

Wrestlers open with big victories

By DARREL PATTILLO

Colby Free Press

The Colby Eagle wrestling team defeated the Trego team Friday in WaKeeney 58-9, winning 7 matches by fall, 3 by points, and Mark Bartlett won the 275 pound match by forfeit.

The junior varsity won 4 of its 5 matches as well.

Saturday, the Eagles went to St. Francis and won the St. Francis Invitational.

Going into the tournament, the Eagles were the #4 ranked team in the state, with Goodland ranked #2.

Colby scored 156 points in the tournament, with Goodland scoring 148.

In Goodland Saturday, the Eagle JV team wrestled, but no results were available.

The Eagle wrestlers are in action Thursday in a dual at St. Francis, and then host the 17th Eagle Invitational Tournament.

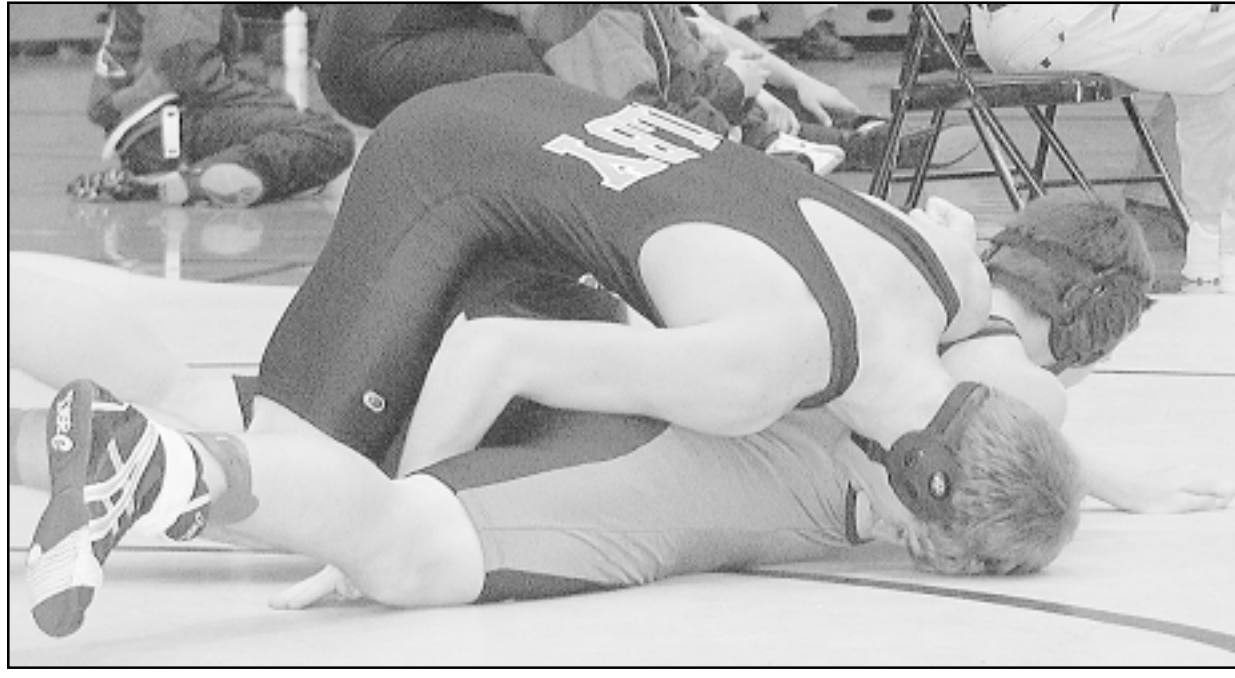
Here are the results from the dual at Wakeeney Friday and the St. Francis Invitational Saturday:

Friday, Dec. 6 Colby 58 Trego 9

103 - Daniel Tibbles (C) won by fall over Scott Jewell 112 - Travis Powell (C) won by fall over Brian Frick 119 - Taylor Finley (C) won by fall over Joe Olsen 125 - John Wark (C) won by fall over Wade Cook 130 - Jesse Tibbles (C) won 6-5 over CJ Pfannenstiel 135

- Adam Horinek (C) lost 1-6 to Tyson Flax 140 - Justin Bell (C) won 8-1 over Kevin Shuster 145 - Ross Wright (C)

St. Francis Invitational 2002 Team Scores (Top 4)
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SHARON CORCORAN/Goodland Daily News

Colby Eagle Tanner McClure wrestled at the junior varsity tournament Saturday in Goodland. At press time, results of that tournament had not been made available to the Free Press.

lost 7-8 to Ricky Hilgers 152 - Eric Luedke (C) won 12-3 over Bret Conness 160 - Schuyler Sharpe (C) won by fall over John Shubert 171 - Tucker Olsen (C) won by fall over Kyle Spena 189 - Theo Kleinsorge (C) lost 4-6 to Brandon Hickel 215 - Cubby Haremza (C) won by fall over Ty Brunswig 275 - Mark Bartlett (C) won by forfeit Junior Varsity Doug Hurtt (C) won 16-4 over Josh Eberly Todd Walters (C) won by fall over Matt Pfeifer and lost by fall to Mitch Schmit Alex Marshall (C) lost by fall to Mitch Schmit and lost by fall to Matt Pfeifer Lincoln McClure (C) won by fall over Scott Jewell Brady Strange (C) won 6-3 over Andy Osborne

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Others schools: Atwood, Leoti, Wray, Colo., Sterling, Colo., Holyoke, Colo. Individual Results: 103 - Daniel Tibbles 1st place: won 4-3 over Zelfer (Goodland), wbf over Richard (St. Francis); 112 - Travis Powell - 4th place: Lbf to Anderson (Sterling), lost 3-7 to Ritchey (Wray).

