

Full plate for Trojan wrestlers

The Colby Community College wrestling team will host two duals and their own "Tournament of Champions" during a busy

week beginning today.

Colby will host Lincoln College out of Illinois this evening with action beginning at 7 p.m. at Hoxie High School.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on Friday, Colby will host 11 other teams in their annual "Tournament of Champions." Teams involved include Ellsworth (Iowa), Iowa Central, Labette, Lincoln (Ill.), Minnesota West, Neosho County, Northwest Wyoming, Ridgewater (Minn.), St. Louis Merrimac, Western Wyo-

ming and Pima (Ariz.).

The 12-team event is scheduled to have the semi-finals being at 7 p.m. on Friday. Saturday's action begins at 11 a.m. with the finals taking place at 7 p.m. All action will be held at the Colby Community Building.

The Trojans will finish the week on Sunday with a dual against in-state rival Neosho County.

The dual will be held at the Community Building beginning at 3 p.m..

It's showdown time tonight

The Trojans fell to #6 in this week's national poll after a tough road loss Saturday to Butler County. We are back home tonight against a newcomer to the national poll Garden City, now 12-3 and 1-0 in conference play. They are very talented and are certainly the most athletic team in the Jayhawk Conference. This will be a great test for our ball club. We must play better than we did in El Dorado or we will be starting at another conference loss.

Garden City is the first of three home games in 8 days for the Trojans. Next week we host Barton County on Monday and Seward County on Wednesday. Barton is currently 13-2 and also is mentioned in this week's national poll. We will need some great crowds to pull us through during the next week. See you at the games!

Jottings

Garden City enters tonight's contest with a 12-3 record they are tied for the league lead at 1-0. Garden City is also in the national poll for the first time this season. They are receiving votes for the top 20.

The Trojans faced a very difficult non-conference schedule. In 2003-04 they defeated teams from six different states to finish 14-0. The 14 wins to start a season is a school record. In the two previous seasons the Trojans have recorded 11-3 and 13-1 non-conference records respectively. The Trojans are now 38-4 vs. non-conference foes the past three years.

A year ago, the Trojans compiled a 4-1 record vs. ranked opponents. The Trojans are 7-3 in the past three seasons vs. ranked teams. They are 5-1 at home and 2-2 on the road vs. ranked teams. The Trojans are 1-0 vs. ranked teams this season defeating then #13 South Plains, Texas, 72-52.

Colby is picked to finish first in the Jayhawk West, their highest pre-season pick in their eight years in the league.

The National Junior College Ath-



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Keeping in Touch

letic Association (NJCAA) poll mentioned Colby three times in the 2002-03 season (Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Feb. 18). The Trojans entered the 2003-2004 season ranked #7 in the nation. They were ranked as high as #2 in the country in the Dec. 16 poll and currently are ranked #6 nationally!

The Trojans are 24-6 at home the past two seasons (10-4 in 2001-02 and 14-2 in 2002-03). This year they are 6-0. Their current home win streak is at 12. The school record is 19 straight home wins set in 1976-1978.

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Jayhawk West Standings

(as of 1-5-03)
non-conf.- conf.- all
1. Hutchinson (#4 nationally) 14-0, 1-0, 15-0

2. Barton County (#RV in poll) 12-2, 1-0, 13-2
3. Garden City (#RV in poll) 11-3, 1-0, 12-3

4. Butler County 10-4, 1-0, 11-4
5. Colby (#6 nationally) 14-0, 0-1, 14-1

6. Cloud County 11-3, 0-1, 11-4
7. Dodge City 8-5, 0-1, 8-6
8. Seward County 8-6, 0-1, 8-7
9. Pratt 7-7, 0-0, 7-7

Jayhawk West Games

Saturday, Jan 3 results
Seward County 51 at Barton County 77

Colby 66 at Butler County 69

Hutchinson 74 at Dodge City 62

Cloud County 84 at Garden City 86 OT

Wednesday, Jan 7

Butler County (1-0) at Cloud County (0-1)

Garden City (1-0) at Colby (0-1)

1) Barton County (1-0) at Pratt (0-0)

Dodge City (0-1) at Seward County (0-1)

Saturday, Jan 10

(W-omen, M-en)

Garden City (W-M) at Barton County, 6 and 8 p.m.

Seward County (W-M) at Butler County, 6 & 8

Colby (W-M) at Cloud County, 6 & 8

Pratt (W-M) at Hutchinson, 6 & 8

Monday, Jan 12

Barton County (W-M) at Colby, 6 & 8

Cloud County (W-M) at Dodge City, 6 & 8

Hutchinson (W-M) at Garden City, 6 & 8

Pratt (W-M) at Seward County, 6 & 8

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Hot fourth brings win for Eagles

By TOM A. DREILING

Free Press Publisher

The Colby varsity Eagle basketball boys posted their sixth victory of the season against only one loss by putting away the Thomas More Prep-Marian Monarchs, 75-64, in the Colby Community Building Tuesday night.

It was a tight game until the Eagles broke it open in the final quarter to gain the 11-point victory.

