

Nine Eagle wrestlers earn trip to 4A State at Wichita

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Colby made a super showing in the 4A Regional Wrestling Tournament at the Colby Community Building Friday and Saturday.

As a team, the Eagles finished 3rd, a half-point behind second place Andale. Goodland claimed the championship in convincing style, posting 209.50 points. Andale tallied 158.00 and Colby 157.50.

And the big news for the Colby faithful was qualifying 9 wrestlers for the big Class 4A State showdown at Wichita this coming weekend.

How the teams finished:

1. Goodland, 209.50
2. Andale, 158.00
3. Colby, 157.50
4. Scott City, 131.50
5. Buhler, 117.00
6. Ulysses, 113.50
7. Russell, 86.50
8. Pratt, 63.00
9. Clearwater, 51.00
10. Hugoton, 26.00
11. Larned, 13.00
12. Nickerson, 12.00

13. Lindsborg-Smoky Valley, 10:50

14. Haven, 9:00

Claim to fame

Colby had one regional champion in Cole Garcia, wrestling at 140 lbs.

Daniel Tibbles at 103, Hunter Olsen at 119, Taylor Finley at 145 and Ben Jurek at 152 all finished 2nd.

Brent Luedke at 112, Kyle Withington at 135 and Ross Wright at 171 each finished 3rd.

And Travis Powell at 125 finished 4th.

The Goodland Cowboys qualified 11 and in that mix were four regional champs.

How it happened

Championship showdown

Colby

• 103 lbs. — Tibbles lost a 7-3 decision to Chad Normandin of Goodland. Tibbles, a senior, takes a 30-3 record to Wichita.

• 119 — Olsen lost a 10-2 decision to Blake Fisher of Andale. Olsen, a freshman, carries a 25-13 mark to state.

• 140 — Garcia decisioned Pete Eck of Andale 4-2. Garcia, a junior, is 32-1 as he shows up on the mats at Wichita.

• 145 — Taylor lost 4-2 decision to Judd Schroeder of Andale. Taylor, a junior, is 28-11 heading to Wichita.

• 152 — Jurek lost a 5-1 decision to Andrew Gossett of Buhler. Jurek, a senior, packs a 23-13 mark into his suitcase for the trip to Wichita.

Consolation bracket

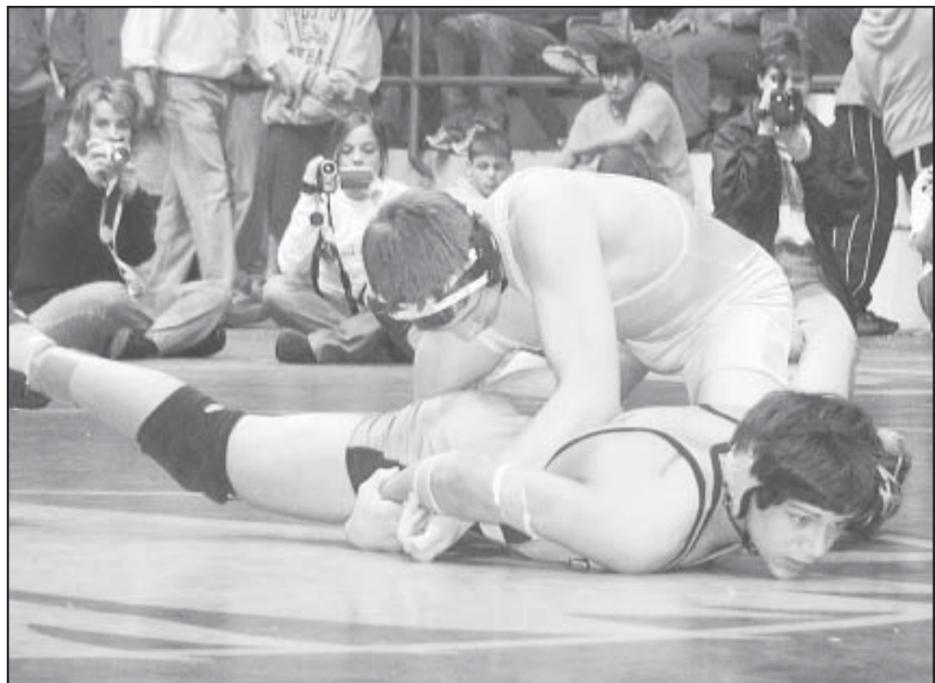
Colby

• 112 — Luedke decisioned Trent Gray of Ulysses 3-2. Luedke is a freshman and takes a 25-13 mark to State 4A.

• 135 — Withington decisioned Lakin Dreiling of Scott City 3-2. Withington, a junior, is 19-9 heading into state.

• 171 — Wright decisioned Josiah Goodley of Goodland 5-0. Wright, a senior, is 20-16 going into state action.