119 - Nolan Hull 4th place: won 9-1 over Stucky (Scott City), Lbf to Flores (Wray), lost 3-9 to Anderson (Sterling); 125 - John Wark 3rd place: Wbf over Carey (Sterling), lost 6-12 to Conine (Scott City), won 9-2 over Gienger (St. Francis); 130 - Jesse Tibbles 1st place: Wbf over Goodley (Goodland), won 4-2 over McKinney (Scott City); 135 - Adam Horinek 5th place: lost 1-3 to Rosin (Scott City), Wbf over Huwa (Holyoke); 140 - Justin Bell 3rd place: Wbf over Keller (St. Francis), Lbf to Eisenhour (Scott City),

won 15-4 over Agrabright (Atwood); 145 - Ross Wright 4th place: Wbf over Orner (Holyoke), lost 0-11 to Smull (St. Francis), lost 0-16 to Numerich (Scott City) 152 - Eric Luedke 1st place: Wbf over Hudschnann (Leoti), Wbf over Hilt (St. Francis), won 9-3 over Frank (Scott City).

160 - Schuyler Sharpe 1st place: Wbf over Bernig (Leoti), won 8-6 over Bergner (Holyoke), won 3-2 OT over Brack (Goodland); 171 - Tucker Olsen 2nd place: Wbf over Barber (Sterling), Wbf over Samson (Atwood), Lbf to Bossow (Wray).

189 - Rusty Raymo 4th place: Wbf over West (Goodland), lost 4-8 to Hilt (St. Francis), lost 1-14 to Crist (Scott City); 215 - open 275 - Cubby Haremza 5th place: Lbf to Klein (Atwood), Wbf over Leverett (Leoti), Wbf over Thies (Sterling).

Junior varsity boys win; Eagle girls lose close one

By RALPH WOLF

Colby Free Press

The Lady Eagles junior varsity basketball team lost an over-time thriller to the Russell Broncos by the final score of 53-54. Colby held a one point (12-11) lead at the end of the first quarter and a 5-point (30-25) cushion at half time. Jessica Stephens led all scorers in the game with 20 points. Stephens also recorded 4 rebounds, 5 steals and 2 assists. Marcia Kaus contributed 8 points, 2 boards and 5 steals. Shea McKee added 7 points, 1 board and 7 steals. Crystal Mannebach and Zanae Baird both finished the game with 5 points apiece. Mannebach grabbed 6 rebounds to lead the team and stole the ball 2 times. Baird added 3 boards and 1 steal. Shawna Cox scored 4 points, hauled down 4 rebounds, dished out 2 assists and recorded team high 8 steals. Clarissa Unger and Tasha Fromholtz had 2 points each. Unger recorded 5 rebounds, 4 steals and 1 blocked shot,

while Fromholtz had 2 boards and 1 steal.

The Lady Eagle junior varsity will look to get back on the winning track tonight at the Colby High School gym against the Hays High Lady Indians. The girls junior varsity game will follow the junior varsity boys.

Colby JV 63 Russell 26

The Eagle boys improved to 2-0 with a 63-26 rout over the Russell Bronco junior varsity.

Four Eagles scored in double figures: Bruce Arnberger had 17 points, Brian Sulzman had 15, Jared Dinkel had 13, and Chris Finley had 10.

Rounding out the rest of the Eagle scoring was Jordan Cranston with 4, and Brett Wilson and Sean Mengel each with 2. Deke Elliott played but did not score.

The junior varsity boys are second on the schedule against Hays tonight, after the 'C' team plays at 4:30 in the Colby High School gym.

Denver Broncos on verge of major collapse this year

DENVER (AP) — That rumbling sound is the Denver Broncos tripping over their own feet.

Denver's best start in four years is quickly deteriorating into one of the worst collapses in franchise history.

The Broncos, one of the league's best teams the first half of the season, have lost four of their past five games and stumbled to the edge of the playoff picture.

"We've got to do a lot of soul searching," tight end Shannon Sharpe said. "I know I have the past couple of days and we've got to do more."

"I know I have to convince not only myself, but my team, that we still have a chance to win football games."

"Until someone tells us we're mathematically eliminated from the playoffs, we still have something to play for," he said.

Denver opened the season 6-2, its best start since winning the first 13

games in 1998.

The Broncos went on to win the Super Bowl that year.

