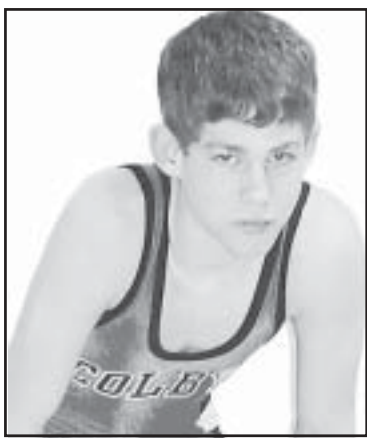
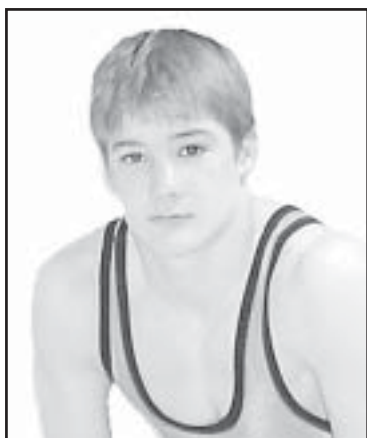




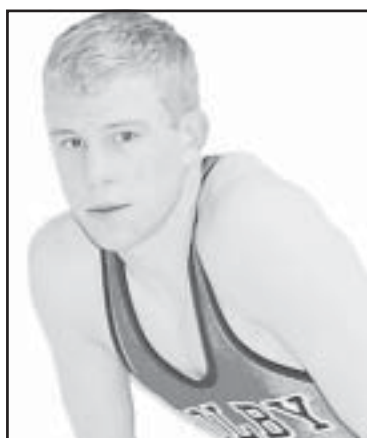
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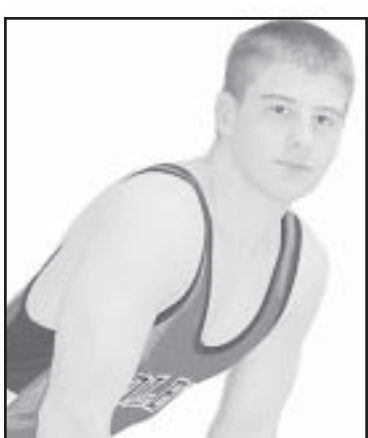
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Colby sending six wrestlers to State 4A at Wichita

The Colby High Eagle wrestlers finished in 5th-place at last weekend's Class 4A Regional Tournament at Abilene.

In the process, six Eagles qualified to advance to the 4A State at the Kansas Coliseum in Wichita this coming weekend.

Team finishes and points:

1. Goodland, 163.0; 2. Clay Center, 149.0; 3. Santa Fe Trail, 141.0; 4. Abilene, 131.0; **5. Colby, 128.0**; 6. Concordia, 109.0; 7. Royal Valley, 100.5; 8. Marysville, 96.5; 9. Chapman, 77.0; 10. Wamego, 72.5; 11. Jefferson West, 43.0; 12. Council Grove, 30.5; 13. Topeka Hayden, 24.0; and 14. Perry

Lecompton, 12.0.

The Goodland Cowboys will take 7 wrestlers to state.

Individually, for Colby:

• Cole Garcia, at 130 lbs., was crowned champion.
• Daniel Tibbles, at 103, placed second.
• Taylor Finley, at 135 lbs.,

placed second.

• Schuyler Sharpe, at 152, placed third.

• Tucker Olsen, at 171, placed third.

• Theo Kleinsorge, at 215, placed third.

Goodland had four first-place finishers — Brett Bahe at 103;

Blayze Bahe at 119; Dexter Deeds at 125; and Jordan Bedore at 275.

Final Round Results

√Garcia decisioned Jake Kriegbaum of Abilene, 4-2 (OT) to win the gold.

√Tibbles lost to Brett Bahe of Goodland, 2-0 (finish 2nd).

√Finley lost 8-2 to Brandon Lund

of Clay Center (finish 2nd).

