

‘Just try it!’



TISHA COX/Colby Free Press

Colby High School sophomore Ashley Barnes faced off against Hays High’s Karen Bailey earlier this week in the Eagles’ matchup against the Indians. The Eagles will be in Holcomb Tuesday to test the Longhorns.

Eagle wrestlers squeeze by ranked St. Francis

The Colby High School Eagle wrestlers ventured into the home of one of the state’s top wrestling teams — the St. Francis Indians — and came away with a thrilling 35-34 victory Thursday night.

Coach Mitch Beims said he was pleased to get the win, pointing out that the Indians are rated within the top five schools in their classification.

“Yes, it was a good win,” he said in answer to a question from the *Free Press* sports scribe.

He is looking forward to today’s and Saturday’s action in the 19th annual Colby Invitational Wrestling Tournament, which includes 18 schools of varying classification.

Coach Beims said his charges will be going up against another powerful wrestling program, this one from Scott City this afternoon to kick off the tourney.

Here are the results of Thursday’s dual at Sainty, Colby mentioned first):

103 lbs. — Tibbles won by a fall over Carpenter.

112 — Luedke won (open).

119 — T. Powell lost by a fall to Richard.

125 — Olsen won 6-2 over G. Smull.

130 — Flanagin lost by a fall to Loyd.

135 — Withington won 10-3 over Rohweder.

140 — Garcia won 15-4 over J. Gienger.

145 — Finley won 16-0 technical fall over Brown.

152 — B. Jurek won 11-3 over G. Gienger.

160 — Voss lost 10-0 to G. Smull.

171 — Wright won 11-2 over Walters.

189 — Mazanec lost by a fall to Ross.

215 — Kriss lost by a fall to Wilger.

275 — Juenemann lost by a fall to Walz.

Jayvee at Goodland

The Colby junior varsity wrestlers took part in the Goodland Junior Varsity Tournament on Dec. 4. Other teams were Oberlin, Hoxie, Oakley, Garden City, Liberal, St. Francis, and Lamar, Wray and Baca County (all Colorado).

Thirty-one Colby wrestlers were involved in the round-robin tourney. No medals or team points were awarded.

Colby results included: **103lbs.**, Bryan Brewer 3-0, Cody Wark 2-1, Coy Talsma 1-2. **112 lbs.**, Brent

Luedke 3-0, Darren Sporing 2-1. **119 lbs.**, Nic Harlow 2-1, Bobby Wiess 2-1. **125-lbs.**, Weston Talsma 2-1, Lincoln McClure 3-0, Eric Ohlrogge 0-3. **130lbs.**, Brett Harter 3-0. **135 lbs.**, Eli Robert 3-0, Grant Jennings 2-1.

140lbs., Erik Jurek 2-1. **145 lbs.**, Ben Jurek 3-0, Austin Taylor 1-2, Andrew Toth 0-3. **152 lbs.**, Zack Koenig 1-2, Alex Kleinsorge 0-3, Tanner Decker 3-1. **160 lbs.**, Mitchell Tuma 2-1, Chase Vaughn 1-2. **171 lbs.**, Kyle Cox 1-2, Tyson Plumisto 1-2, Donnie Binder 0-3. **189 lbs.**, Brady Strange 3-1, Duke Turner 1-2, Earren Sporing 0-3, Scott Blanton 0-3. **215lbs.**, Michael Juenemann 0-3, Josh Johnson 3-0.

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Former Trojans wrestlers doing well

By RAY NOLAN

Colby Community College Former Colby Community College wrestlers C.B. Dollaway, Matt Murray and Muzaffar Abdurakhmanov are having tremendous success at the Division I level.

This past weekend, 184 lbs. NJCAA national champion Dollaway, who is wrestling for Arizona State, reached the finals of the prestigious Las Vegas Open. Dollaway is currently ranked ninth in the country at 184 lbs. and the Sun Devils are ranked 22nd in the most recent coaches poll.

Colby native Murray, who is in his second season with the Nebraska Cornhuskers, advanced to the semi-finals of the Las Vegas Open. The Cornhuskers are currently the fourth ranked team in the country.

Two time NJCAA national champion Muzaffar Abdurakhmanov is probably the most impressive new comer to the Division I ranks. He is ranked third in the country at 157 lbs., and his American University squad is on the verge of entering the top 25.

Last week Abdurakhmanov was voted the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association’s “Wrestler of the Week.” He won the award on the heels of his victory at the Mat Town Invite, where he defeated last seasons NCAA runner up, and number two wrestler in the country, Jake Percival of Ohio University. The previous week Abdurakhmanov captured the title at the Keystone Classic. He was voted outstanding wrestler at both events.

For more information on college wrestling go to <http://www.intermatwrestle.com/ where you can vote for either Abdurakhmanov or Dollaway as the biggest surprise of the season.

SportsLine

Colby

Today — Eagle Invitational Wrestling Tournament at Community Building, high school gym and elementary gym, 2 p.m.

Saturday — Wrestling tourney continues, 8 a.m..

Monday — 7th/8th boys basketball NWKL tourney.

Tuesday — “C” boys team basketball at Holcomb, 4:45 p.m., followed by jayvee boys, then jayvee girls; varsity girls basketball at Holcomb, 6:30, followed by varsity boys.

Colby College

Today — Women’s basketball in the Western Nebraska tourney at Scottsbluff continues.

Saturday — Women’s basketball continues in the Western Nebraska tourney; wrestling at Kearney, Neb., 9 a.m.


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Dec 23	Fort Worth	Cincinnati	Marshall	1
Dec 23	Las Vegas	Wyoming	UCLA	1
Dec 24	Hawaii	Hawaii	UAB	1

Dec 27	Boise	Fresno State	Virginia	1
Dec 27	Motor City	Connecticut	Toledo	1
Dec 28	Insight	Oregon State	Notre Dame	2
Dec 28	Independence	Iowa State	Miami of Ohio	3
Dec 29	Houston	Colorado	Texas – El Paso	3
Dec 29	Alamo	Oklahoma State	Ohio State	3
Dec 30	Cont. Tire	North Carolina	Boston College	3
Dec 30	Emerald	Navy	New Mexico	1
Dec 30	Holiday	Texas Tech	California	3
Dec 30	Silicon Valley	Northern Illinois	Troy	1
Dec 31	Music City	Alabama	Minnesota	2
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