

## Golden Plains, Brewster win Sagebrush

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs won their second consecutive Sagebrush Shootout title Saturday with a come from behind 47-34 win over the Rawlins County (Atwood) Lady Buffaloes in Brewster.

Kendra Spresser poured in 18 points while sister Katelyn Spresser netted 16 in the victory. Britt Ritter added 7 and Karly Miller 4. Golden Plains trailed 16-12 at halftime but outscored the Lady Buffs 35-18 in the second half.

Golden Plains shot 45 percent (18-40) from the field while Atwood could manage only 29 percent (14-50). Golden Plains outrebounded Atwood 26-25 and turned the ball over only 14 times to Atwood's 15.

The Lady Bulldogs won a nailbiter over Saint Francis 52-51 Friday in semifinal action.

Katelyn Spresser's free throw with 1.6 seconds remaining was the difference. Spresser poured in 27 points and pulled down 17 rebounds to lead the team to the win. Kendra Spresser notched 17 points while Britt Ritter added four. Liz Staats and Amanda Rall both scored two.

Golden Plains shot 37 percent (19-54) from the floor while Saint Francis could only manage 35 percent (22-60).

Golden Plains plays Tuesday at Healy.

Golden Plains boy's team won third place in the tournament Saturday after defeating Oberlin 80-48.

The Bulldog boys lost to Saint Francis 53-47 Friday in the quarterfinal round. R. Brantley led Golden Plains with 14 points. A. Bruggeman and A. Broeckelman each had eight points. Golden Plains scored 22 points in the fourth quarter.

### Brewster

Brewster boys won the Sagebrush Shootout Saturday 61-39 over Saint Francis. Three Brewster boys scored in double digits led by Jance McKee with 22. J. Reid scored 13 points and C. Siruta scored 10.

Brewster defeated Oberlin 90-58 Friday in the semifinal round. Reid led Brewster with 28 points. McKee scored 18 points. Siruta scored 13 points and Andrew Starns added 10 points.

Brewster girls finished fifth in the shootout with a 69-30 win Saturday over Idalia, Colo. M. Allen led Brewster with 18 points. Flanders scored 10 points.

Brewster plays Triplains Tuesday at Brewster.

## Two Trojans take third

The Colby Community College Trojan wrestling team competed at the University of Nebraska-Kearney Open Saturday.

Tyler Baker, a freshman from Hoxie, and Levi Younkin, a sophomore from Oakley, both finished third and the only placers for the Trojans. No team results were kept. Here are individual results for each Trojan wrestler.

125 pounds: Akmal Adilov (1-2); 15-3 dec. over Michael Aitch; lost 7-2 dec. to Ben Kjar; lost 5-4 dec. to Matt Jacobson.

133: Tyler Baker (4-1); 8-5 dec. over Josh Bonomo; by fall over Anthony Salcedo; lost 4-2 dec. to Jimmy Savala; by fall over Tait Weatherbee; 10-3 dec. over Scott Berens.

141: Levi Younkin (5-1); 7-4 dec. over Sean Smalley; 3-1 dec. over Jacob West; 7-3 dec. over Nathan Gardner; lost by fall to Terrence Almond; 4-3 dec. over Marcus Hilario; 4-3 dec. over Garrett Desmond.

149: Cale Farber (0-2); lost by fall to Steve Clayberg; lost by fall to Jimmy Miller.

### Trojans make 3s

Colby Community College Lady Trojan basketball team lost to nationally-ranked Western Nebraska 68-39 Friday in Scottsbluff, Neb.

