

Colby Eagles win regional wrestling title

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Both Colby and Goodland pulled upsets at the 4A Regional Wrestling Tournament on Friday and Saturday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse in Goodland by placing first and second, respectively, over the number one ranked team from Clay Center.

Colby qualified nine wrestlers for the state tournament at Wichita this coming weekend and finished with 168.5 points. Goodland qualified seven of their wrestlers and posted 167.5 points. Clay Center finished third with 141 points and were able to qualify five wrestlers.

A total of 14 teams competed in the tournament. The other 11 teams were Concordia 139, Abilene 135.5, Scott City 132, Ulysses 115, Pratt 99, Andale 43, Chaparral 23, Nickerson 20, Larned 19, Hugoton 16.5 and Haven 13.

The nine Colby wrestlers who will be participating in the state tournament this Friday and Saturday at the Kansas Coliseum are Daniel Tibbles, 103; Travis Powell, 112; Jesse Tibbles, 130; Cole Garcia, 135; Eric Luedke, 145; Schuyler Sharpe, 152; Tucker Olsen, 171; Theo Kleinsorge, 189; and Brent Deibert, 275.

Here are the results:
• In the 103 pound weight class, Daniel Tibbles finished the tournament in second place. In his first match, he pinned Whitten of Pratt and went on to defeat Sprague of Concordia, 12-5. In the finals Tibbles lost to Fisher of Andale 11-3.
• At 112, Travis Powell finished in fourth place. Powell started the



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Theo Kleinsorge wrestled to break free from Landon West of Goodland in the consolation finals of the regional wrestling tournament on Saturday. Kleinsorge lost the match, 6-3 to finish fourth in the tournament. He will be attending the state tournament this Friday and Saturday in Wichita along with 8 other Eagle wrestlers.

tournament with a loss to Dreiling of Scott City, sending him to the consolation bracket. In wrestling the back-side of the bracket, he defeated Fadenrecht of Chaparral by a score of 11-2 and Gennette of Concordia by a 9-5. In the consolation finals he lost to Peterson of Abilene 13-1.
• Taylor Finley wrestled for the Eagles at the 119 pound weight class. Finley lost his first match by a score of 10-2 to Ortiz of Ulysses.

He won his next two matches, 5-1 over Easterburg of Clay Center and 18-5 over Taylor of Concordia. In his final match, he lost to Dozier of Pratt. Finley did not qualify for the state tournament.

• At 125, John Wark defeated his first opponent, Whitmore of Goodland by pinning him. He went on to face Wisdom of Concordia, but lost 3-12. His second loss in the double elimination tournament was to Stafford of Hugoton. He was de-

feated by a technical fall. Wark did not qualify for the state tournament.

• Jesse Tibbles wrestled at 130 pounds for the Eagles. Tibbles placed second in the tournament to qualify for state. Tibbles pinned his first two opponent, Ballard of Nickerson and Goodley of Goodland, to advance to the finals. In the finals, Tibbles was pinned by Prater of Pratt.
• The only freshman wrestler attending the state tournament from

Colby will be Cole Garcia at 135 pounds. Garcia finished the regional tournament in fourth place. In his first match, Garcia pinned Clapper of Nickerson and went on to defeat McKinney of Scott City 7-2. His first loss of the tournament was to Prater of Pratt, sending him to the consolation bracket. He then defeated Fleming of Concordia by a score of 7-3, but in the consolation finals lost by an injury default to McKinney of Scott City.

• At 140, Justin Bell lost his first match to Kramer of Pratt by a score of 7-4. He went on to defeat Carmona of Hugoton 14-4, but lost his next match to Zimmerman of Chaparral. Bell did not qualify for the state tournament.

• Eric Luedke at 145 pounds will be going to state this weekend as he placed first in his weight class. Luedke pinned his first two opponents, Hall of Chaparral and Schulte of Goodland. He then defeated Browning of Clay Center by 11-3 and Eckert of Abilene in the finals, 14-3.
• Schuyler Sharpe also placed first in the 152 weight class. He first pinned Gray of Ulysses and defeated Spexart of Andale by a technical fall. He then went on to defeat Frank of Scott City by 6-2. In the finals beat Taplin of Abilene by 5-1.

• At 160, Rusty Raymo beat his first opponent Moser of Hugoton by a score of 7-2. He advanced, but then lost to Speer of Scott City to head to the consolation bracket. He then beat Veeder of Pratt by a score of 9-7 in overtime and then defeated Morgan of Haven by 9-2. Raymo

lost his last match to Sutton-Kearns of Concordia by a score of 9-5. Raymo did not qualify for the state tournament.