They'd settle for just making the playoffs this year.

A 19-13 loss to the New York Jets on Sunday was Denver's third straight, dropping the Broncos two games behind Oakland in the AFC West and put them on the verge of playoff elimination.

Without a strong finish and some help from others in the conference, Denver's decline will rank among the worst in team history.

The Broncos opened the 1992 season 7-3, but lost five of their last six games to miss the playoffs.

In 1970, while still in the AFL, Denver started 4-1 but dropped seven of nine to finish 5-8-1.

The Broncos also had a collapse in 1962, opening the season 7-2 before losing their final five

Trojan men get important lesson from Coffeyville



Brian Ostermann

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Last Friday night our 9-1 Colby Trojans took on the Coffeyville Red Ravens and their 30 game home win streak. The defending Region Champions, the pride of the Jayhawk East. I hope they taught us well. The Red Ravens pounded us 65-46.

They taught us lessons in playing hard, going after every rebound, cutting hard, taking care of the ball, getting the ball to the paint, they did it all! We just watched and learned, hopefully. This was a lesson from a championship team. This was a team that is a champion. We are a team working to become a champion. I hope they taught us well. I hope we learned and will remember this lesson in playing hard all the time!

Saturday morning our team and coaches gathered in a hotel room and watched the entire tape.

It was a painful morning. A big eye opener for many of us, including myself. We then went and worked out for about 45 minutes in preparation for our next game. Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. we rebounded with a nice win over Kansas City JC. We won 81-66 and we were always in control.

We did play harder! Will we remember this lesson given to us in December? Will we remember in January? Will we remember in February? Will we remember in March? We will find out.

JOTTINGS

There is a very strong possibility that 8 out of the 9 Jayhawk West teams will enter conference play with at least 10 wins in the non-conference. It looks like another awesome year in the West! Be sure to check out all the home games beginning Jan. 4 at 4 p.m.

Little Cagers will begin Jan. 4. Sign up at the Colby Recreation Department. Call 462-4440 NOW to reserve your spot. Little Cagers has been very popular the last few years and our players look forward to working with your kids (boys & girls) each Saturday morning in January. Age groups are as follows: 2nd grade through 4th grade 9-10:30 a.m. and 5th & 6th grade 10:30-noon. Cost is just \$35 for 4 Saturdays and includes a T-shirt. Little Dribblers will run from 12-12:30 p.m. for pre-school through 1st grade. Cost is \$10. Cagers will take place at the Colby Middle School each Saturday in January.

A special thanks goes out to McDonald's, Gambino's, Taco Johns,

and Thomas County Feeders. Thank you for feeding the Trojans during the holidays! Also, thanks to Pepsi for providing drinks for our road trips!

The Dunk-O-Meter is currently at 39.

Jayhawk West teams are a combined 83-31 overall. Teams are 43-5 at home and 40-26 on the road.

Check out the new HOME EVENTS schedule posted downtown on the Sport Shoppe building. Really, it is finally up. This is a great reminder for all you fans. This sign will list our winter home sports contests. We thank the Colby CC Backers Club, Commercial Sign, and F & M Insurance for sponsoring the sign.

We have a big weekend ahead as we travel to Liberal for our final two games of the semester. Game time is 4 p.m. both days.

Both games can be heard on KQLS 100.3 broadcast by Rich Epp

Jayhawk West teams went 13-5 vs the East teams over the weekend.

The Colby Community College Trojans received votes for the top 20 in each of the first two regular season polls. Our current record is now 10-2 and it is highly unlikely that we would receive consideration this week.

Brian Ostermann is the head coach of the Colby Community College Trojan men's basketball team. His column appears on Tuesday during the basketball season.

Jayhawk West Men's Team Records CONF./home/away/all

1. Barton County (#1 in NJCAA) 0-0 5-1 8-0 13-1
2. Seward County (#11 in NJCAA) 0-0 5-0 6-1 11-1
3. Hutchinson CC 0-0 9-1 2-0 11-1
4. Colby CC (RV receiving votes) 0-0 7-0 3-2 10-2
5. Garden City CC 0-0 4-1 7-2 11-3
6. Butler County 0-0 3-0 5-4 8-4
7. Dodge City 0-0 4-0 4-4 8-4
8. Cloud County 0-0 4-1 4-3 8-4
9. Pratt CC 0-0 2-1 1-10 3-11

FAST FORWARD
Our next home game will be a conference showdown with Butler County on Saturday Jan. 4. Game times are 2 p.m. for the women and 4 p.m. for the men. Please note the time change.

Ricky Williams runs over Chicago Bears

MIAMI (AP) — Miami's Ricky Williams ran for 216 yards, the highest ever rushing total against the Chicago Bears in their 83 seasons.

Williams became just the third running back to reach the 200-yard milestone in consecutive games,

and the first since Earl Campbell in 1980.

He ran for a team-record 228 yards last week in a loss at Buffalo.

Williams carried 31 times, scored twice and overtook Kansas City's Priest Holmes for the NFL rushing lead with 1,500 yards.

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