

Eagles finish league duals undefeated

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It's official now. Colby High School wrestlers are the Northwest Kansas League champions.

The Eagles took on the Oberlin Red Devils Friday in the last league dual match up of the season and came out on top 38-24. That is only the second time since 1958 the Eagles have finished undefeated, 7-0, in league dual competition.

The only other time was in 2001 when Colby won the 4A state title. Colby coach Mitch Beims was pleased with the results,

"Oberlin has a good dual team, and they were 5-1 in the league. We won seven matches and they won seven, but we got the pins where we needed to pin them, and didn't give up any pins against their good guys," he said. "We really out-wrestled them all the way through."

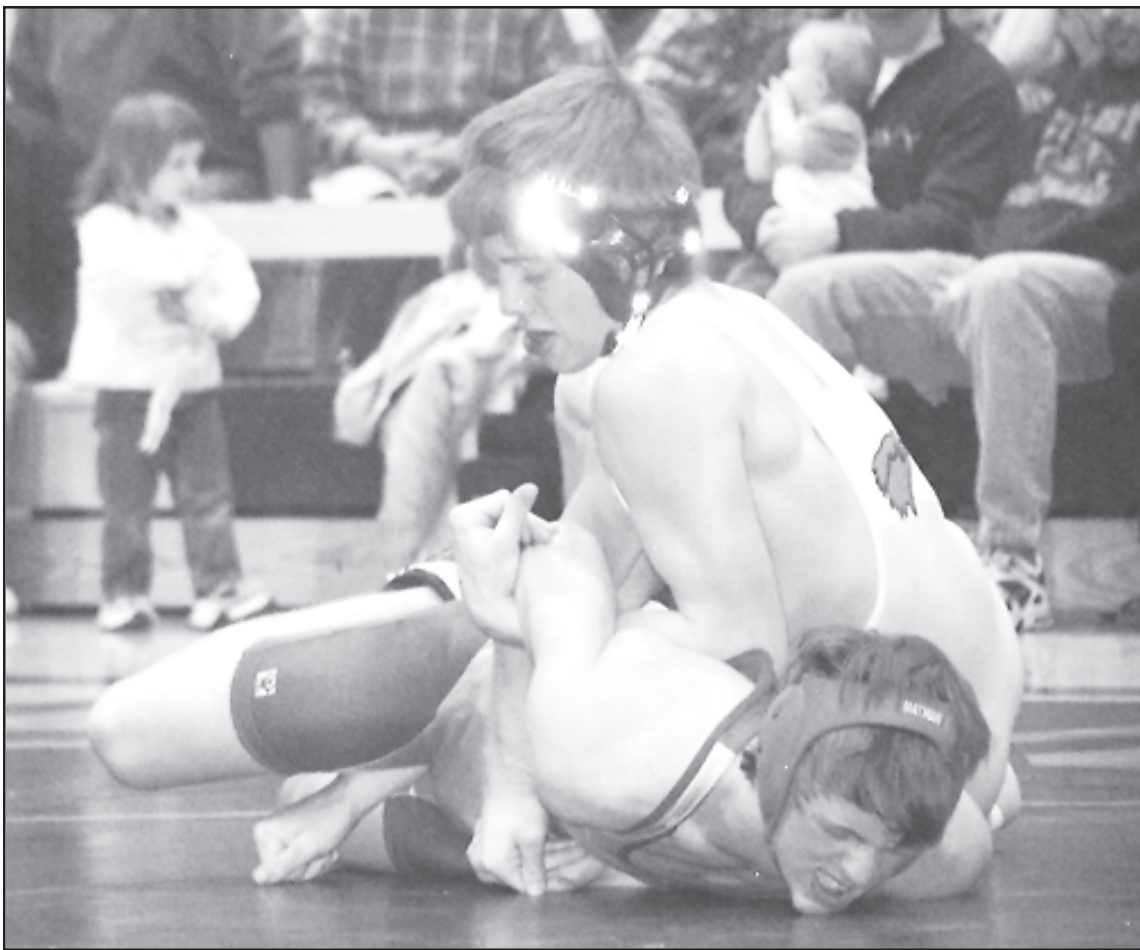
Beims noted some important matches.

"Trenton Powell had a huge win over Reichert, who beat him in the semi-finals of the NWKL tournament last weekend.

Bryan Brewer, Hunter Olsen, Cole Garcia, and Taylor Finley all had first-period falls. Freshmen Treat Bugbee and Tanner Kriss also wrestled great against seniors who had beaten them badly earlier in the year."

