8. Royal Valley 63  
9. Sabetha 54  
10. Beloit 52  
12. Phillipsburg 50  
14. Ellis 40.5  
15. Trego 37  
19. Russell 23  
32. Atwood 9  
34. Stockton 8  
40. Quinter 3  
42. Hill City 2

## Trojans force overtime; come up short in Hutch

HUTCHINSON — The Colby Trojans squandered a 9-point first half lead only to come back in the second half to force overtime in a 91-84 loss in Hutchinson on Saturday. The Trojans had a chance to win it in regulation but a Keyon Williams 3-point attempt was no good. The Trojans outrebounded Hutchinson 43-35, but committed 21 turnovers. Hutchinson made 27-of-40 from the charity stripe, while the Trojans converted only 18 of 31. Eric Fowlkes had 29 points. Dedric Spooner had a double-dobule with 19 points and fourteen rebounds. Keyon Williams had 21 points and led with two assists, along with Fowlkes and Stuart Keltner. Pierre Tucker had six points, Joe Williams five, Brent Brooks three and Billy Williams one. Colby is now 16-13 overall and 5-10 in Jayhawk West action. They play their final home game and regular season game of the year Wednesday against Barton County. Game time is set for 8 p.m. at the Colby Community Building. **Box Score HUTCHINSON 91, COLBY 84 COLBY (16-13, 5-10)** Eric Fowlkes 10-12 8-11 29; Keyon Williams 7-15 5-6 21; Dedric Spooner 8-12 3-6 19; Pierre Tucker 3-5 0-0 6; Joe Williams 2-4 1-2 5; Brent Brooks 1-3 0-0 3; Billy Williams 0-3 1-4 1; Stuart Keltner 0-5 0-2 0; Mike Wolters 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 31-61 18-31 84. **HUTCHINSON (20-8, 8-6)** Dainmon Gonner 7-20 17-22 31; Sasha Mijajlovic 9-13 0-1 18; Reggie Golson 5-9 4-6 14; Modibo Niakate 4-5 1-4 10; Josh Gonner 2-7 2-3 7; Aaron Lashley 3-7 0-0 6; Maurice Findley 1-1 3-4 5; Justin Snell 0-1 0-0 0; Coco Cofield 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 31-65 27-40 91. Colby..... 37 43 4 - 84 Hutchinson..... 32 48 11 - 91 3-point goals-Colby 4-19 (Keyon Williams 2-7; Brent Brooks 1-3; Eric Fowlkes 1-2; Joe Williams 0-1; Billy Williams 0-1; Stuart Keltner 0-3; Mike Wolters 0-2), Hutchinson 2-11 (Modibo Niakate 1-2; Josh Gonner 1-4; Aaron Lashley 0-2; Justin Snell 0-1; Dainmon Gonner 0-2). Fouled out—Colby-Joe Williams, Hutchinson-Sasha Mijajlovic. Rebounds-Colby 43 (Dedric Spooner 14), Hutchinson 35 (Reggie Golson 10; Dainmon Gonner 10). Assists-Colby 6 (Eric Fowlkes 2; Stuart Keltner 2; Keyon Williams 2), Hutchinson 14 (Aaron Lashley 4). Total fouls-Colby 25, Hutchinson 21.

## Prep Scores

**Friday Scores Girls**  
Hays 55, Great Bend 29  
Wheatland 59, Golden Plains 56  
**Saturday Scores Boys**  
**Goodland Regional**  
Tribune 74, Weskan 63

**Grainfield Regional**  
Wheatland 63, Grinnell 60  
**Girls**  
**Goodland Regional**  
Tribune 69, Sharon Springs 51  
**Grainfield Regional**  
Grinnell 62, Wheatland 51

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WICHITA — Colby High School's wrestling team finished fourth at the Class 4A State Tournament in Wichita over the weekend on the strength of one first place and two second place finishes. The Eagles 77 points put them behind the champion Clay Center, with 104 1/2 points, Goodland with 100 points and Columbus with 95 points. In other northwest Kansas action, Norton finished fifth with 72 points and Scott City finished 15th with 47 points. Colby's champion was 112-pounder Danny Mainus, a junior. Two other Eagle wrestlers made the finals, 130-pound junior Eric Luedke and 140-pound sophomore Schuyler Sharpe. Both ended up with second place medals. Mainus beat Coffeyville's Brandon Tracy 12-1 and Abilene's Josh Peterson 15-4. He then pinned Ulysses' Joey Ortiz in the semi-finals and beat Goodland's Blayze Bahe in the final round 5-1. Mainus had beaten Ortiz 1-0 in the semi-finals at the regional tournament in Larned the week before and had been beaten 5-2 by Bahe in the championship of that tournament. Luedke beat J.D Horton, Atchison and Jeremy Terrell, Rose Hill by fall in the first two rounds. He then beat Clay Center's Danny Grater 4-1, but lost a Golson 10; Dainmon Gonner 10). Assists-Colby 6 (Eric Fowlkes 2; Stuart Keltner 2; Keyon Williams 2), Hutchinson 14 (Aaron Lashley 4). Total fouls-Colby 25, Hutchinson 21.

4-3 decision to Columbus' Emery McReynolds in the final.



Sharpe won an 11-2 major decision over Santa Fe Trail's Travis McBurney in round one, followed by a 12-6 win over Atchison's Robert Neil. He beat Erik Sommer, Garnett, 4-2 in the semi-final, setting up a rematch of the regional championship with Eric

Johnson, Norton, who had beaten Sharpe in that match. Johnson beat Sharpe 8-2 this time, dashing hopes of an upset. The Eagles took eight wrestlers to state and will return all but heavy-weight Eric Seemann, a senior. Here are the individual results: 103 — Travis Powell, freshman, 1-2, did not place. 112 — Danny Mainus, junior, 4-0, 1st. 119 — Jesse Tibbles, sophomore, 1-2, did not place. 130 — Eric Luedke, junior, 3-1, 2nd. 140 — Schuyler Sharpe, sophomore, 3-1, 2nd. 160 — Tucker Olsen, sophomore, 1-2, did not place. 215 — Brent Deibert, junior, 1-2, did not place. 275 — Eric Seemann, senior, 1-2, did not place.



Colby High School wrestlers led the Parade of Champions at the Class 4A State Tournament in Wichita Saturday night. The Eagles took fourth at state and produced one state champion, 112-pounder Danny Mainus.

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