

Colby third, three Eagles crowned tourney champs

It was a good showing for the Colby varsity Eagles at last weekend's Southwest Wrestling Classic at Liberal, coming home with a third-place team finish and three individual champions.

Team wise, here's how it ended: 1st, Goodland; 2nd, Garden City; 3rd, Colby; 4th, Pratt; and other teams included Cimarron/South-Gray, Dodge City, Hays High, Hugoton, Kapaun Mt. Carmel, Liberal, McPherson, Moriarty, N.M., Randall, Texas, River Road, Texas, Robertson, N.M., Sublette, Tascosa, Texas and Ulysses.

Colby's champs were Cole Garcia, 130-lb., Schuyler Sharpe, 152-lb. and Tucker Olsen, 171-lb. Here is how Colby fared:

- 103 lb. Daniel Tibbles, 2nd place — WBF over Luther Lee (Moriarty), WBF over Kyle Blackburn (Garden City), won 9-2 over Patrick Whissennand (Dodge City) and lost 0-1 2OT to Brett Bahe (Goodland).
- 112-lb. Travis Powell, 3rd place — lost 2-9 to Brady Huck (Dodge City), won 5-0 over Jorge Medina (Ulysses), WBF over Brett Torgler (Kapaun), WBF over David Le (Garden City), won 6-4 over Chad

Normandin (Goodland) and won 3-2 over Daniel Crespin (Robertson).

- 119-lb. Evan Mainus, DNP — lost 5-21 TF to Matt Montoya (Dodge City) and LBF to Kurt Hershey (Hugoton).
- 125-lb. Jesse Hawks, DNP — WBF over Kenyon Campbell (Hugoton), LBF to Aaron Blasi (Pratt) and lost 3-19 TFall to Brandon Kelly (Dodge City).

- 130-lb. Cole Garcia, 1st place — won 19-6 over Lorenz Stefan (Moriarty), won 16-9 over Trent Swanson (McPherson), won 8-0 over Paulo Lopez (Liberal) and won 12-8 over Michael Gerber (Randall).
- 135-lb. Taylor Finley, 4th place — WBF over Tyler Gonzales (Moriarty), won 6-1 over John Ross Wessel (Dodge City), lost 5-8 to Josh Pfannenstiel (Hays), won 5-3 over Ryker Carter (Garden City) and lost 0-3 to Adam Martinez (Robertson).

