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Colby's Trenton Powell grappled with an opponent during the state wrestling tournament. Powell won fifth place in the 119 pound weight class.



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Eagle Taylor Finley battled with an opponent at the state wrestling tournament last weekend. Finley finished placing third in the 145 pound weight class.

# Colby Eagles take fifth at state tournament

By Tracy Rogers  
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Even though a fifth place finish at state may not be the way many Colby High Eagle wrestling fans would have wanted it to end. Coach Mitch Beims said there is still plenty to be proud of maybe the best team in school history. After Andale's performance Friday, it was evident the only battle in the team standings would be for second place. Colby was in second place after Friday's matches, but trailed Andale 104-59.5. The Eagles were hoping to pick up significant points on the consolation side of the brackets, but that didn't happen. "This team was one of the best in school history. We didn't quite get it done this weekend down in

Salina. Bryan Brewer, Daniel Gonzales, and Kyle Withington all lost 1-point matches on the backside Saturday to place," he said. Each of those matches had importance. "Winning one of those matches would have bumped us into second place and that's where we should have been. "Nobody was beating Andale this weekend," Beims said. Nobody was beating Andale, but nobody was beating Cole Garcia either. Garcia won four matches capping off a perfect season for him with a second consecutive state title in the 140 pound weight class. "Cole did what Cole does and that is win. He had 40 wins this year which is the most wins in school history in a season. He has had a phenomenal career. 127-23 career record. A two-time state champion,

and three-time state finalist," Beims said. The two other seniors, Taylor Finley and Kyle Withington, also received praise from Beims. "Taylor also had a super tournament. He had an exceptionally tough-side of the bracket at state and made it through to the finals. He wrestled a good match in the finals against Heckel from Ulysses, who he was 1-1 with this season. He just came up a little short and finished second." Finley improved from his last state tournaments. "He was third last year and sixth as a sophomore. His four-year record was 115-45. Kyle also wrestled hard this weekend. He was set up to make the semi-finals but was caught in a headlock in the second round. He won his next match but lost by one to just miss earning a medal. He finished the season

with 29 victories," Beims said. Junior Trenton Powell did get through the backside to earn a medal, pinning Thurlow from Baldwin to capture fifth place in the 119 pound class. "Trenton also wrestled great, winning some tough matches. He also lost a heartbreaker to get into the third-fourth place matches," commented Beims. Summing up the weekend, Beims said, "I thought our upperclassmen wrestled hard this weekend. Our young guys were not able to step up this weekend at state. I did not have the younger guys ready to wrestle. This team was a great bunch of guys to coach, and they had a great season, nonetheless." Beims was assisted by coaches Rick Williams, Matt Sims, and Scott Gawith. Top 10 team finishers:

Andale 134; Abilene, 83; Rose Hill, 76.5; Santa Fe Trail, 72.5; Colby, 71.5; Clay Center, 70.5; Columbus, 70; Andover Central, 63; Scott City, 60; Goodland, 59. Colby results: 103 pounds: Bryan Brewer won 8-4 over Atwood, Wamego; lost 9-3 to Callahan, Baldwin; won 5-2 over Contreras, Scott City; lost 4-0 to Dwyer, Labette County. 112: Brent Luedke won 4-2 over Ribelin, Royal Valley; lost 4-2 to Canale, Rose Hill; lost 5-3 to Hopkins, Anderson County. 119: Trenton Powell won 11-8 over Summer, Prairie View; won 3-1 over Demel, El Dorado; lost 6-2 to Bowen, Rose Hill; lost 6-4 to Peterson, Abilene; won by fall 1:35 over Thurlow, Baldwin. 5th place. 125: Hunter Olsen lost 6-2 to Hoesli, Concordia; won by fall 3:34 over Ybarra, Labette County; lost to Fox, Douglass. 130: Jared Flanagan lost 4-2 to Napier, Columbus; won 3-0 over Hosfelt, Marysville; lost 8-4 to Meisch, Wellington.

