

Third straight Orange & Black title for Lady Eagles

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The Colby High School Lady Eagles were crowned the Orange and Black Champions for an unprecedented third straight time with an impressive 65-35 win over the Lady Redskins from Liberal on Saturday night at the Colby Community Building..
Emily Sloan and Amanda Seemann were both named to the All-Tournament Team. Sloan was honored with the Most Valuable

Player award, as she averaged 20 points and 8 rebounds for the three-day tournament.
Liberal jumped out to take an early 10-4 lead, but Colby fought back and pulled to within just 2 points (12-10) at the end of the first period of play. The Eagles scored 21 points in the second stanza, while holding the Redskins to just 7 and took a commanding 31-19 advantage into the locker room at intermission. Colby came out in the third quarter and put another 17 points,

with Liberal managing to add only 9 and Colby's lead was 48-28 heading into the final quarter.
Emily Sloan scored 18 of her team-leading 24 points in the first half. Sloan finished the game with 7 rebounds, 1 steal and 1 blocked shot. Amanda Seemann recorded 14 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals and 2 assists. Ivy Ramsey added 13 points, 3 boards, 3 steals, 1 blocked shot and an amazing 8 assists in the game. Brittany Kersenbrock came in off the bench to contribute 5

points, 4 rebounds and 1 assist. Jessica Stephens had 4 points, 5 boards and 2 assists. Ashley Barnes and Marcia Kaus were credited with 2 points and 2 rebounds apiece. Rounding out the scoring was Zanae Baird with 1 point, 3 rebounds and 1 assist.
In the Championship game against Liberal the Eagles were 20-45 from two-point range for 44 percent, 16-18 from the free throw line for an impressive 88 percent.
In semi-final action on Friday

night, Colby defeated the Scott City Lady Beavers, 59-50. The Eagles led 15-13 at the end of the first quarter and 34-23 at half time.
Jessica Stephens led the way connecting on 3 three-point shots and finished the game with 14 points and 2 steals. Emily Sloan added 12 points, 6 rebounds and 1 steal. Amanda Seemann and Ivy Ramsey both scored 11 points each. Barnes was also credited with 6 boards, 1 blocked shot and dished out a team-high 6 assists. Seemann grabbed 1

rebound and had 1 assist. Ashley Barnes was 4 of 6 from the charity stripe and finished the game with 6 points. Barnes was also credited with 5 rebounds and 3 assists. Brittany Kersenbrock tossed in 4 points and had 1 assist. Shea McKee saw some action. As a team the Lady Eagles shot 44 percent from the field, 40 percent from three-point land and 62 percent from the free throw line.
Next action for the Eagles will be Friday when they host Ulysses.



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Wichita South proved to be too much for the Colby Eagles during the Orange and Black Classic semi-finals Friday at the Colby Community Building. In one of many battles for the ball, Colby's

Shane Stover (left), along with Derek Elliott and Brian Sulzman fight for possession. Colby lost the game, 50-38. The Eagles lost the third-place game Saturday night to Liberal, 65-60.

Eagles lose battle for third-place to Liberal

The battle for third-place honors in the Orange & Black Classic Saturday night in the Colby Community Building was a good one to watch, but a bitter pill to swallow — if you were wearing orange and black.
When it was all over the Colby Eagles fell to Liberal, 65-60 in anybody's game to the end.
Colby was on top 14-9 after the first quarter, up by 31-27 at half-time and holding onto a 1-point, 45-44 lead going into the final quarter.
At the buzzer, when it counts, the Redskins were on top.
Colby had four players in double

figures — Bruce Arnberger with 18, Shane Stover 16, and Matt Augustine and Brian Sulzman 10 each. Irvin Dinkel added 5 to the cause and Derek Elliott got 1.
Colby shot at a 45.2 percent clip from the field (19-42) and 83.3 percent at the free throw line (20-24). Liberal was 52.3 percent from the field (23-44) and 91.7 at the charity stripe (11-12).
From 3-point land Colby was 2-5 and Liberal was 8-20.
Friday night's sime-final game saw Wichita South reign in a 50-38 victory over the Eagles, leading at every quarter, 18-6, 22-15 and 38-