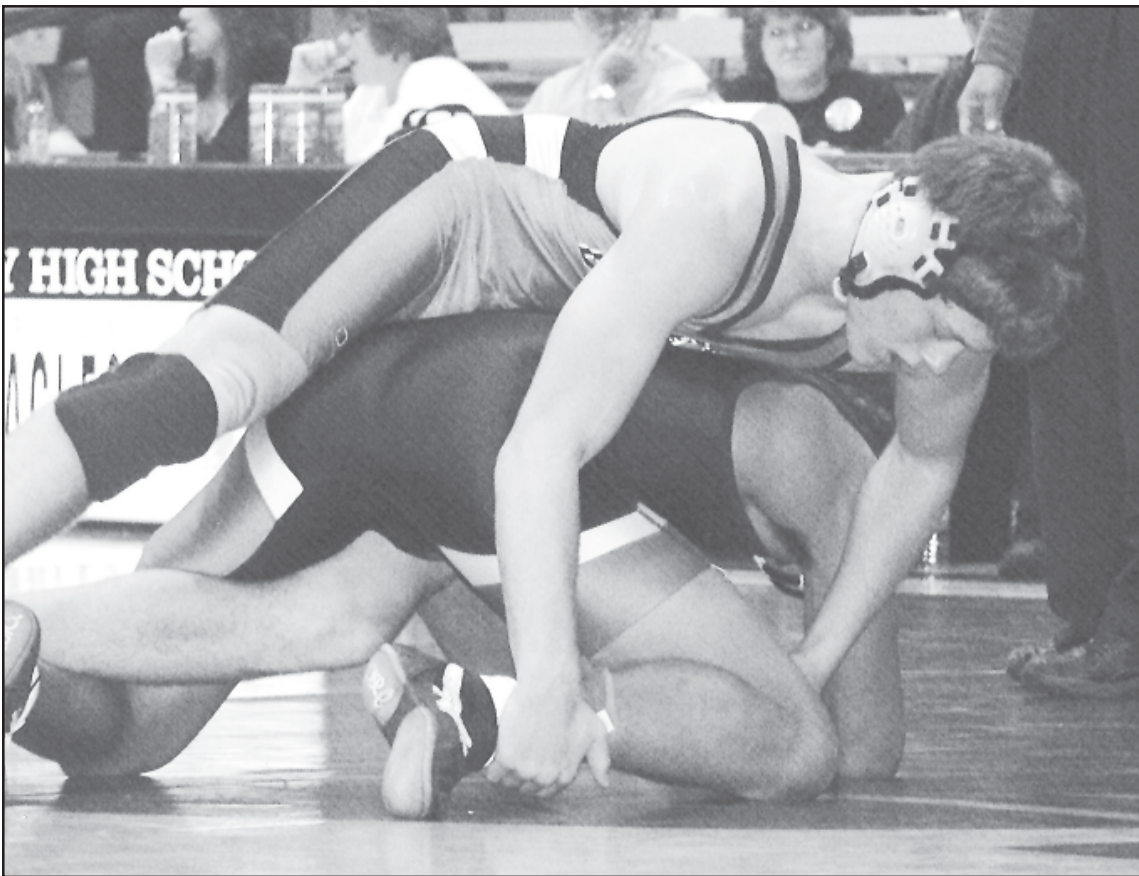
Jamie Schroeder had 16 points to lead the Trojans. Sandra Sormaz added 14 points and six rebounds.

The Lady Trojans responded with a 126-86 victory over Little Big Horn College Saturday.

The Lady Trojans had five players in double figures, led by Erin Goodhue with 26 points. Sormaz added 18 points, Jaci Tinkel had 16 points, Courtney Primmer had 16 points and Schroeder had 15 points.

The Lady Trojans connected on 20 three-point field goals out of 42 attempts. Goodhue was 7-8.

Colby (4-10) play Jan. 3, 2007, at Garden City.



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Colby High School Eagle wrestler Tanner Kriss won by a fall over Liberal's Nate Davis during their match at the Eagle Invitational wrestling tournament Saturday at Colby High School.

## Eagles place fourth in tourney

By Jay Kelley,  
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Colby Free Press

The Colby High School Eagles downed Scott City 47-15 to finish 2-1 in pool play Friday during the Eagle Invitational Wrestling Tournament in Colby.

Colby downed Oberlin easily, but fell 31-24 in a tight dual against Valley Center. Valley Center won the tournament while Colby finished fourth.

"We wrestled well," said Colby coach Matt Sims. "I was hoping for a top three finish."

Even though Colby did not finish where Sims was hoping, that does not mean the tournament was a disappointment.

"Did we wrestle well, yes," Sims said. "It's important this early in the season to get in a lot of matches. We need to get wrestlers on a roll which will help later on. I don't want to get a wrestler stuck at .500 and not seedable," Sims said.