At the first buzzer, the game was tied at 14. At half-time Colby led by just three, 39-36. After three full quarters of action, TMP was on top by three, 51-48.

But in the final period, the Eagles said 'enough is enough' and mustered everything they had and in the process ripped the nets for 27 giant points, while holding the visitors to 13 to hang up a 75-64 victory star.

It was the sort of climax that al-

lowed Eagle fans to lean back and relax some after sitting on the edges of their seats for three quarters of play. The blue-and-white clad Monarchs managed to score in double figures in all quarters — 14-22-15-13, while the Eagles did it in the first (14), second (25) and fourth (27), but could only come up with nine points in the third frame.

But needless to say, they made up for that shortfall with a burst of victory in the final quarter.

The Eagles got double-figure scoring from Shane Stover, who popped in 28, Matt Augustine, 20 and Irvin Dinkel, 12. Brian Sulzman added 7, Bruce Arberger, 5 and Derek Elliott, 3.

For the Monarchs, Scott Hoffman was his team's and the game's leading scorer with 31.

The Eagles weren't able to zero in from beyond the arc, but connected on 25-of-41 from 2-point range for a 61 percent shooting effort. From the charity stripe, the Eagles were 25-of-38 for 65.8 percent.

TMP scored 12 points from 3-point land and were 22-of-44 from the rest of the field. From the free-throw line, the visitors were 8-of-16.

A further breakdown shows Sulzman was 3-of-6 from the field and 1-of-2 from the line; Augustine was 5-of-11 from the field and 10-of-11 from the line; Stover was 10-of-11 from the field and 8-of-12 from the line; Dinkel was 5-of-8 from the field and 2-of-7 from the line; Arberger was 1-of-3 from the field and 3-of-4 from the line; and Elliott was 1-of-2 from the field and 1-of-2 from the line.

Tracking the Eagles (6-1):

Victories over Scott City, 63-34; Russell, 77-47; Burlington, 97-54; Oakley, 72-59; St. Francis, 75-30; and TMP, 75-64.

Loss to Hays High, 72-53.

Total points Eagles on the season = 512. Opponents = 360.

Next game is the "Time Zone" rivalry vs. Goodland at Max Jones Fieldhouse in Goodland on Friday night.

Ladies now 7-0

By RALPH WOLF

Free Press Contributor

The Colby High Lady Eagles captured their seventh win (vs. no losses) of the season with an impressive 62-26 victory over the Thomas More Prep-Marian Monarchs Tuesday night at the Colby Community Building.

The Eagles races to a 10-0 lead at the end of the first quarter and went to the lockerroom at half with a 33-9 lopsided advantage.

Emily Sloan scored 25 points, a season high, and controlled the glass by pulling down 15 rebounds. Sloan also had two steals and one assist. Ivy Ramsey scored in double figures also, with 12. She dished out six assists, had three boards, three steals and rejected two shots. Amanda Seemann, also in double digits, scored 10, had four rebounds, three steals, four assists and one blocked shot. Jessica Stephens contributed seven points, one rebound, two steals and two assists. Ashley Barnes pumped in four points and had one rebound, while Zanae Baird added two points and one rebound.

Brittany Kersenbrock scored two points and had four rebounds; Marcia Kaus had two assists; April Weaver had three rebounds; Lauren Cox had two boards; Shea McKee had one rebound and one assist; and Rishonna Martin had two assists.

For TMP, Carver scored seven, Schmeidler five, Stoecklein one, Deines six, Schueler 2 and Mayers five.

As a team, the Lady Eagles connected on 48 percent of their shots from the field and 51 percent from the free-throw line.

SportsLine

Colby activities

• Thursday — Eagle JV/V wrestlers at Goodland, 6:30 p.m.; 7thA/8th A-B at Hays Felten Middle School, 3:45 p.m.

• Friday — Eagle varsity wrestlers at Liberal tournament, 1 p.m.; Eagle basketball at Goodland, C/JV/V, 4:45 and 6:30 p.m.

• Saturday — Eagle junior varsity wrestling at WaKeeney tournament, 9 a.m.; Eagle varsity wrestling at Liberal tournament, 10 a.m.

Colby College activities

• Tonight — Trojan women and men's basketball vs. Garden City at Colby Community Building, 6 and 8 p.m., respectively; wrestling vs. Lincoln (Illinois) dual at Hoxie High School, 7 p.m.

• Friday-Saturday — Trojan wrestling "Tournament of Champions," Colby Community Building, 12 schools involved, start 10 a.m. on Friday with semi-finals at 7 p.m., 11 a.m. on Saturday with finals at 7 p.m.

• Saturday — Trojan women/men basketball at Cloud County, women at 6 and men at 8 p.m.

• Sunday — Trojan wrestling vs. Neosho County, Colby Community Building, 3 p.m.

Golden Plains activities

• Thursday — Junior high basketball vs. Brewster at Brewster, 3 p.m.

• Friday — High school basketball vs. Logan at Logan, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Brewster activities

• Thursday — Junior high basketball vs. Rexford, 3 p.m. at Brewster

• Saturday — High school basketball vs. Jennings at Brewster, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

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