29. Stover was tops for the Eagles with 16. Augustine and Arnberger each scored 8, Dinkel 4 and Sulzman 2.
Colby was 18-38 from the field for 47.4 percent and 1-5 at the line for 20 percent. Wichita South was 22-34 from the field for 64.7 percent and 6-8 at the line for 75 percent. From beyond the arc, the Eagles were 1-5 and Wichita South was 0-1.
The Ulysses Tigers come calling Friday night. Ulysses ended up fourth in the classic.
The 1-2 Orange & Black Classic mark leaves the Colby Eagles at 10-

3 on the 2003-2004 season.
Tracing the Eagles:
Wins over...
Scott City, 63-34
Russell, 77-47
Burlington, 97-54
Oakley, 72-59
St. Francis, 75-30
TMP, 75-64
Goodland, 60-51
McCook, 58-54
Hoxie, 69-61
Beloit 52-38
Losses to...
Hays High, 72-53
Wichita South, 50-38
Liberal, 65-60

Colby Kids keep busy on the wrestling mats

Colby Kids Wrestling actually got underway back in October when, on he 31st, they participated in the Monster Match in Denver.
Dustin Reed competed in 8 & Under 52 lbs. placed 2nd. In 10 & Under at 61 lbs Konner Kriss placed 6th; 85 lbs. Dalton Snyder placed 4th; 12 & Under 68 lbs. Nathan Reed DNP; 84 lbs. Torey Taylor DNP; 96 lbs. Ethan Stickel placed 4th.
November took a few to the Tulsa, Okla. Cliff Keen Classic. Tanner Kriss placed 3rd; Konner Kriss in 10 & Under 61 lbs. DNP; Taylor Moeder in 10 & Under 67 lbs. DNP.
December was a busy wrestling month right along with all the holiday preparations. At the Beloit Tournament at 8 & Under at 52 lbs., Dustin Reed placed 1st; 10 & Under 67 lbs. Taylor Moeder placed 1st; 76 lbs Kale Arnberger placed 2nd and 85 lbs Dalton Snyder placed 4th; 12 & Under 84 lbs Torey Taylor placed 1st.
On Dec. 20 Hays hosted a tournament that was popular with the Colby Kids Wrestling.
Results:
6 & Under
49 lbs Brady Holzmeister, 2nd;

52 lbs Conner Edmundson, 2nd; 58 lbs Casey Quagliano, 3rd; 70 lbs Kegan Morgan, 2nd.
8 & Under
52 lbs Dustin Reed, 1st; 58 lbs Austin Cobb, 2nd; 76 lbs Andrew Taylor, 3rd; 76 lbs Trek Keck, 2nd; 95-103 lbs Zell Bieberle, 2nd.
10 & Under
61 lbs Konner Kriss, 1st; 64 lbs Kegan Strange, DNP; 67 lbs Taylor Moeder, 1st; 70 lbs Chase Harlow, 4th; 76 lbs Kale Arnberger, DNP; 85 lbs Dalton Snyder, 2nd; 90 lbs Trevor Strutt, DNP; 110 lbs Nathan Quagliano, DNP.
12 & Under
68 lbs Nathan Reed, 4th; 84 lbs Torey Taylor, DNP; 88 lbs Alex Wagoner, DNP; 88 lbs Andrew Flanagan, DNP; 96 lbs Ethan Stickel, 3rd; 130 lbs Adam Weber, DNP.
14 & Under
Tanner Kriss, 1st; Breck Arnberger, 1st.
Christmas weekend Council Bluffs, Iowa Mid America Classic:
14 & Under
Tanner Kriss 4th.
10 & Under
61 lbs Konner Kriss, DNP; 67 lbs Taylor Moeder, 1st; 85 lbs Dalton Snyder, DNP..

Also Christmas weekend was the Wichita Tourney where Dustin Reed wrestled 8 & Under 52 lbs. and placed 1st; Nathan Reed wrestled 12 & Under and placed 4th.
On Jan. 3, Hoxie held a tournament and Colby Kids Wrestling had a good turnout for competition. Here are the results of that tourney:
6 & Under
49 lbs Brady Holzmeister, 1st; 52 lbs Conner Edmundson, 2nd; 55 lbs Bryce Arnberger, 4th; 58 lbs Bowen Black, 4th; 58 lbs Casey Quagliano, 4th; 70 lbs Kegan Morgan, 2nd.
8 & Under
52 lbs Dustin Reed, 1st; 52 lbs Kale Finley, 4th; 58 lbs Devin Langdon, 2nd; 58 lbs Austin Cobb, 4th; 61 lbs Jay Ziegelmeier, 4th; 64 lbs Quade Woofter, 1st; 67 lbs Hunter Butts, 4th; 76 lbs Andrew Taylor, 4th; 76 lbs Trek Keck, 2nd; 95-103 lbs Zell Bieberle, 1st; HWT Dustin Burleigh, 4th.
10 & Under
61 lbs Konner Kriss, 1st; 64 lbs Kegan Strange, 4th; 67 lbs Taylor Moeder, 1st; 70 lbs Chase Harlow, DNP; 76 lbs Kale Arnberger, 4th;

