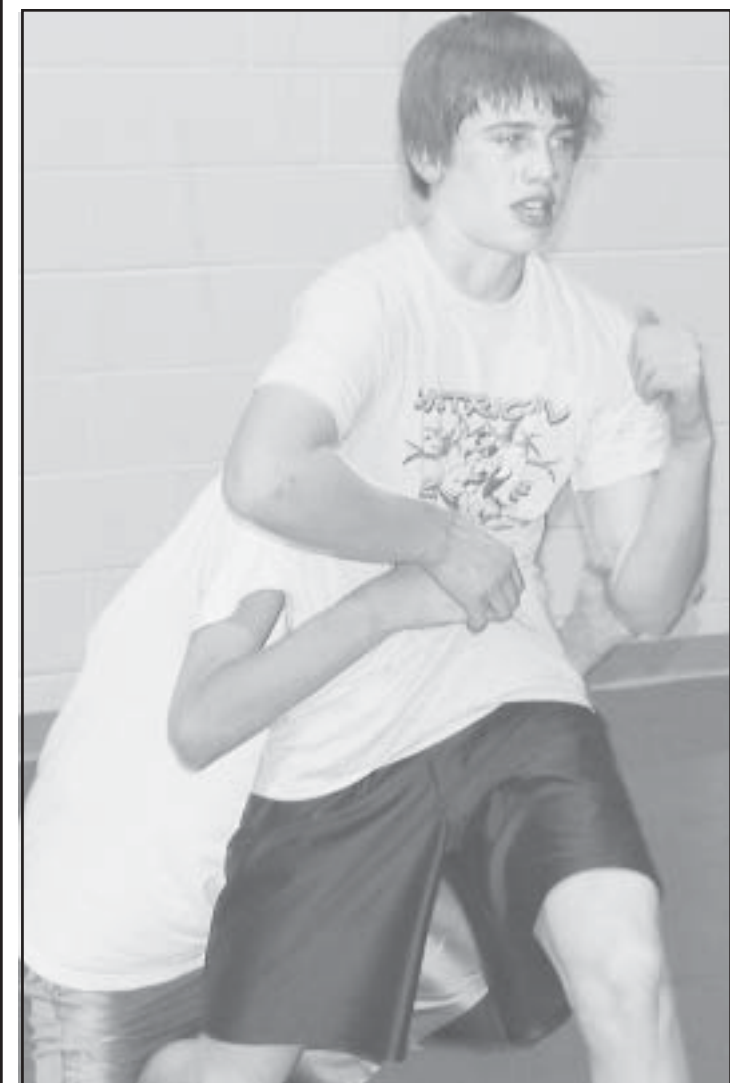


Let the season begin



TISHA COX/Colby Free Press

Colby High School's Jared Flanagan fought off Wesston Talsma during practice on Monday. Winter sports officially started this week. First matches, involving the varsity and junior varsity, will take place Dec. 3 vs. Burlington in Colby at 6:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

Sports focus is on Ambassadors Classic

Teams from five states featured in three-day event

The annual Colby Ambassadors Basketball Classic swings into action on Thursday and continues through Saturday at the Colby Community Building.

Featured will be teams from Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Montana and Wyoming.

Both the Colby Community College men's and women's teams

won't move onto the court until Friday.

Here is the detailed schedule:

- Thursday**
- 2 p.m. — Barton County vs. Bethany JV (women)
 - 4 p.m. — Central Community College (Neb.) vs. New Mexico (men)
 - 6 p.m. — Miles City (Mont.) vs.

Independence (women)

- Friday**
- 2 p.m. — Independence vs. Barton (women)
 - 4 p.m. — Casper College (Wyo.) vs. New Mexico (men)
 - 6 p.m. — Colby Community College vs. Miles City (women)
 - 8 p.m. — Colby Community College vs. Central Community

College (men)

- Saturday**
- 2 p.m. — Miles City vs. Barton County (women)
 - 4 p.m. — Central Community College vs. Casper College (men)
 - 6 p.m. — Colby Community College vs. Independence (women)
 - 8 p.m. — Colby Community College vs. New Mexico (men)

Junior high tourney opens Friday at Brewster

The Brewster Junior High pre-season basketball tourney is scheduled Friday and Saturday and will feature the following schools: (A-team girls and boys) — Brewster, Golden Plains, Sharon Springs, Wheatland, Heartland Christian, Grinnell, Cheylin and Triplains; (B-team girls and boys) — Brewster, Triplains, Sharon Springs, Cheylin, Wheatland and Golden Plains #1 & #2 boys and girls.

Here is the schedule:

- Friday**
- North Gym**
- (B-boys) Golden Plains #1 vs. Triplains, 3 p.m.; (A-girls) Cheylin

vs. Grinnell, 4:15; (A-boys) Cheylin vs. Grinnell, 5:30; (A-girls) Wheatland vs. Sharon Springs, 6:45; and (A-boys) Wheatland vs. Sharon Springs, 8:00.