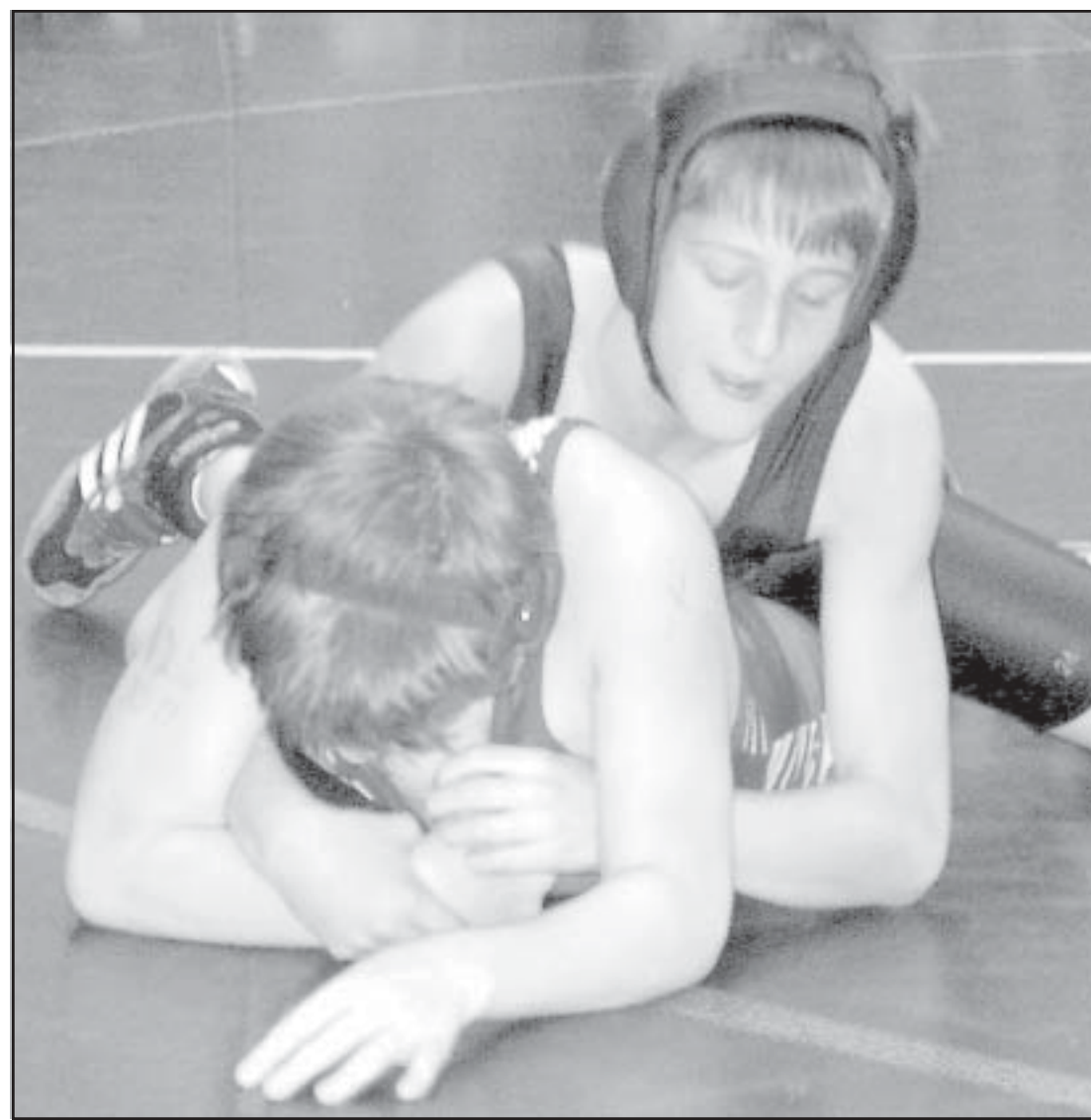
- 140-lb. Kyle Withington, DNP — lost 0-6 to Asher Riner (Pratt) and lost 0-7 to Dustin Schulz (McPherson).
- 145-lb. Ben Jurek, DNP — Lost 4-19 TFall to Spencer Burns (Cimarron), won 8-6 over Corey

Schulte (Goodland) and LBF to Brett Mesa (Garden City).

- 152-lb. Schuyler Sharpe, 1st place — won 16-0 TFall over Rubben Trujillo (Robertson), WBF over P. Golicowski (Tascosa), won 6-2 over Lucas Kramer (Pratt) and won 4-2 over Gavin Jonas (Kapaun).
- 160-lb. Corey Reed, DNP — won 5-3 over Eric Lucero (Moriarty), LBF to Frank Jonas (Kapaun), and LBF to Tyler Plankenhorn (Sublette).

- 171-lb. Tucker Olsen, 1st place — WBF over Evan Plankenhorn (Sublette), WBF over Ryan Kisner (Liberal) and WBF over Jake Shriver (Moriarty).
- 189-lb. Theo Kleinsorge, 6th place — won 11-6 over Cole Wilson (Dodge City), lost 0-2 to Dustin Caine (Garden City), WBF over Chris Hernandez (Hugoton), won 6-4 over Jon LeGrand ((Randall), lost 1-7 to Brandon Bowers (McPherson) and lost 2-10 to Dustin Caine (Garden City).

- 215-lb. Kraig Cersovsky, DNP — LBF to Anthony Garcia (Dodge City) and lost 1-2 to Josh Heronemus (Liberal).
- 275-lb. — open.