• 125 — Powell lost by a fall to A.J. Stephan of Goodland. Powell, a senior, is 25-16 heading inot Wichita.



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Colby High School wrestlers Cole Garcia (top photo) and Hunter Olsen are pictured during the championship round at the Class 4A Regional Wrestling Tournament Saturday at the Colby Community Building. Garcia took top honors in the 140-lb. weight class, beating Andale's Pete Eck. Olsen also did well, earning second place in the 119-lb class.

Seven Trojans to national tourney

The Colby Community College wrestling team will travel to Rochester, Minn. this week for the NJCAA national tournament. The Trojans are currently ranked fourth in the country.

There are seven Trojans who have qualified for the event.

• Kyle Patton (Wellsville) will compete at 125 lbs. He is ranked eighth in the country.

• Dan Prater (Pratt) will compete at 133 lbs. He is nursing a broken

hand, but hopefully will be ready to go.

• Mathieu Gilliland (Hoxie) will wrestle at 141 lbs. His number one finish at the qualifying tournament a week ago propelled him into the number four position in the country.

• Matt Schippers (Hoxie), who is eighth in the country, will wrestle at 149 lbs.

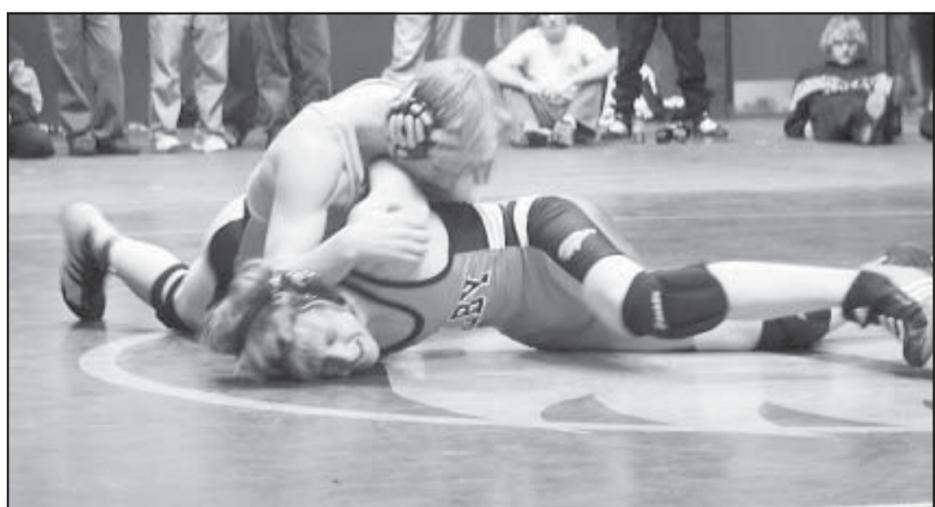
• Jason Schippers (Hoxie) will be the Trojan representative at 157 lbs.

• Eric Luedke (Colby), who has

been ranked number one in the country the entire season and won a national championship as a freshman, will wrestle at 165 lbs. He won the qualifying tournament without a problem.

• Zach Luedke (Colby) is the Trojan's last representative. He will wrestle at 174 lbs.

A community wide send-off has been scheduled by college officials for 9 a.m. on Wednesday on campus.



Eagle Ladies slap Atwood, 72-45

The Colby varsity lady Eagles are now 16-3 on the season following a 72-45 victory over Atwood on the road Friday night.

Following a close opening period which saw the Eagles lead at the buzzer, 22-21, Colby romped on the hosts 23-7 to lead at the half, 45-28.

The Eagles added another 24 points in the third to lead 69-39, and pretty much let things stand in the fourth, hitting 3 points while allowing Atwood 6.

Emily Sloan led the way for the Eagles with 23 points. Brittany Kersenbrock added 13 (including 4 3-pointers), Lissa Mazanec 12, Zanae Baird 8, Ashley Barnes 8, Jessica Stephens 6 and Tasha Wagener 2.

Kramer was tops for Atwood with 18.

Colby was 61 percent from the floor (29 of 47), 66 percent from 3-point range (4 of 6), and 83 percent from the line (10 of 12).

For Atwood is was 43 percent from the field (16 of 37), (no 3 pointers) and 59 percent from the line (13 of 22).

The Eagles led in rebounding, 26-19.

By quarters:

Colby 22-23-24-03 = 72
Atwood 21-07-11-06 = 45

Colby hosts Norton at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Community Building.

Voss Novice Wrestling Tourney Results

The Colby Eagles had 22 wrestlers out of 30 place in the top four in their respective weight class at the Bill Voss Novice Tournament in Colby on Feb. 12.

Schools participating were Atwood, Hoxie, Oberlin, Scott City, Garden City, Goodland, Oakley, St. Francis, Hays High, Ulysses, Hill City, Smith Center, Norton, Phillipsburg, WaKeeney-Trego and Colby.