Individual results were:
103 lb.: Bryan Brewer won by fall

over Helm
112: Brent Luedke open
119: Trenton Powell won 9-2 over Reichert
125: Hunter Olsen won by fall over Ware
130: Jared Flanagan lost 2-4 to E. Urban
135: Daniel Gonzales won 18-3 technical fall over Simonsson
140: Cole Garcia won by fall over Fisher
145: Taylor Finley won by fall over D. Urban
152: Kyle Withington lost 0-1 to Bailey
160: Tanner Kriss lost 3-9 to Miller
171: Eric Jurek lost by fall to T. Urban
189: Treat Bugbee lost 3-5 to Marietta
215: Nick Kriss lost 1-6 to Badskey
275: Taylor Brown lost 1-7 to Euhus
Colby JV Wrestlers:
103: Brandon Harlow won 10-3 over Tally
135: Ryan Baalman won 12-3 over Cook
152: Jesse Hawk won 15-12 over Marcusson
171: Austin Taylor won by fall over Nedland
171: Chase Vaughn lost by fall to Martin
189: Michael Juenemann WBF over Unger
215: Earren Sporing lost 3-18 to



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Colby High School Eagle Wrestler Jared Flanagan wrestled against Oberlin's Everett Urban during a dual Friday at the high school gym. Colby won the dual 38-24.

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275: Zach Thompson won 7-1 over Moore

Colby hoss the Garden City Bufaloes Friday in the season's final dual action. It is also senior recog-

niton night.
Matches begin at 6:30 p.m. at the high school.

Colby boys, girls both defeat Oberlin Red Devils

By JIM MERRIOTT
Oberlin Herald

The Decatur Community High Red Devils Boys Basketbal team (4-12) were out scored in the third and fourth quarter and never recovered in an 58-45 loss last Friday night to Colby (3-13) here in Oberlin.

Logan Fortin had the hot hand draining six three point shots leading the Devils in scoring with 18 points. Nolan May followed with nine points and Andy Inman finished with seven in the hard fought game.

The Red Devils led as much as nine points during the game before the Eagles cut into the margin.

Free throws made a big difference in the game as Colby hit 25-33 compared to Oberlin's 6-15.

Oberlin over came a 10-8 lead at the end of the first quarter to tie the game at 21-21 at intermission.

The Eagles pressing man-to-man defense pressured the Red Devils in the second half as Colby out scored the Red Devils 37-24 causing the comeback here in Oberlin.

"It is starting to come together for Nolan May. He is getting better each game," said coach Dick Ahlberg. "Logan Fortin also put up the ball really nice tonight."

Scoring by Quarters:				
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
O 8	13	10	14	
C 10	11	15	22	

Rebounds:		
Oberlin 24	Colby 28	
Turnovers:		
Colby 10	Oberlin 1 0	
Colby, points: Stover 8, Siebert 10, Barnett 14, Dinkel 6, Ladenburger 6, Howard 3, Schlick 8, Rohr 3.		
"This was a competitive NWKL game. We had our chances, but missed some open shots. Colby is a lot better than their record indicates. They have lost the majority of their games by just a few points," ended coach Ahlberg.		
Colby plays Friday at Quinter. Games start at 6:30 p.m.		
Eagles surge topples Lady Devils		
Oberlin Lady Red Devil coach		

Terry Ream knows his team can perform better on offense in the third quarter.

Trailing the Eagles 28-19 at half-time, the Eagles came out stronger in the third period than the Lady Devils. Colby out scored Oberlin 13-5 running the score to 41-25 at the end of the third quarter.

The Lady Devils had trouble against the Colby pressing defense hampering any chance of a come back. Oberlin had trouble on offense trying to get the ball inside underneath the basket for a score.

Every time Lauren Fortin or Tricia Dorshorst got their hands on the ball, Colby would collapse two or three defenders on them making it difficult to get off a clean shot.

Fortin would still not be denied as she hustled up and down the court, leading all Lady Devils with 20 points.

On the bright side, Whitnee Ashley came off the bench in the fourth quarter pumping adreneline in the sagging offense, but her spark was to little, too late.

Scoring by Quarter			
1st	2nd	3rd	4th
O 7	12	5	17
C 12	16	13	13
Rebounds: Oberlin 16			
Colby 21			
Turnovers: Oberlin 16			
Colby 18			
Complete Colby (13-3) statistics were not available by press time.			

Golden Plains girls win

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs continued their winning ways by demolishing Weskan 66-36 in Western Kansas Liberty League action Friday in Rexford.

A solid team effort was the key ingredient to the victory. Kendra Spresser led a trio of double figure performers by netting 18 points.

Valerie Broeckelman and Katelyn Spresser both pumped in 13 points. Jessica Shaw and Megan Juenemann each tallied eight points and Ashley Albers added six. Golden Plains turned the ball over only eight times. Golden Plains is 14-1. They entertain Hill City Tuesday in Rexford.

Steelers ride ends with Super Bowl win

DETROIT (AP) - Paint this Super Bowl black and gold with a whole lot of satisfaction for Jerome Bettis, Bill Cowher and his Pittsburgh Steelers.

The final Bus stop featured a little trickery starring MVP Hines Ward, a bunch of help from the Seattle Seahawks and a huge boost from the Terrible Towels, a handful of football fortune that added up to One for the Thumb.