√Sharpe decisioned Kyle Allen of Clay Center, 12-1 (finish 3rd).

√Olsen decisioned Chris O'Toole of Royal Valley, 3-2 (finish 3rd).

√Kleinsorge decisioned Travis Weller of Clay Center, 2-1 (finish 3rd).

Lady Eagles easily roll to 18th win of season

By RALPH WOLF

Free Press Contributor

The Colby Lady Eagles picked up their 18th victory of the season against just 1 loss with a 70-43 win over the Atwood lady Buffaloes Friday night in the Community Building.

The Kansas Basketball Coaches Association has Colby at #3 in its final regular season poll.

Colby outscored Atwood in all four quarters, 14-10 in the first, 16-12 in the second, 22-13 in the third and 18-8 in the final period.

Amanda Seemann and Emily Sloan shared high scoring honors with 19 points apiece. Seemann also recorded 1 rebound, 1 assist and had a team high 5 steals. Sloan was able to collect 8 boards, 2 steals, 3 assists and 3 blocked shots. Ivy Ramsey finished the game with 13 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 assists and 1 blocked shot before fouling out mid way through the fourth quarter. Brittany Kersenbrock stepped it up with a good game scoring 11 points, grabbing 2 rebounds, stole the ball 2 times and had 2 assists.

Jessica Stephens added 4 points, 4 steals and dished out 8 assists. Marcia Kaus and Lauren Cox both finished the game with 2 points each. Kaus was credited with 2 boards and Cox had 1 steal. Zanae Baird hauled down 6 rebounds and Rishonna Martin recorded 1 rebound.

Shea McKee is still sidelined with an ankle injury. Ashley Barnes did not play because she would have too many games by the end of the season. The state activities association rules state that a player can only participate in 20 regular season games.

As a team the Eagles were 21-41 for 51 percent from two-point range, 3-12 for 25 percent from behind the three-point line and 19-26 for 73 percent from the charity stripe.

Jayvee

The Lady Eagles picked up their 19th consecutive win and remain undefeated on the season with a nail-biting 60-54 victory over the Buffaloes in overtime. Colby got off to a slow start and trailed 19-10 at the end of the first period of play,

but bounced back in the second stanza and outscored the visiting Buffs 25-12 to take a 35-31 advantage into the locker room at the intermission.

With the score tied 51-51 at the end of regulation, the Eagles came out in the extra period and scored 9 points and held the visitors to just 3 points to claim the victory.

Marcia Kaus had a great game scoring 18 points, hauling down 4 rebounds and had 1 steal. Rishonna Martin connected on 6 of 8 free throws and finished the game with 15 points. Martin also recorded 4 boards and 4 assists. Jenna Johnson tossed in 10 points, grabbed 6 rebounds and had 2 assists. Tisha Bieker contributed 8 points, 3 boards, a team high 5 steals and 4 assists. Lauren Cox came a way with 7 points, led the team with 10 rebounds, recorded 2 take a ways, dished out a team leading 6 assists and blocked 1 shot. Caitie Henry finished the contest with 2 points and 1 board.

April Weaver had 3 rebounds, 1 steal and 1 assist. Nikole Schroeder was credited with 2 rebounds and 1

Good steal. Kristin Cox also saw some action.

As a team the JV Eagles connected on 40 percent from the field, 25 percent from three-point land and 60 percent from the free throw line.

C-Team

The Eagles improved their record to 10-5 with a 20-9 win over the Lady Buffaloes in a two-quarter game.

Caitie Henry led all scorers in the game with 10 points. Henry was also credited with 4 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 blocked shot. April Weaver recorded 5 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals and 1 assist. Jenna Johnson and Kristin Cox both finished the game with 2 points each. Johnson also recorded 2 boards, 3 steals and 1 assist, while Cox had 2 steals. Nikole Schroeder rounded out the Eagles scoring with 1 point, 1 rebound and 1 steal.

Carleigh Dempewolf had 2 rebounds and 1 steal, Michelle Kaus recorded 1 rebound and Rashaun Wilson added 1 steal and 1 assist. Tisha Bieker had 1 steal.