135: Daniel Gonzales lost major decision 8-0 to Shepard, Independence; won 10-5 over Bindi, Louisburg; won major decision 18-10 over Weimer, Basehor; lost 2-1 to Long, El Dorado. 140: Cole Garcia won by fall 3:08 over Biehler, Louisburg; Technical fall 18-2 over Franklin, Atchison; won 8-5 over Arveson, Chapman; won 8-5 over Mundy, Santa Fe Trail. 145: Taylor Finley won by fall 3:48 over Quisenberry, KC Ward; won 5-2 over Hynick, Rose Hill; won 8-4 over Thoman, Andale; lost 5-4 to Heckel, Ulysses. 152: Kyle Withington won 3-1 over Hambleton, Altamont-Labette; lost by fall :58 to Mason, Baldwin; won major decision 11-2 over Shaft, Douglass; lost 3-2 to Hall, Ft. Scott. 171: Tanner Kriss lost by fall 4:39 to Bartlett, Atchison; lost 4-2 to Stuart, Augusta. 275: Taylor Brown lost 7-1 to Leroy, Chanute; lost by fall 4:31 to Wiggins, Fort Scott.

# Trojan Prater wins at nationals

By John Van Nostrand  
Colby Free Press

Colby Community College wrestling coach Steve Lampe said mothers probably should not have been allowed to watch the National Junior College wrestling tournament, or at least Daniel Prater's mother. Colby Community College wrestler Daniel Prater won the 141 pound weight class last weekend at the National Junior College wrestling tournament held in Rochester, Minn. "Prater pulled off three incredible matches that would have made a mother pass out and die," Lampe

said. "He had an amazing takedown with two seconds left for the championship. It was incredible and we got a champ." Prater was one of four Trojan wrestlers who placed. As a team, Colby finished in eighth place. "The kids did a good job. There were a couple of matches that could have made you bit a toenail off," Lampe said. Mat Gilliland lost in six overtimes. The defeat came with one second left. "It was awful," Lampe said. "There were some that were gut wrenching and could have gone the other way."

Lampe said the competition was extremely good and well balanced. As for next year, Lampe said he needs some "major recruiting" for 157 pound and heavier weights. He said the team is solid with lighter weights. Trojan results 133 pounds: Levi Younkin, sixth place 141: Daniel Prater, 1st place 149: Mat Gilliland, third place 157: Matt Schippers, sixth place 165: Jason Schippers, did not place 184: Bobby Dennis, did not place. He lost to champion of 184 pound weight class.

Younkin, Prater, Schippers and Gilliland were named All-Americans. Team results: Iowa Central Community College, 147; North Idaho College, 131; William Rainey Harper College, 119.50; Labette Community College, 90.5; Waubesa Community College, 79.50; Western Wyoming Community College, 77.50; Northwest College, 70; Colby Community College, 61.5.

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# Colby women win the West

By Matt Dickson  
Colby Community College

The Colby Community College Lady Trojan basketball team wrapped up first place in the Jayhawk West defeating Dodge City 70-57 Saturday in Colby. The win insures Cloud County cannot catch the Lady Trojans and sets up a first round playoff home game against the last seed from the Eastern Conference. The Trojans will finish their regular season on the road with games against Pratt Wednesday and But-

ler Saturday. Colby got off to a slow start as they only shot 34 percent from the floor in the first half and an abysmal 2-16 from three-point range. The Lady Conquistadors played a 3-2 zone and, in order for the Trojans to defeat it, they needed outside shooting. Going into the half Colby led 28-26. The second half belonged to Trojan Suzana Sormaz. The Serbian native hit seven three-pointers on her way to a game high 30 points. Beth Troutt led the way for Dodge city with 19 points. Dodge

City kept the game close by shooting 45 percent rate but going 3-12 from the outside allowed Colby to stretch their lead. Other than shooting percentage, the Trojans had the upper hand in every major statistical category. Colby's next match-up is 6 p.m. Wednesday at Pratt.

# Rebound wins game

By Matt Dickson  
Colby Community College

The Colby Community College Men's Basketball team needed all 40 minutes to defeat Dodge City 74-73 Saturday in Colby. Trailing by one with five seconds left, Dodge City called a timeout to set up a play. They got the ball to Jake Sims, the top three-point shooter in the conference. He pushed the ball across the half court line and with 0.5 seconds left was fouled on a hold by Hellion Knight. Shooting a one-and-one, Sims missed the first shot that looked destined to go in. Colby rebounded

the ball for the win. The Trojans held on to their second half lead until the final few seconds. Down by one 73-72 with five seconds remaining, Trojan Nate Bowie drove hard to the hoop and when the defense collapsed on the Jayhawk top scorer he dished the ball off to seldom used Justin Brown for an easy lay-up. The Trojans have a chance at a home playoff game if they win their next two on the road against Pratt and Butler. Colby looks to carry the momentum of a two-game win streak into their final games. The next match up will be 8 p.m. Wednesday at Pratt.

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