Colby's Tanner Kriss went through the tournament undefeated. Sims said he was impressed with freshman Eathan Stickle who replaced Eric Jurek during the tournament because of injury.

Scott City was last on the Eagle docket and at first looked to be little trouble as the lower weights won

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handily. Colby led 17-0 at the beginning of the 135-pound match, but Dakota Hays put the first Scott City points on the board by beating Heath Stephens 11-4.

Garrett Zwegardt pinned Dustin Warta early in the second round at 140, putting the Eagles up 23-3, but it would be a while before the Eagles put any team points up again.

A pin at 145, a 10-6 loss at 152 and a heartbreaking 6-5 loss at 160 put the Beavers in range of the Eagles 23-15, but Colby finished the dual with four straight pins for the win.

Here are Colby's individual results against Scott City:

103 pounds: Nathan Reid won 9-2

112: Cody Wark won 7-2

119: Trenton Powell won 6-4

125: Brent Luedke won a 13-4

major decision

130: Hunter Olsen won a 14-2 major decision

135: Heath Stephens lost 11-4.

140: Garrett Zwegardt won by pin at :42 in the second round

145: Jesse Hawk was pinned at 1:45 in the first round

152: Eric Jurek lost 10-6

160: Breck Arnberger lost 6-5

171: Tanner Kriss won by pin at :53 in the first round

189: Treat Bugbee won by pin at 1:09 in the first round

215: Nick Kriss won by pin at 1:15 in the first round

275: Taylor Brown won by pin at 1:28 in the first round.

Complete results from the tournament were not available by press time today.

Colby wrestles Oakley 6:30 p.m. Friday in Colby.

## Goodland girls alter Colby's plans

By Cyndi Rothfuss

for the Colby Free Press

The Colby Lady Eagles finished the Goodland Topside Tournament out of their game plan and in second place.

Goodland defeated Colby 47-43 Saturday in the championship game. The Cowgirls were won because they pulled the Lady Eagles out of their game.

"Goodland took us out of our game and made it more of a half-court game. We need to be able to keep on the pressure," said Colby coach Derek Bissitt.

A key factor in the Lady Eagles' loss was due to free throws. In the first half Colby made five of their seven free throws, while Goodland made 13 of 16 shots.

Goodland shot 40 percent from the field to Colby's 38 percent. Ashley Barnes, a senior, led Colby with 14 points and eight rebounds.

It was a bit difficult for Lady Eagles to play three consecutive days.

"The biggest challenge was overcoming the mental fatigue. It's tough to play three games in three days and play the host school in the championship game," said Bissitt.

On Friday in the semifinal round, Colby soared past Ottawa High 51-27.

The Lady Eagles shot 36 percent from the field, with 38 rebounds over Ottawa's 25.

Colby junior Lissa Mazanek carried the team with 18 points and 13 rebounds.

Though there were challenges, the Topside Tournament was very beneficial for the Lady Eagles.

"It was a good experience. We played two teams that we don't

ever see and we played a very solid Goodland team," said Bissitt.

### Boys

Losing fourth-quarter leads turned into losses for Colby at the Topside Tournament.

Colby led Wallace County 38-30 going into the fourth quarter Saturday but lost 44-46.

The Eagles were unable to play their game.

"We struggled with consistency. We played really good at times and not very good at others," said Colby coach Beau Sheets.

Sheets said the tournament was a experience, even if they didn't win. The Eagles battled throughout each game.

"Being competitive in all the games was great, even when playing tough teams. In every game we had the lead in the fourth quarter," said Sheets.

Ethan Stover, a junior, led Colby with 16 points.

On Friday Colby battled 5A school Ottawa, entering the fourth quarter ahead by four but fell behind in the last few minutes and lost 69-59, because of free throw shots.

Colby senior Trey Barnet led the Eagles during the Ottawa game with 21 points, and earned a spot on the all-tournament team.

Though the Eagles didn't come out on top of the tournament, the experience will be helpful to the rest of the season.

"Seeing competition that we won't see the rest of year will really help us play tough when it comes to the end of the season," said Sheets.

Colby plays 6:30 p.m. Friday at Oakley.

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