- South Gym**
- (B-girls) Sharon Springs vs. Golden Plains #2, 3 p.m.; (A-girls) Triplains vs. Heartland, 4:15; (A-boys) Triplains vs. Heartland, 5:30; (A-girls) Brewster vs. Golden Plains, 6:45; and (A-boys) Brewster vs. Golden Plains 8:00.

- Saturday**
- North Gym**
- (B-girls) Brewster vs. Cheylin,

9 a.m.; (B-girls) Wheatland vs. Sharon Springs, 10:00; (B-boys) Wheatland vs. Sharon Springs, 11:15; (A-girls) Losers of Friday's 4:15 game, 12:30 p.m.; (B-girls) Cheylin vs. Triplains, 1:45; (A-boys) Losers of Friday's 5:30 game, 3:00; (B-boys) Cheylin vs. Triplains, 4:15; (A-girls) Losers of Friday's 6:45 game, 5:30; (B-boys) Sharon Springs vs. Golden Plains #2, 6:45; and (A-boys) Losers of Friday's 8:00 game, 8 p.m.

- South Gym**
- (B-boys) Brewster vs. Cheylin, 9 a.m.; (B-girls) Triplains vs. Golden Plains #2, 10:00; (B-boys) Brewster

vs. Golden Plains #1, 11:15; (A-girls) Winners of Friday's 4:15 game, 12:30 p.m.; (B-girls) Brewster vs. Golden Plains #1, 1:45; (A-boys) Winners of Friday's 5:30 game, 3:00; (B-boys) Wheatland vs. Golden Plains #2, 4:15; (A-girls) Winners of Friday's 6:45 game, 5:30; (B-girls) Golden Plains #1 vs. Wheatland, 6:45; and (A-boys) Winners of Friday's 8:00 game, 8 p.m.

The Free Press thanks Laura Rush, Brewster's activities director for the complete scheduling.

The tourney generally draws big crowds to the site.

Broncos' owner back in court

DENVER (AP) — A former owner of the Denver Broncos who won a 1999 lawsuit seeking the right to buy a 10 percent stake in the team is fighting a proposal that would allow owner Pat Bowlen to buy the share back within two years.

During a court hearing Monday, attorneys for former owner Edgar Kaiser said the buy-back proposal would unfairly penalize him because he wouldn't be guaranteed fair market value for the stake when Bowlen buys it back.

U.S. District Judge Richard

Matsch said he planned to rule before the end of the year. Both sides are expected to appeal, so Matsch said he would put his ruling on hold until the case is resolved. Any change in ownership of the team would have to be approved by the National Football League.

Kaiser sold a majority stake in the team to Bowlen in 1984 and sold the rest of his stake to Bowlen's family the following year. Kaiser alleged in a 1999 lawsuit that Bowlen violated a right-of-first-refusal provision in the sale agreement.

SportsLine

Colby's activities

Thursday — 7th/8th boys basketball at Oakley, 4:30 p.m., games in the high school gym in this order, 7A-7B-8A-8B (15 minutes); Colby High wrestling parent/player meeting in the commons, 7 p.m.

Friday — No sports activity scheduled.

Saturday — No sports activity scheduled.

Monday (Nov. 22) — 7th/8th boys basketball at Quinter, 4:30 p.m., order of games, 7A-7B 5th Qtr.- 8A-8B 5th Qtr.

Tuesday (Nov. 23) — No sports activity scheduled.

Wednesday thru Friday (Nov. 24-Nov. 26) — No school/fall break.

Colby College sports

Thursday thru Saturday — Men's, women's basketball in annual Colby Ambassadors Classic, Community Building (see schedule elsewhere on this page).

Saturday — Wrestling, University of Nebraska-Omaha Open, 9 a.m.

Tuesday (Nov. 23) — Wrestling dual with Labette at Community Building, 7 p.m.; women's basketball at Air Force Prep, Colorado

Springs, 7 p.m. (Central Time).

Passes available

Season and individual passes for Colby Community College basketball games are now available. In addition to the passes, you can also receive updates by newsletter for a one-time charge. For further details and prices, call Doris Anderson at 462-3984 ext. 243 to sign up.

Youth basketball

Registration deadline is Nov. 26 for the Mid America Youth Basketball 12th anniversary Winter Kick-off Tournament in Newton (on Dec.

11-12). A and B level brackets for 3rd-12th grade boys and girls teams. More than 150 teams from several states will be taking part. Call (316) 284-0354 or email mayb@mayb.com for more details. (Items can be e-mailed to colbysports@nwkans.com, faxed to 462-7749 or dropped off at the office at 155 W 5th. No later than 9 a.m.)

COLBY CINEMA & ARCADE

NOV. 12th - NOV. 18th

THE INCREDIBLES (G) 1:50
Friday & Saturday: 7:00 & 9:15
Sunday thru Thursday: 7:00

THE GRUDGE (PG-13) 1:40
Friday & Saturday: 7:15 & 9:15
Sunday thru Thursday: 7:15

COLBY THEATRE

NOV. 12th - NOV. 18th

SAW (R) 1:40
Friday & Saturday: 7:00 & 9:00
Sunday thru Thursday: 7:00

After the Sunset
Friday & Saturday: 7:15 & 9:00
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