• Tucker Olsen finished third at 171. Olsen pinned his opponent in the first two matches, Linden of Goodland and Lott of Hugoton. In his third match, Olsen lost to Marrs of Clay Center, 6-1. Olsen then faced Linden of Goodland again and pinned him for a second time. In the consolation finals, Olsen defeated Huck of Scott City 17-11.

• At 189, Theo Kleinsorge finished fourth. Kleinsorge defeated Carpenter of Clay Center in his first match by 2-1. He lost to Seger of Ulysses 2-7 to head to the consolation bracket. He went on to beat Crist of Scott City 5-2. In the consolation finals, Kleinsorge lost to West of Goodland by a decision of 6-3.

• Cubby Haremza wrestled at 215. He lost his first match when he was pinned by Radnor of Scott City. He then pinned Nonamaker of Abilene, but in his next match was pinned by Brown of Concordia. Haremza did not qualify for state.

• In the heavyweight division, Brent Deibert finished second. He pinned his first opponent, Weller of Clay Center and then defeated Gragg of Abilene 3-0. He went on to beat Miller of Scott City 4-3 in the semi-finals. In the finals Deibert was pinned by Lewis of Ulysses.

Eagle boys beat Atwood Buffaloes, 69-51

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With only one more game to play before the Class 4A Sub-state games, the Eagle varsity boys pulled in another win on Friday night, 69-51 over the Atwood Buffaloes on the road.

The boys take their 15-4 record to Oakley tonight for their final regular season game.

The first half was fairly even for both teams. In the first quarter both the Eagles and the Buffaloes were able to put up 12 points. As the back-and-forth game continued, the Eagles eventually outscored Atwood in the second quarter 17-14, leaving Colby up by 3 at the break, 29-26.

After half-time, the Colby boys

started to pull away for the win. In the third quarter, the Eagles scored 20 and held Atwood to only 7. Heading into the final quarter, the boys were up 49-33.

Colby continued their momentum in the fourth quarter and again scored 20, Atwood attempted to come back, but were only able to score 18. The Eagles pulled out the

win by 18 points, 69-51.

Three Eagles posted double digit scores for the game. Landon Stover led the way with 21 points and was followed by Matt Augustine with 18 and Jordan Harris with 10. Rounding out the scoring for Colby was Jeff Reavis 6, Carson McKee 5, Shane Stover 4, Jared Dinkel 3 and Jared Cranston 2.

As a team, the boys were nearly 67 percent from the free-throw line, making 8 of the attempted 12 shots. Augustine and Jordan sank both of theirs for 100 percent nights. McKee and Dinkel were 1-2. Shane Stover was 0-1, and Landon Stover was 2-3.

From the field the Eagles sank 3 of an attempted 15 from behind the arc, and 26 of 54 attempted 2 point shots. As a team, Colby pulled down a total of 35 rebounds, 15 offensively and 20 defensively.

The C team action at Oakley started at 3:30 p.m. today. The junior varsity boys and the varsity girls will play at 6:30 and the varsity boys and junior varsity girls will play at 8. Sub-state games are scheduled to begin next Monday in Colby.

Lady Eagles give coach 100th career victory

By RALPH WOLF
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The Colby Lady Eagles basketball team picked up their 18th victory of the season with a deceiving 73-33 win over the Atwood Lady Buffaloes Friday night in Atwood.

The win was also a milestone for Coach Tom Beckman; it was his 100th career victory as the head coach of the Colby High School Lady Eagles. During his six years as the coach of the Lady Eagles, Beckman has only had 35 losses.

In the game with Atwood, the Eagles jumped out to an early lead and never looked back. Colby led 19-8 at the end of the first period of play and 40-16 at half time.

With a selflessness style of play, the team was credited with an amazing 21 assists and had 9 players scoring in the contest.

Emily Sloan led the way with 16 points, 9 boards, 3 steals and 1

blocked shot. Summar Stephens added 13 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals, and 1 assist. Ivy Ramsey scored 11 points, grabbed 4 boards, recorded 2 steals and had 2 assists. Brianna Swafford was also in double figures in scoring with 10 points. Swafford also had 2 rebounds, 3 steals and dished out 6 assists.

Bethanie Linden was credited with 8 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal and 3 assists. Samantha Wolf added 5 points, 1 rebound and 3 assists. Amanda Seemann contributed 4 points, 3 boards, 3 steals and 6 assists. Jessica Stephens recorded 4 points and 1 blocked shot. Shawna Cox finished the game with 2 points, 1 rebound and 1 steal. Desiree Sharp and Marcia Kaus both had 1 rebound each. Zanae Baird and Shea McKee also saw some court time.