The Steelers' 21-10 victory in the Super Bowl on Sunday was their record-tying fifth, but the first since 1980 and the first ever for Bettis and Cowher.

"It's been an incredible ride," Bettis said. Moments after the Rolling Stones rocked a Ford Field that could easily have been Heinz Field - or Hines' field - Willie Parker broke a record 75-yard touchdown run.

The Steelers earned that elusive ring and completed a magic Bus

ride that made Bettis' homecoming - and farewell - a success.

"I'm a champion. I think the Bus' last stop is here in Detroit," Bettis said. "It's official, like the referee whistle."

On this night, satisfaction was more than Mick Jagger's signature song that closed the halftime show. It was sweet validation for Cowher with a title in his 14th season as their coach, the longest tenure in the NFL.

The tough guy, who lost his only previous Super Bowl 10 years ago to Dallas, teared up as he walked to midfield to embrace Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren.

"A lot of people tell you you can't do it, but you know what, it doesn't mean you don't go out and try," Cowher said. "History was not going to determine our fate. Our effort today decided this game and that's what's great." It's surreal. I'm going to tell you, this is a special

group of coaches, a special group of players. I was one small part of this."

Pittsburgh tied San Francisco and Dallas with its five Super Bowl titles. Perhaps the most special moment for Cowher came when he presented the Vince Lombardi Trophy to 73-year-old owner Dan Rooney.

"I've been waiting a long time to do this," Cowher said. "This is yours, man."

The Steelers certainly got plenty of help from the Seahawks. Seattle was plagued by penalties, drops, poor clock management and a critical fourth-quarter interception of Matt Hasselbeck just when the NFC champions seemed ready to take the lead.

Instead, Pittsburgh (15-5) got the clinching score with the kind of trickery that has carried it through an eight-game winning streak. Versatile wideout Antwaan

Randle El, a quarterback in college, took a handoff from Parker, sprinted right and threw perfectly to Ward for a 43-yard TD with 9:04 remaining. It was the first Super Bowl touchdown pass by a receiver.

Bettis, with 43 yards on 14 carries, had a minimal role in what was the final game for the NFL's No. 5 career rusher. So did quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

The most noteworthy play for the youngest quarterback to win a Super Bowl was a horrid pass that Kelly Herndon of the Seahawks (15-4) returned a record 76 yards. That set up the Seahawks' only touchdown, a 16-yard pass to Jerryman Stevens.

The Steelers completed their postseason march through the NFL's top four teams: Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Denver and Seattle, with all the wins coming away from Heinz Field.

Late Jayhawk basket sinks OU

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Brandon Rush scored 18 points and Mario Chalmers made the go-ahead bucket as Kansas wiped out a 16-point second-half deficit for a 59-58 win over No. 19 Oklahoma on Sunday.

Chalmers, one of three freshmen starting for Kansas (15-6, 6-2), drove into the lane just a few seconds after Michael Neal made a 3-pointer for a 58-57 Oklahoma lead in a rematch between the defending Big 12 co-champions.

Oklahoma (14-5, 5-3), which had won five in a row and beaten Kansas three of their four previous meetings, seemed to seize command with a 16-4 run early in the second half. The Sooners were dominating the boards and Rush, Kansas' leading scorer on the year, was having a poor shooting day after getting poked in the eye. He had

only six points in the first half.

With second place in the Big 12 at stake, Rush made two quick 3-pointers and the Jayhawks were off on a backbreaking 17-3 run that brought the sellout crowd of 16,300 to its feet in the nationally televised game.

Freshman Julian Wright hit a dunk off a fastbreak in the spree, followed by buckets from Chalmers and Rush.

Wright hit a follow shot that finally tied it at 55 with 2:06 to go. The 6-foot-8 freshman left dunked home a miss by Rush for a 57-55 lead with 53 seconds left.

After Chalmers followed Neal's 3-pointer to put the Jayhawks back in the lead, the Sooners inbounded the ball with 19.1 seconds left. Rush blocked Terrell Everett's shot, then Everett put it up again but missed and the ball was tied up with 1.6

seconds to go. Neal's 3-pointer at the buzzer was short.

The Jayhawks appeared rusty from a six-day layoff and missed 11 of their first 14 shots.

They found holes in the suffocating Oklahoma defense and unleashed a 10-0 run, highlighted by Jeff Hawkins' crosscourt pass to Rush for a fastbreak layup and a three-point play by Chalmers.

The Sooners took a 29-26 half-time lead after Taj Gray stole the ball near midcourt and made a spectacular dunk a few seconds ahead of the buzzer.

The Sooners shot only 34.8 percent against Kansas' NCAA-leading defense, but the nation's rebound leaders held a 44-34 advantage over Kansas on the boards.

Wright had 14 points for Kansas and Chalmers had 10. Everett had 14 and Gray 13 points.

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