Here is how Colby fared:

• **103** — Cody Wark (9) 2nd place, won by fall over Pennington (GD), won 20-3 tech fall over Halbleib (OA) and lost by a fall to J. Arellano (GC). Dalen Schlageck (9) 3rd place, won 11-4 over A. Normandin (GD), lost by a fall to J. Arellano (GC), won 9-2 over A. Normandin (GD). Coy Talsma (9) did not place, lost 6-7 to Halbleib (OA), won 18-10 over Pennington (GD), lost by a fall to Schlageck (CO).

• **112** — Bryan Brewer (9) 1st place, won by a fall over Coon (GD), won 10-2 over Reetz (WAK), won by a fall over Russert (UL). Darren Sporing (10) 1st place, won by a fall over Cook (OB), won 5-4 over Ray (NT), won 13-3 over J. Quintanar (GC).

• **119** — Trenton Powell (10) 1st place, won by a fall over Winter (HC), won 16-5 over Johnson (GC). Bobby Weiss (10) did not place, lost 0-8 to Engelbert (NT), lost 2-4 to Kaiser (TR). Nic Harlow (10) 3rd place, lost 4-11 to Johnson (GC), won by a fall over Scheibler (HA), won by a fall over Winter (HC).

• **125** — Lincoln McClure (11) 1st place, won by a fall over Bebb (NT), won 19-4 tech fall over Patterson (GC). Wesston Talsma (10) 2nd place, won by a fall over Reitcheck (OA), lost by a fall to Bolt (NT). Eric Ohlroge (10) did not place, lost by a fall to Macdonald (GD), lost by a fall to Bebb (NT).

• **130** — Brett Harter (10) 1st place, won by a fall over Kahle (OA), won by a fall over Husted (NT). Ryan Baalman (9) 4th place, lost by a fall to McCauley (UL), won by a fall over Brown (NT), lost by a fall to McCauley (UL).

• **135** — Jesse Hawk (10) 1st place, won 12-9 over Baetz (SM), won 7-4 over Rodriguez (GC), won 14-11 over Soderland (NT). Grant Jennings (9) did not place, lost 5-10 to Ward (NT), lost by a fall to Miller (OB).

• **140** - Eric Jurek (10) 1st place, won by a fall over Marcuson (OB), won 8-3 over Maldanado (GC).

• **145** - Austin Taylor (9) 2nd place, won by a fall over Acosta (GC), lost by a fall to Thomas (PB). Zak Koenig (9) 3rd place, lost by a fall to Thomas (PB), won 12-2 over Acosta (GC). Andrew Toth (10) did not place, lost by a fall to Rupp (UL), lost by a fall to Durham (NT).

• **152** - Joe Heier (10) 4th place, lost 0-15 tech fall to Wickham (PB), won by injury default over Dietz (C), lost 2-8 to Pearson (SC). Alex Kleinsorge (11) did not place, lost by a fall to Bencomo (UL), lost 6-7 to Arnold (HA). Jeremy Dietz (11) did not place, lost 3-7 to Sproul (NT), lost by injury default to Heier (CO).

• **160** - David Voss (11) 3rd place, lost by a fall to Gerstberger (UL), won by a fall over Rumback (OA), won by a fall over Kennedy (SC). Chase Vaughn (9) 2nd place, won 6-2 over Scherling (GD), lost by a fall to Caine (GC).

• **171** - Tyson Plumisto (11) 2nd place, won 15-2 over Sharp (AT), won by a fall over Wilkins (TR), lost 5-7 to Martin (OB). Kyle Cox (9) did not place, lost by a fall to Linner (NT), lost by a fall to Solko (AT).

• **189** - Duke Turner (9) 4th place, won 6-4 over Meyer (HX), lost by a fall to Hawkins (GD), won 5-2 over Guthmiller (SF), lost by a fall to Binning (AT). Darrin Sporing (9) did not place, lost by a fall to Badsky (OB), lost by a fall to Guthmiller (SF).

• **215** - Michael Juenemann (10) 3rd place, won by a fall over Velasco (GD), lost 0-8 to Diedrich (OB), won by a fall over Johnson (CO). Josh Johnson (10) 4th place, lost by a fall to Earl (SF), won by a fall over Velasco (GD), lost by a fall to Juenemann (CO).

SportsLine

Soccer sign-up underway

The American Youth Soccer Organization is accepting new registrations until March 5. Anyone interested in signing up their child for the spring soccer session, should call Terri Sicard at 460-2468. The cost is \$25 and includes insurance, uniform jersey, socks and shinguards.

Colby Schools

Today — 7th/8th girls NWKL basketball tourney, Colby Elementary gym, first round 4:30 p.m.. Tourney continues on Thursday.

