

Eagle wrestlers take second at NWKL

By DARREL PATTILLO

Colby Free Press

The Colby High School wrestling team overcame a slow start last Saturday at the Northwest Kansas League tournament in St. Francis to finish second behind Hoxie.

The Eagles ended the meet with 2 championships, 1 second place finish, 5 thirds, and 1 fourth place finish.

Head coach Mitch Beims said "We came out really flat the first two rounds, and did not fare very well. We lost four of those matches in overtime.

"We really stepped it up in the last two rounds. We went 7-2 in the finals to get back into second place as a team. Hats off to our two league champs, Eric Luedke and Brent Deibert."

Luedke won his fourth consecutive NWKL league title, and Brent

Deibert came back from the injured list early in the season to take the league title.

Here's how the rest of the team did:

103: Daniel Tibbles, 3rd; lost 4-6 in OT to Richards of St. Francis, pinned Normandin of Goodland, and pinned Samuelson of Oakley. 112 was open for Colby.

119: Taylor Finley, 3rd; lost 17-1 to Baker of Hoxie, won 12-2 over Barth of Oberlin, won 6-4 over Hockersmith of Oakley.

125: John Wark, 3rd; lost 9-4 over Kuhlman of Oakley, pinned Whitmore of Goodland, won 9-3 over Miller of Oberlin.

130: Jesse Tibbles, DNP; lost 0-0 in OT to Coleman of Oberlin, lost 8-6 in OT to Goodley of Goodland.

135: Josh Cersovsky, 4th; pinned by Schippers of Hoxie, pinned by Rohweder of St. Francis, pinned by

Schulte of Goodland.

140: Justin Bell, 3rd; lost 7-0 to Harman of Oberlin, won 13-2 over Zweggard of St. Francis, won by injury default over Klinge of Goodland.

145: Eric Luedke, 1st; pinned Argabright of Atwood, won 17-6 over Smull of St. Francis, won 18-2 over Glaze of Oberlin.

152: Schuyler Sharpe, 2nd; pinned Walters of St. Francis, won 4-3 over Zimmerman of Goodland, lost 6-4 in OT to Younk of Oakley.

160: Rusty Raymo, DNP; lost 10-3 to Brack of Goodland, lost 6-0 to Reichert of Oberlin.

171: Tucker Olsen, 3rd place; won 17-11 over Shipley of Hoxie, lost 3-1 to Keck of Oberlin, pinned Buffington of St. Francis, won 8-6 in OT over Samson of Atwood.

189: Theo Kleinsorge, DNP; lost 3-0 to Cooper of Hoxie, lost 6-4 to

West of Goodland.

215: Cubby Haremza, DNP; pinned by Horinek of Atwood, pinned by Walz of St. Francis.

275: Brent Deibert, 1st; pinned Cooper of Hoxie, won 1-0 over Walz of St. Francis, won 4-1 over Phillips of Goodland.

The final team standings were: Hoxie, 185.5; Colby, 120.5; St. Francis, 114; Oberlin, 108; Goodland, 94.5; Oakley, 84.5; Atwood, 58.5; Quinter 0.

Northwest Kansas League Tournament individual weight results:

103: 1st Cale Farber, Hoxie; 2nd Trevor Richard, St. Francis; **3rd Daniel Tibbles, Colby**; 4th Mark Samuelson, Oakley

112: 1st Dylan Loyd, St. Francis; 2nd Levi Younk, Oakley; 3rd Michael Shamberger, Hoxie; 4th Dexter Deeds, Goodland

119: 1st Tyler Baker, Hoxie; 2nd Blayze Bahe, Goodland; **3rd Taylor Finley, Colby**; 4th Neil Hockersmith, Oakley

125: 1st Tyrel Spillman, Hoxie; 2nd Shawn Kuhlman, Oakley; **3rd John Wark, Colby**; 4th Scott Miller, Oberlin

130: 1st Matt Gilliland, Hoxie; 2nd Matt Coleman, Oberlin; 3rd Kevin Brown, St. Francis; 4th Mathias Goodley, Goodland

135: 1st Matt Schippers, Hoxie; 2nd Kenyon Badsy, Oberlin; 3rd Kyle Schulte, Goodland; **4th Josh Cersovsky, Colby**

140: 1st Chance Harmon, Oberlin; 2nd Jason Schippers, Hoxie; **3rd Justin Bell, Colby**; 4th Dustin Klinge, Goodland

145: **1st Eric Luedke, Colby**; 2nd Logan Glaze, Oberlin; 3rd Kurt Schamberger, Hoxie; 4th Gabe Smull, St. Francis