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Colby's Kalen Rasmussen, wrestling in the 100-lb. weight class in the 12 and Under category, placed first in the tournament held in Colby last Saturday.

Trojan men roar back, win by four

It was a barnburner, but in the end the Colby Community College Trojan men prevailed over Barton County, 69-65.

The Trojans got off to another slow start at home Monday night and trailed Barton County 24-12 with just over nine minutes remaining in the first half. The Trojans responded with a 19-7 run to end the half trailing by just 3 points at 34-31.

After a lay-up by Ontario McKee to start the second half, Barton County answered with a quick 6-0 spurt to lead by 7. Colby would close the gap to one six more times before taking their first lead of the game on two free throws by EJ Drayton to make it 66-65 with just over 2 minutes remaining.

With 50 seconds left, Colby gained possession of the ball. With

the shot clock running down, McKee drove to the lane and dished to back court mate, Branden Miller and Miller connected on his fourth 3-pointer of the game to give Colby the 69-65 win. Colby held Barton County scoreless the last 3 minutes and 47 seconds of the game.

Colby was led by Justin Williams 18 points. Williams added 7 rebounds and 4 blocks. EJ Drayton scored 16 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Miller had 12 points and 6 assists while Ontario McKee added 11 points.

The Trojans shot a season high 80 percent from the foul line (12-15) and committed a season low 6 turnovers. In a battle of the top two rebounding teams in Region VI, Colby came away on top 34-30.

The Trojans held the Cougars to 35.1 percent shooting in the second

half. Colby's win ends Barton County's 14-game winning streak. The Trojans have beaten Barton County the last four years at the Community Building and currently own a 14-game home winning streak.

Colby is now 17-1 overall and 3-1 in Jayhawk West Conference action. They will host Seward County tonight at the Community Building. Game time is set for 8 p.m.

All Trojan games can be heard live on 100.3 FM (KQLS) or 790 AM (KXXX) and also on the world wide web at www.j-rmarketing.net. Those unable to follow the Trojans over the air can read game reports in the *Colby Free Press*.

Ladies win, now 17-1

The Colby Community College Lady Trojans continued their winning ways in fine fashion Monday night at the Community Building beating Barton County, 99-58.

The Trojans dominated the first half in winning their 16th straight game (17-1 overall). Colby led 51-30 at the break and never looked back.

Jelena Spiric caught fire early scoring 16 in the first half and connecting on both of her three-point shots in the opening frame. The Trojans continued their dominance in the second half outscoring the Cougars 48-28 en route to the 41-point win.

Spiric led Colby with 18 points while Bojana Samardziska added 17. Louise McLean added 16 points, 10 rebounds and 9 assists, narrowly missing yet another triple-double for the Trojans. Ivana Drmanac added 12 in the win.

Colby remains unbeaten at home this season going 5-0 thus far.

The Trojans are now 17-1 overall and 4-0 in the Jayhawk West Conference. They will battle nationally ranked Seward County tonight night with first place in the conference race on the line. Game time is set for 6 p.m. in the Community Building.

Colby Kids back on the mats

The Colby High School gym was packed for the Colby Kids' Invitational Wrestling tournament on Jan. 10, at which Colby hosted 342 wrestlers and their families from 25 clubs in Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska.

The Colby Kids weighed in with 49 wrestlers, the Goodland Cowboys came with 33, Hoxie with 30, the Garden City Southwest Grapplers brought 26, and Oakley showed up with 25.

After 6 1/2 hours of wrestling, here is how the 49 Colby Kids finished:

- **Age Class, 6&U**
40 lbs. Ethan Sicard, dnp (did not place); 40 lbs. Tate Carney, dnp; 49 lbs. Brady Holzmeister, 1st; 49 lbs. Cole Ziegelmeier, 4th; 52 lbs. Connor Edmundson, 1st; 52 lbs. Travis Finley, dnp; 55 lbs.