The Eagles travel to Norton on Friday night for the final regular season game.

Good show!



RANDY DECKER/Colby Free Press

Colby's Christopher Finley had his best scoring varsity game this season with 14 points, when the Eagles downed Atwood Friday night at the Colby Community Building, 88-27. Both coaches agreed to let the clock keep running in the fourth quarter after the Eagle lead went well beyond 30 points at the end of the third.

Fun...and successful 1A Regional Tournament



Ray Nolan

● From the Dugout

Our Trojan Tri-Athlon was a success this past weekend. We had 18 teams compete in our bowling, pool and dart tournament on Saturday. Our auction on Sunday at City Limits did not bring out the numbers we had expected, but we still had a decent auction. Thanks to all of you who competed in our event and attended the auction. We cannot exist without your support.

Hopefully this event will grow each year until it becomes something that is marked on calendars around the community. Just ask anyone who competed in the event if they had a good time. I suspect they will say yes.

This past week we opened our season at 15th-ranked Lamar, Colo. and came away with two losses, but I did not feel the day was totally horrible. We truly only had one bad inning, the first inning of the first game. We made only one error on the day, and those of you who read my column last year know that we had very few games with just one error in a game, not to mention for an entire double header. Our main focus this past year has been to sure up our defense, and although it is early, I suspect that we have. We also hit the ball well, and except for that first inning, we did not pitch poorly either. With any luck we could have pulled out that second game.

So, despite the two losses, I did not drive home as angry as I usually am after two losses. I am hopeful that we will learn from our mistakes and continue to improve as the season progresses.

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This week we have three double headers starting in Colorado Springs on Wednesday against Air Force J.V. Some of you might know that Reed Peters, who Ryan Carter succeeded here at Colby, moved from the Air Force Academy and filled a vacancy at Feather River

Community College in Quincy, Calif. this past summer.

Air Force is now coached by Mike Hutcheon, who came to Colorado Springs from Bethel College in Mishawaka, Ind. He was the National Christian College Athletic Association Coach of the Year in 2002.

With the change the J.V. team at the Academy may be different than in the past. Each head varsity coach has different philosophies on running J.V. teams. Some keep good freshman down on the J.V. to get experience, and others only have their lesser players down there. Coach Peters used to require some talented freshmen to play on the J.V., which meant that our contests were very competitive. We don't know what to expect this season with the new leadership of the program.

On Saturday we open at home against Arapahoe Community College of Denver at 1 p.m. This is Arapahoe's second season of baseball, so we don't know what to expect from them either. Last season they fought it out for last place in the Empire Conference in Colorado.

Sunday we travel to Sterling, Colo. to play Northeastern Junior College. NJC will be quite a test for us. Last week they faced Seward and came away with a sweep, so you know they are tough.

Please come out to the college diamond on Saturday at 1 p.m. and cheer us on against Arapahoe. I feel we have a fun team to watch.

Thanks again to all of you who took part in this year's Trojan Baseball Try-Athlon and Memorabilia Auction. Like I said earlier, we cannot exist without your support.

I hope that everyone has a great week.

Ray Nolan is assistant baseball coach at Colby Community College.

Goodland's Max Jones Fieldhouse is the site for the Class 1A Regional Basketball Tournament this week with Brewster serving as host school. Laura Rush, activities director at Brewster, is tournament manager.

First round boys' games will be today and first round girls' games on Tuesday. These games are played at the schools of the higher seeds and all start at 7 p.m.. (all times are Central Standard).

The brackets:

BOYS

Monday, Feb. 23

Herndon (18-1) vs. Bye; Grinnell (4-14) at Golden Plains (7-12); Cheylin (1-18) at Jennings (12-7); Atwood (4-15) at Brewster (9-11).

