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Colby High School senior Tyson Plumisto (top) battled a Quinter wrestler during the Eagles' dual against Quinter and Hoxie Thursday at the high school gym. Plumisto won his match in the 171 lb. class.

# Eagles rule in dual meet against Hoxie and Quinter

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Colby High School dominated Hoxie and Quinter in dual action Thursday in Colby. Due to Quinter's small numbers they only wrestled in five weight classes. Colby shut out Quinter 81-0. 130 lbs.: Jared Flanagan won by fall in 1:28 over Shelby Mollenkamp 140: Cole Garcia won by fall in 1:27 over Jimmy Harvey 152: Kyle Withington won by fall in 1:14 over Trevor Mader 160: Tanner Kriss won by fall in 2:1 over Chris Mader 171: Tyson Plumisto won 4-3 decision over Randy Richmeier. In one junior varsity match at 152 lbs., Colby's Donnie Binder was

pinned by Brandon Reitechek.

Colby took control early in its match against Hoxie and came out on top 53-19 over the Indians.

Match results are:

103 lbs.: Bryan Brewer (C) 11-2 major decision over Tanner Popp (H).

112: Brent Luedke (C) won by fall at 2:50 over Trevor Popp (H). 119: Trenton Powell (C) won by forfeit.

125: Hunter Olsen (C) won by forfeit.

130: Jared Flanagan (C) lost 17-2 technical fall Tyler Baker (H).

135: Daniel Gonzales (C) won by fall at 2:24 over Cass Baalman (H).

140: Cole Garcia (C) won by forfeit.

145: Taylor Finley (C) won by fall at 5:40 over Quinn Aumiller

(H).

152: Kyle Withington (C) lost by fall at 3:35 to Michael Schamberger (H)

160: Tanner Kriss (C) won by fall at 4:57 over Clayton Rall (H).

171: Tyson Plumisto (C) lost 15-4 major decision to David Obermeyer (H).

189: Treat Bugbee (C) won 19-7 major decision over Zach Meyer (H).

215: Nick Kriss (C) lost 15-5 major decision to Tim Erwin (H).

275: Taylor Brown (C) won 10-4 decision over Cody Pope (H).

The Eagles travel to Newton for the Tournament of Champions held today and Saturday.

Colby junior varsity wrestlers compete in a tournament at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in Hays.

# Company sues baseball over statistics

ST. LOUIS (AP) — As the St. Louis Cardinals contend for the National League pennant this summer, a federal court hearing a few blocks away will decide if statistics generated at those games are public domain or the intellectual property of Major League Baseball.

The lawsuit, scheduled for a July 24 hearing at U.S. District Court in St. Louis, will be watched closely by the hundreds of companies whose software facilitates fantasy sports leagues played by an estimated 16 million Americans.

The suit was filed last year by CBC Distribution and Marketing Inc., a St. Louis-based company that has operated sports fantasy products and leagues under its brand name CDM Fantasy Sports since 1992.

Until 2005, CBC had a licensing agreement with the Major League Baseball Players Association for the rights to player profiles and statistics — the life's blood of fantasy baseball. In return, CBC paid the association 9 percent of gross royalties.

But in January 2005, Major League Baseball announced a \$50 million agreement with the players association giving baseball exclusive rights to license statistics — and a bigger stake in the growing fantasy sports marketplace.

CBC requested a new license, but was turned down, prompting the suit. The company continues to operate leagues during the legal dispute.

The suit before U.S. Magistrate Mary Ann Medler claims that baseball statistics become historical facts as soon as the game is over. The company believes it shouldn't have to pay for the right to use those statistics.

"I like to say it's the defining moment in the fantasy sports industry," said Charlie Wiegert, a former newspaper advertising salesman who helped start CBC after playing in his own fantasy leagues in the 1980s. "If she decides they're right, what you'll see is 90 percent of the fantasy sports operators put out of business."

Major League Baseball has claimed that intellectual property law makes it illegal for fantasy

league operators to "commercially exploit the identities and statistical profiles" of big league players. Jim Gallagher, a spokesman for Major League Baseball Advanced Media, declined comment.

The suit could have huge ramifications for the multimillion-dollar fantasy sports industry, said Ben Clark, a St. Louis attorney who specializes in intellectual property rights.

If baseball wins, "I think it would send a shudder through the entire fantasy industry," Clark said. "The ramifications are pretty large."

Ramifications are large for baseball, too. If it loses, it may forfeit the rights to any royalties for use of statistics, Clark said.

"You just wonder whether it's a fight Major League Baseball wants to have," he said.

In fantasy leagues, players are "drafted," and the team's performance depends upon the on-field performance of those players. Some leagues are just for fun. Others award cash prizes, some worth tens of thousands of dollars.

Fantasy sports operators like CBC post statistics to both determine which fantasy team is winning, and to aid participants in choosing who to draft, who to trade,

or who to play on a given day, according to CBC's lawsuit.

CBC attorney Rudy Telscher Jr. said about 300 companies currently operate fantasy leagues.

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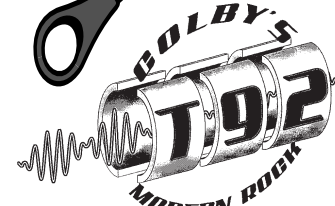

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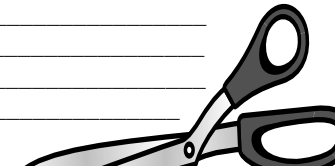
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# Shanahan, Belichick square off Saturday

DENVER (AP) — Mike Shanahan takes no offense to the notion that Bill Belichick has surpassed him as the NFL's best coach.

In fact, Shanahan says, he kind of saw it coming.

The Denver coach, one of the few who has a winning record against Belichick since he started with New England, has a chance to climb back on top — or at least closer to the top — when they meet in the playoffs Saturday night.

Win or lose, Shanahan says being lumped in or around the same category as the coach who has won three Super Bowls in the last four years could never be considered a bad thing.

"When I first got here, someone asked me to rank who the top coaches were," said Shanahan, in his 11th season with the Broncos. "I gave them three guys — Bill Cowher, Jeff Fisher and Bill Belichick. At the time, they laughed at me. But I said, 'Hey, I've watched the guy coach,' and all they could do was talk about his Cleveland escapades."

Those Cleveland escapades are long behind him, and now Belichick is going for history. He's trying to become the first coach to win three straight Super Bowls.

Shanahan, meanwhile, is seeking his third Super Bowl title overall.

The second came in 1998 and at that time, Shanahan was known around Denver as The Mastermind — a master of creating matchups, the best coach in the game, the first coach to create a mini-dynasty under the full restrictions of the salary cap (although it was later revealed the Broncos broke a few of those

rules during their Super Bowl years).

"He does a great job from week to week of matching up his players against your defensive weaknesses," Belichick said. "And he also adds little, different wrinkles to it."

Indeed, part of Shanahan's brilliance is his ability to devise and use similar plays and formations with different personnel groupings. It makes Denver ultra-versatile and prevents an opposing coach from being able to tell his defenders that they'll see one of, say, only six or seven specific plays when a certain group comes on the field.

"They try to get the defense to declare," Belichick said. "They overload formations. They balance you up. They have a very good, diversified attack."

Part of making it work is picking the right players — those who are



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