- Bryce Arnberger, dnp; 55 lbs. Andrew Voss, dnp; 58 lbs. Bowen Black, dnp; 58 lbs. Casey Quagliano, 3rd; 61 lbs. Matthew Barnum, 5th; 64-67 lbs. Sterling Miller Jr., 3rd; 70-73 lbs. Keegan Morgan, 2nd; 70-73 lbs. Hayden Miller, 3rd; 70-73 lbs. Austin Hart, 4th.
- **Age Class, 8&U**
49 lbs. Dustin Reed, 1st; 49 lbs. Josh Barnhart, 4th; 52 lbs. Kyle Finley, 4th; 55 lbs. Colter Miller, dnp; 58 lbs. Austin Cobb, 4th; 61 lbs. Jay Ziegelmeier, dnp; 64 lbs. Quade Woolfer, dnp; 67 lbs. Ian Koerperich, dnp; 67 lbs. Hunter Butts, dnp; 76 lbs. Trek Keck, 2nd; 76 lbs. Andrew Taylor, 3rd; Hwt. Zell Bieberle, 1st; Hwt. Dustin Burleigh, 4th.
- **Age Class, 10&U**
64 lbs. Konnor Kriss, 1st; 64 lbs.

- Keagan Strange, dnp; 67 lbs. Chase Harlow, 3rd; 73 lbs. Taylor Moeder, 1st; 76 lbs. Christian Wilson, dnp; 76 lbs. Kale Arnberger, 3rd; 85 lbs. Dalton Snyder, 3rd; 90 lbs. Trevor Strutt, dnp; 100-110 lbs. Nathan Quagliano, dnp.
- **Age Class, 12&U**
68 lbs. Alex Wagoner, dnp; 68 lbs. Nathan Reed, 2nd; 84 lbs. Zack Harlow, dnp; 84 lbs. Bob Schroeder, dnp; 84 lbs. Torey Taylor, 2nd; 88 lbs. Darris Keller, 4th; 92 lbs. Corbin Stephens, dnp; 96 lbs. Jordan Voss, 4th; 96 lbs. Ethan Stickel, 2nd; 100 lbs. Kalen Rasmussen, 1st; 100 lbs. Jarrett Marker, dnp; 130 lbs. Adam Weber, 1st.

(The Colby Free Press thanks Duane Johnson for compiling and submitting this information.)

Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament

Monday's Games

Girls
Wheatland 43, Triplains 38
Wallace County 34, Healy 30

Boys
Triplains 67, Grinnell 55
Golden Plains 51, Cheylin 49

Tuesday's Games

Girls
Grinnell 62, Wheatland 31
Golden Plains 54, Weskan 47

Greeley County 58, Cheylin 39
Brewster 54, Wallace County 30

Boys
Jennings 80, Triplains 43
Wallace County 57, Healy 43
Weskan 59, Wheatland 47

Greeley County 57, Golden Plains 40

Friday's Schedule

Girls
Grinnell vs. Golden Plains, 6

p.m., Colby Community Building
Greeley County vs. Brewster, 3

p.m., Colby Community Building
Boys
Jennings vs. Wallace County,

7:30 p.m., Community Building
Weskan vs. Greeley County, 4:30

p.m., Colby Community Building
(Pool Play brackets not available as of this morning)

Eagle Ladies post victory No. 9

By RALPH WOLF

Free Press Contributor

The Colby Lady Eagles are now 9-0 on the season, thanks Tuesday night's 56-39 non-conference victory over McCook in the Colby Community Building. The Eagles are holding down the #3 sport in the Kansas Coaches Association Poll this week.

McCook jumped out to an early 9-4 lead midway through the first period, but the Eagles came storming back and took control of the game 17-11 at the buzzer. By half-time, Colby held a comfortable 31-15 advantage.

Emily Sloan recorded another double-double with 20 points and

10 rebounds. She also had 1 steal and 3 blocked shots. Ivy Ramsey added 16 points, had 5 rebounds, 2 steals, 6 assists and 2 blocked shots. Also scoring in double figures were Zanae Baird with 10; she also had 2 rebounds and 3 steals.