Thursday, Feb. 26 (at Max Jones Fieldhouse)

Semi-finals
Herndon vs. Golden Plains-

Grinnell winner, 6 p.m.; Jennings-Cheylin winner vs. Brewster-Atwood winner, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 28 (at Max Jones Fieldhouse)

Regional championship game at 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS

TUESDAY, FEB. 24

Grinnell (16-2) vs. Bye; Cheylin (5-12) at Atwood (10-9), 7 p.m.; Brewster (17-3) vs. Bye; Golden Plains (11-8) vs. Bye.

Friday, Feb. 27 (at Max Jones Fieldhouse)

Semi-finals
Grinnell vs. Atwood-Cheylin winner at 6 p.m.; Brewster (17-3) vs. Golden Plains (11-8), 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 28 (at Max Jones Fieldhouse)

Regional championship game at 6 p.m.

Record is 25-3

Colby ladies handle Hutch; Dodge next

The Colby Community College Lady Trojans continued their dominance of Jayhawk West Conference opponents rolling to a 56-44 victory at the Community Building behind a suffocating defensive effort. The Trojans won their 25th game of the season, surpassing the previous school record of 24.

Colby jumped out to a 7-1 start and only trailed once in the game. The Trojans was down for the only time 10-9 with 6:38 left in the opening period, but rallied with a 7-0 run that spanned two minutes to take the lead for good.

Colby led 23-18 at the break and began the second half with a 10-5 run to open the margin to 10 at 33-23. Hutchinson would answer with a quick 6-0 run to close within 4 at

33-29 with 16:09 remaining. The Trojans would answer the bell as they outscored Hutchinson 23-10 the next 13 minutes to win their 12th conference game.

Bojana Samardziska led the Lady Trojans shooting 9 of 11 from the field scoring 22 points. Samardziska pulled down a game high 14 rebounds. Louise McLean added 15 points, 8 assists and 7 rebounds. Jelena Spiric scored 11 in the Lady Trojan victory. Colby held Hutchinson to 25.8 percent shooting for the game and just 13 percent from beyond the 3-point arc.

Colby is now 25-3 overall and 12-2 in Jayhawk West Conference action. The Trojans host Dodge City Wednesday at the Community Building. Game time is set for 6.

Trojan men fall to Hutchinson

Before a record crowd estimated at 2,200 at the Colby Community Building Saturday night, #11-ranked Hutchinson made their final run count in defeating the #13-ranked Colby Community College Trojan men, 84-72, ending Colby's school record 18-game home court winning streak.

With 4:02 remaining in the game and the score tied at 68, Hutchinson's Durrall Peterson hit a tough jumper to spark the Blue Dragons to a 16-4 run to end the game which saw several runs by each team.

Hutchinson opened the game with a 14-4 run in the first 6 minutes of the contest before Colby countered. The Trojans responded with a 18-6 run to take their first lead of the game at 22-20 with 9:52 remaining in the opening period.

The lead would see-saw much of the rest of the first half before Hutchinson ended the period with a 9-5 run to lead 45-41 at the break.

Colby scored the first 7 points of the second half before Hutchinson rallied. With the Trojans leading 50-48 with just under 18 minutes to play, Hutchinson would make a 16-5 run to lead by 9 with 8:32 remaining. Colby answered the bell again

as they would outscored Hutchinson 13-4 to tie the game at 68 with 4:02 left.

Colby shot just 37.3 percent from the field and was held to just 9 of 30 (30 percent) from beyond the 3-point arc. The Trojans also shot a dismal 13 of 23 (56.5 percent) from the free throw line. Hutchinson dominated the glass outrebounding the Trojans 51-29. Colby came into the game as the top rebounding team in Region VI.

Branden Miller scored 20 points and dished out 4 assists to lead the Trojans. EJ Drayton scored 16 points and grabbed 6 rebounds, but was held to just 6 of 17 shooting. Dillion Sneed scored 8 points and grabbed a team high 10 rebounds. The Trojans committed a season low 5 turnovers.

Colby is now 23-5 overall and 9-5 in Jayhawk West Conference action. They will host Dodge City Wednesday at the Community Building. Game time is set for 8 p.m.

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. Game reports then follow in the Colby Free Press.

Eagle boys in easy win, details Wednesday