As a team the Eagles shot 47 per-

cent from the field, 28 percent from behind the three-point line and 68 percent from the charity stripe.

The Lady Eagles are on a 16 game winning streak, with a record of 18-1.

Junior Varsity

In junior varsity action Atwood snapped Colby's 8 game winning streak, beating the Eagles by the final score of 56-45.

Colby got off to a slow start and found themselves down 10-4 at the end of the first quarter. The Lady Eagles came out in the second stanza and outscored the Lady Buffs 12-6 to tie the game heading into the locker room at the intermission.

Atwood outscored Colby in the third period 12-6 and in the final period 28-23.

Jessica Stephens had a team high with 14 points. Stephens was also credited with 3 steals and 4 assists.

Shea McKee tossed in 11 points, hauled down 2 rebounds, recorded 4 steals and dished out 3 assists. Marcia Kaus added 9 points, 8 boards, 6 steals and 1 assist. Zanae Baird finished the game with 7 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 blocked shot.

Rounding out the scoring was Shawna Cox with 4 points, 3 boards, 2 steals and 1 assist. Clarissa Unger and Crystal Mannebach had 4 and 3 rebounds respectfully. Unger also recorded 1 steal.

The junior varsity record is now 14-4, with just one game remaining. The Eagles travel to Oakley tonight for the last regular season contest. The C Team girls will play 2 quarters starting at 3:30 p.m. in Monument followed by the junior varsity girls. The varsity girl's game will be played at the Oakley High School gym with tip off slated for 6:30 p.m.

Brewster Lady Bulldogs seeded first in tourney

The Brewster Lady Bulldogs (13-5) are the top-seeded girl's team in the Class 1A regional tournament, which starts tonight and concludes Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse in Goodland. The Jennings Coyotes, at 11-7, are the top-seeded boy's team.

The girls teams open the tournament with games being played at the designated home courts. The boys will start play on Tuesday, again at the designated home locations.

Thursday, the action moves to the Max Jones, with two semifinal girl's games getting underway at 7 p.m. Friday night, the two boy's semifinals will take place at 7 p.m. at the Fieldhouse.

Saturday, the regional girls championship starts at 6 p.m. at the fieldhouse, and the boys title game is scheduled for 7:30.

Here are the matchups and locations for Monday's first round action (all times are Central Time):

Girls round 1, Today

Brewster (13-5) has a bye. Cheylin (7-9), will play Northern Valley (4-14) at Bird City at 7 p.m. Tri-

plains (10-8) has a bye. Golden Plains (9-10) will play Jennings (0-19) in Rexford.

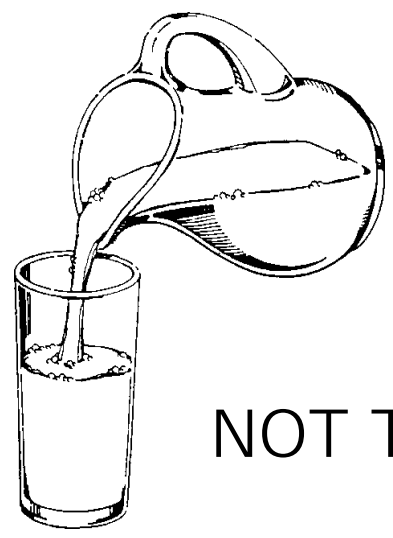
Boys round 1, Tuesday

Jennings (11-7) has a bye. Herndon (8-11) will play Triplains (6-12) in Herndon at 7 p.m. Golden Plains (10-9) will play Cheylin (0-17) in Rexford at 7 p.m. Brewster (8-10) will play Northern Valley (4-15) in Brewster at 7 p.m.

Thursday, the Brewster girls will play either Cheylin or Northern Valley at 7 p.m. at Goodland. That game will be followed by the Triplains girls against Golden Plains or Jennings at 8:30 p.m.


In the boy's semifinals Friday night at 7 p.m., Jennings will play either Herndon or Triplains followed by the winner of Golden Plains versus Cheylin against the winner of Brewster versus Northern Valley.





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Danny will participate in the High School Wrestling Nationals on March 26, 2003 in Cleveland, Ohio. He was denied an opportunity to try out in Colby at 125 pounds by his coach who wanted him to cut weight down to 119. He hopes to accept a scholarship from Coach Bickley at Fort Hays State next year.

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