Tuesday — 7th/8th NWKL wrestling tourney in the Colby High gym 2 p.m.; JV boys basketball with Norton 6:15 p.m., in the elementary gym followed by the JV girls (no C-team boys game); varsity girls basketball with Norton in the Colby Community Building 6:30 p.m., followed by varsity boys. This is Senior Recognition Night and that will take place right after the varsity girls game.

Brewster Schools

Today thru Saturday (excluding Wednesday) — Regional basketball tourney.

Golden Plains

Today thru Saturday (excluding Wednesday) — Regional basketball tourney.

Activity galore at the college

Baseball and softball opened their seasons over the weekend, the track team competed in the region tournament and the wrestling team travels to the national tournament in Rochester, Minn. this coming weekend.

The Trojan softball team opened their season in La Junta, Colo. on Sunday against Otero JC, who is a perennial softball powerhouse. he results are not in yet so please check our website for results later in the week. They play McCook in McCook, Neb. at 2 p.m. on Thursday and at Hutchinson at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

The baseball team opened their season at NJCAA #17 Lamar on Saturday. Game one was a good pitchers' battle until the sixth inning when Lamar finally got to Trojan sophomore Kobey McCall for four unearned runs. McCall pitched well though. He pitched 5 1/3 innings and allowed just two hits against a very powerful Lopes lineup. The Trojans lost game one 5-0. The second game of the doubleheader was not as exciting. Lamar came out swinging early and scored three in the first and never looked back. They beat the Trojans 10-0. The Trojans have a rematch with the Lopes Monday at 12 noon. The doubleheader was originally scheduled for Wednesday, but since the weather might be bad that day, the games were moved up.

The men's and women's basket-



Ray Nolan

On Campus

ball teams face Garden City tonight at the Colby Community Building at 6 and 8 p.m. The Garden City men (10-2, 18-8) are in first place, but are coming off a loss to second place Seward County on Saturday night. The Trojans lost a close game to the Broncbusters earlier in the season, 58-51 in Garden City. With a win the Trojans (5-6, 14-10) remain in a tie for fourth with Barton County (6-6, 11-15). A loss drops them into a tie for the sixth spot with Hutchinson (5-7, 15-9), a half game behind fifth place Pratt (6-7, 13-14).

The Lady Broncbusters (1-11, 12-14) are in last place and the Lady Trojans beat them in their previous meeting, 76-59. The Lady Trojans (7-4, 20-5) are currently in second place, but must beat the Lady Broncbusters tonight in order to stay there. Both Hutchinson and Dodge City won over the weekend to move their conference records to 8-4.

The track and field team was at Manhattan over the weekend for the Region VI meet. Results are not in yet, but please check the website

later in the week for an update. The national meet is March 4 and 5 in Charleston, Ill.

Don't forget the Trojan baseball bowling, pool and dart tournament (The Trojan Try-Athlon) will take place this Saturday at the Colby Bowl at 11 a.m. You can sign up your team of four with head coach Ryan Carter at 462-3984 ext. 238. Immediately following the event their will be a sports memorabilia auction that will include a baseball autographed by Willie Mays, a baseball autographed by World Series champ Curt Schilling and a Dale Earnhardt Jr. series Remington Model 870 Express shotgun that is also signed by the Nascar star.

I hope everyone has a great week and don't forget to check <http://www.colbycc.edu/>www.colbycc.edu for your Trojan sports updates.

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Golden Plains girls get 15th win

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs cruised past the Triplains Vikings 53-15 in high school basketball action Friday evening in Winona. The win was the 11th in a row and 13th in the last 14 games for Golden Plains with a record of 15-5.

Niki Spresser scored 16 points and hauled down 13 rebounds for the winners. Val Broeckelman added 11 points while teammates Megan Juenemann, Katelyn Spresser and Jessica Shaw all scored 6 points. Shaw led the team with 18 rebounds on the game.

Golden Plains outrebounded the shorter Vikings by a whopping 49-11 margin.

Golden Plains has earned the #1 seed in the Wheatland Basketball Regional and will play Thursday night against the Dighton-Grinnell winner.

Trojan baseball ready for 2005 Try-Athlon

Saturday will be a big day — fun day — as the Colby Community College Trojan baseball program unveils its 2005 Try-Athlon And Sports Memorabilia Auction.

“Compete in our bowling, pool, and dart tournament (our Try-Athlon) at 11 a.m., then stay for our sports memorabilia auction featuring items such as a Willie Mays autographed baseball, a Curt Schilling autographed baseball, original art work, a Remington 870 Express Dale Earnhardt Jr. edition

shot gun signed by the Nascar champ himself, plus trips and professional sports tickets,” said Nolan.

Nolan said you do not need to attend the Try-Athlon in order to attend the auction. There is a cost involved. To sign up your team of four call Head Coach Ryan Carter at 462-3984 ext. 238.