152: 1st Cody Younk, Oakley; **2nd Schuyler Sharpe, Colby**; 3rd Jay Lewis, Hoxie; 4th Adam Steinmetz, Oberlin;

160: 1st Derek Ross, St. Francis; 2nd Doug Campbell, Hoxie; 3rd Taylor Brack, Goodland; 4th Grant Reichert, Oberlin

171: 1st Bobby Dennis, Oakley; **2nd Brent Keck, Oberlin**; 3rd **Tucker Olsen, Colby**; 4th Jeff Samson, Atwood;

189: 1st Tanner Schmidt, Atwood; 2nd Justin Cooper, Hoxie; 3rd Travis Hilt, St. Francis; 4th Scott Harman, Oberlin;

215: 1st Jordan Bedore, Goodland; 2nd Jeff Horinek, Atwood; 3rd Dallas Walz, St. Francis; 4th, Fred Pratt, Hoxie

275: **1st Brent Deibert, Colby**; 2nd Andy Phillips, Goodland; 3rd Heath Klein, Atwood; 4th Gabe Walz, St. Francis

Colby JV teams win tournament

Girls win fourth straight

By RALPH WOLF

Colby Free Press

For the 4th consecutive year and the 5th time in the last 6 years the Colby JV Lady Eagles captured the championship of the Colby JV Basketball Tournament.

The Eagles knocked off the Oberlin Red Devils 56-24 in the opening round and easily defeated the Scott City Lady Beavers 53-35 in the title game.

In the championship game against Scott City Jessica Stephens led the way with 15 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals and 2 assists. Shawna Cox had an excellent game despite playing with a sprained ankle. Cox scored 12 points, grabbed 4 boards, and had 1 assist and 1 steal. Clarissa Unger recorded a double-double by knocking down 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Unger was also credited with 2 steals and 4 blocked shots. Zanae Baird finished the game with 7 points, 4 rebounds and 1 steal. Shea McKee tossed in 6 points, had 1 board, 2 steals and a team high 4 assists.

Marcia Kaus added 2 points, 12 rebounds, 2 steals and 1 blocked shot. Rounding out the scoring was Crystal Mannebach with 1 point, 4 rebounds and 4 steals.

In the championship game the Eagles shot 28 percent from the

floor, 25 percent from beyond the arc and 63 percent (26-36) from the free throw line.

In first round action against Oberlin: the Eagles held the Red Devils scoreless in the first period of play (14-0) and by the halftime intermission led 32-10.

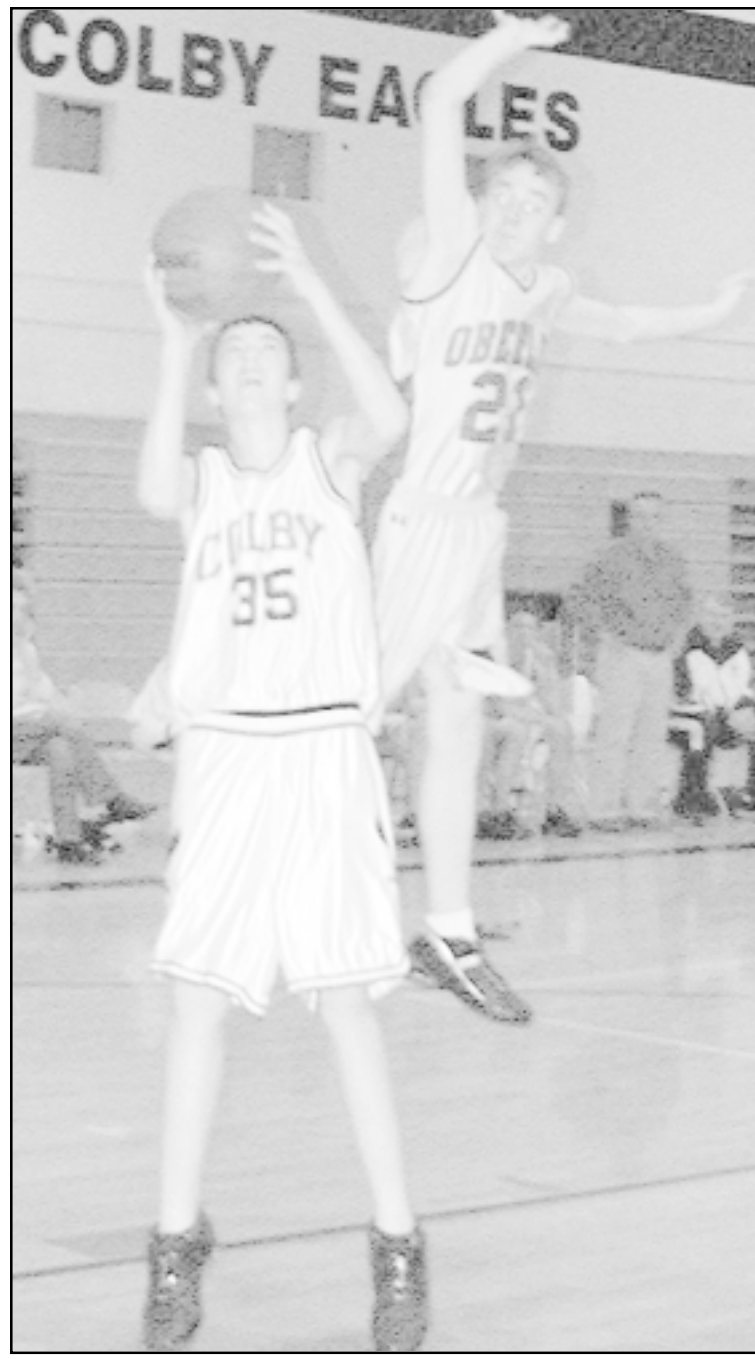
Jessica Stephens had 19 points, 2 rebounds and 1 assist to lead the team. Shea McKee added 9 points, 5 boards, 2 steals and an impressive 6 assists. Crystal Mannebach and Marcia Kaus were both credited with 8 points each.