Jessica Stephens and Amanda Seemann both finished with 4 points each. Stephens had an assist and Seemann came away with 2 rebounds, 3 steals and 1 assist. Marcia Kaus connected on a pair of free throws to end the game with 2 points. Kaus also had a steal.

Ashley Barnes hauled down 3 rebounds and dished out 1 assist. Brittany Kersenbrock had a rebound and as assist, while Shea

McKee grabbed a rebound.

The Eagles struggled from behind the arc, making just 1 out of 12 attempts, but made 42 percent from the field and a whopping 70 percent from the charity stripe.

Next action for the girls will be Friday on the road to Hoxie.

Eagle boys get 8th win; details on Thursday

Schedule getting tougher; Seward County is in town this evening

Basketball fans in northwest Kansas are very fortunate to have a team playing in the prestigious Jayhawk Community College Conference. The Jayhawk West is so tough once again. Each team has played either 3 or 4 games. We play our 5th game tonight against a traditional West power Seward County. Our first four games have been tough to say the least. All four games have been decided by 6 points or less. We are currently 3-1 in conference play and 17-1 overall. We are ranked #5 in the nation in this week's poll. Hutchinson is 16-1 and ranked #7 in the nation and Barton County is 15-3 and receiving votes. Four conference teams are tied for first place with one loss. The three teams mentioned above



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and Butler County. This is a year where there isn't one dominant team and 3-4 losses could win the West. This is the best "top to bottom" I have seen the league in my five seasons as head coach. We invite you out to enjoy some great basketball action!

Jottings

The Lady Trojans are 17-1 and ranked #16 this week. The Lady Saints are also 17-1 and ranked #6.

Should be a great women's game tonight at the Community Building.

We could not be successful without the support of all our fans and sponsors. Our business sponsors this year are Stephens Construction, S&T Communications, Western Sprinklers, Pepsi of Colby, Culligan of Colby, Taco John's of Colby, Thomas County Feeders and Gambino's.

On Saturday, Jan. 31 prior to our

game vs. Butler County we will honor each of our corporate sponsors for the 2003-2004 season. We will present each with an honorary plaque.

The Trojan Dunk-O-Meter is at 67 after 18 games. Justin Williams is the team leader with 38 slams! Last season the Trojans recorded 107 dunks. Colby Canvas sponsors the Dunk-O-Meter!

All Trojan basketball games can be heard on 100.3 FM. Also, via Internet at j-rmarketing.net Thanks to the voice of the Trojans Rich Epp. For those unable to follow the Trojans on air, you can read about them in your favorite paper, the *Colby Free Press*!

Results of Saturday, Jan 10
Garden City 71 Barton County 95

Seward County 48 at Butler County 61

Colby 80 at Cloud County 77
Pratt 73 at Hutchinson 89
Monday, Jan 12

Barton County 65 at Colby 69
Cloud County 64 at Dodge City 83

Hutchinson 76 at Garden City 97
Pratt 77 at Seward County 63
Games tonight, Jan. 14

Seward (0-4, 8-10) at Colby (3-1, 17-1)

Cloud County (1-3) at Hutch (2-1)
Dodge City (2-1) at Garden City (2-2)

Butler (2-1) at Pratt (1-2)
Jayhawk West STANDINGS (1-13-03)

non-conf. conf. all

1. Colby (#5 in NJCAA) 14-0; 3-1; 17-1

2. Barton (#RV in NJCAA) 12-2; 3-1; 15-3

3. Hutchinson (#7 IN NJCAA) 14-0; 2-1; 16-1

4. Butler 10-4; 2-1; 12-5

5. Dodge City 8-5; 2-1; 10-6

6. Garden City 11-3; 2-2; 13-5

7. Cloud 11-3; 1-3; 12-6

8. Pratt 7-7; 1-2; 8-9

9. Seward 8-6; 0-4; 8-10
Have a great week!

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