85 lbs Dalton Snyder, 2nd; 90 lbs Trevor Strutt, DNP; 110 lbs Nathan Quagliano, DNP.
12 & Under
68 lbs Nathan Reed, 1st; 84 lbs Torey Taylor, 2nd; 84 lbs Bob Schroeder, DNP.
84 lbs Zach Harlow, DNP; 88 lbs Sam Kendrick, DNP; 88 lbs Alex Wagoner, DNP; 88 lbs Andrew Flanagan, 4th.
96 lbs Ethan Stickel, 2nd; 96 lbs Jordan Voss, 3rd; 100 lbs Jarrett Marker, 4th; 130 lbs Adam Weber, 1st.
14 & Under
Breck Arnberger, 3rd; Tanner Kriss, 1st.

Trojan men roll over Pratt

The Colby Community College Trojans built a 49-32 half-time lead and never looked back defeating Pratt Sunday afternoon, 96-68, in the Colby Community Building. The Trojans shot 56.5 percent from the floor and hit 9 of 23 three-point shots in the victory.
Justin Williams led Colby with 26 points and 15 rebounds. Brandon Miller hit six three's en route to his 23-point performance, and added 5 assists. EJ Drayton and Zane Davis

were also in double figures with 14 and 10, respectively. Ontario McKee contributed 8 assists.
The Trojans held Pratt to 37.9 percent shooting (25.8 percent from beyond the arc) and out-rebounded the Beavers 40-24.
Colby is now 19-2 overall and 5-2 in Jayhawk West Conference action.
They will travel to Dodge City Wednesday for another conference game. Game time is set for 8 p.m.

Trojan Ladies get 19th win

The Colby Community College Lady Trojans won for the second consecutive time defeating the visiting Pratt Lady Beavers 89-70 Sunday afternoon at the Colby Community Building.
Colby jumped out to a 49-37 half-time lead behind a 13-5 run in the last 4 minutes of the opening period. Colby kept the margin in double figures the rest of the way as they cruised to their sixth conference win.
Louise McLean led Colby with 23 points, 9 rebounds and 8 assists. She hit 10 of 15 shots from the field Jelena Spiric added 25 points and 5 assists, while Bojana Samardziska and Jayci Stone were also in double figures with 16 and 11 points, respectively.
Samardziska and Ivana Drmanac each had 10 rebounds. The Lady

Trojans outrebounded Pratt 52-40 and held Pratt to just 32.1 percent shooting, 26.5 percent from beyond the 3-point stripe.
Colby is now 19-2 overall and 6-1 in Jayhawk West Conference play. They will travel to Dodge City Wednesday for another conference game. Tip-off is set for 6 p.m.

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Golden Plains ladies whip Vikings, 79-41

The Lady Bulldogs of Golden Plains ran away from the Triplains Vikings in Western Kansas Liberty League action Friday in Rexford, 79-41. With the win, Golden Plains improves their overall record to 8-5 and 4-0 in the conference..
The Lady Bulldogs had four players score in double digits led by Randi Stevenson with a career-high 18 points. Joining her in double fig-

ures were Val Broeckelman with 14 points, Darcie Spresser with 12 and Katelyn Spresser with 12.
For the game Golden Plains shot 43 percent (32-75) from the field and was 50 percent (10-20) from the line.
Triplains shot just 31 percent (14-44) from the field but were a sizzling 87 percent (13-15) from the line. Golden Plains had a huge ad-

vantage on the glass outrebounding the smaller Vikings 58-15 led by Stevenson's 11 caroms while Darcie Spresser pulled down 9 boards.
Golden Plains forced 28 Viking turnovers while committing 19 for the game.
Golden Plains will face the Wheatland Shockers Friday evening in Rexford.