Kaus also contributed 10 rebounds, 2 steals and 1 blocked shot. Mannebach had 2 boards and 1 steal. Zanae Baird finished the contest with 6 points, 13 rebounds and 1 steal. Shawna Cox and Morgan Stephens had 2 points each.

Cox was also credited with 1 rebound, 1 steal and 3 assists, while Stephens recorded an assist. Clarissa Unger had 2 rebounds and 1 steal. Nikole Schroeder recorded a steal and a rebound.

Andrea Barker had a rebound. Jacquie Fry also saw some playing time. Tasha Fromholtz was out due to illness.

Colby shooting percentage against Oberlin was 44 percent from 2-point land, 33 percent from long range and 90 percent (10-11) from the charity stripe.



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Colby Eagle freshman Nick Howard wasn't aware that Oberlin's Jesse Juenemann was flying around behind him, but Howard did make the shot in Colby's 69-42 win over Oberlin Thursday night at the high school.

had 12, Mengel had 5, sharp had 9, Cox had 4, Cranston got 7 points, Howard had a basket, and Stuart Aiken sank a free throw.

The Eagle JV squad is 12-2 on the

year now, and is in action tonight with Oberlin. The JV plays its games at the high school, right after the C-team and right prior to the JV girls.

Boys cruise to victory

By DARREL PATTILLO

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The Colby Eagle junior varsity basketball team rolled over Scott City 73-39 to win the Colby JV basketball tournament Thursday night at the high school. Colby defeated Oberlin 69-42 in the first game of the tourney to advance to the final.

The Eagles got points from all nine of the JV players in both games, with 4 players in double fig-

ures against Oberlin, and 3 players in double figures against Scott City.

In the Oberlin game, Sean Mengel had 4 points; Jordan Sharp had 11, Jared Dinkel had 12, Brian Sulzman had 16, Josh Cox had 2, Bruce Arnberger had 14, Jordan Cranston had 4, Nick Howard had 2, and Stuart Aiken had 4 points.

Against Scott City in the championship game, Sulzman had 21 points, Dinkel and Arnberger each

Rockies ticket sales down

DENVER (AP)—The Colorado Rockies blamed the economy for dropping ticket sales, but others pointed to the team's losing records as the deadline for renewal of season tickets passed.

The Rockies reported a decrease in renewals Wednesday, the deadline.

"We are expecting a decline this year," said Sue Ann McClaren, vice president of ticketing. "We're noticing there are a lot more economic challenges out there with our season ticket-holders than normal."

Sports marketing consultant Dean Bonham said the Rockies' decline in ticket sales doesn't

surprise him.

The Rockies had never announced a single-game crowd of fewer than 30,000 in their 11-year history until April 10, 2002. They led major league baseball in attendance from 1993 to 1999.

Citing unnamed sources, The Denver Post reported Thursday that the Rockies fear they could lose nearly 10,000 season tickets from last year's total of about 24,000.

Last year's total was down about 10 percent from the previous season.

The Rockies, who were 73-89 last season, have posted seven consecutive last-place or next-to-last finishes in their division.

In Monday's Free Press-The Colby Middle School girls continue to win, and updates from the Hoxie and Scott City matches!

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