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Colby Eagle wrestler Trenton Powell, right, took down Oakley's Xavier Salas during a dual Friday at the high school gym. Powell won by a fall.

## Eagles dominate Oakley on the mat

By John Van Nostrand

Colby Free Press

Colby High's wrestling team ended the first portion of its season with an impressive 50-12 win over Oakley Friday in Colby.

The Eagles do not return to action until after the holidays on Jan. 4, but Colby coach Matt Sims has been pleased with what he has seen so far. "We've still got some things to work on," he said. "but I really like our progress so far."

Colby's win was highlighted by four pins. Nathan Reed (103 pound) pinned Andrew Peterson in 3:47. Trenton Powell (119) pinned Xavier Salas in 1:13. Eric Jurek (152) pinned Chris Stewart in 1:07 and Tanner Kriss (171) finished with Ethan Jirak in 1:07.

Sims said he did not want the score to determine what he thought of Oakley.

"Oakley is good, but they are young. They have six freshman," he said.

Oakley freshman Jace Campbell (112) defeated Colby junior Cody Wark 6-1.

Other results are as follows (Colby wrestler listed first):

125: Brent Luedke defeated Michael Halbleib 16-3.

## Defense helps Bulldogs

The shots weren't falling for the Lady Bulldogs but the defensive effort more than made up for it as Golden Plains defeated Wheatland/Grinnell 38-28 in Western Kansas Liberty League action Friday in Rexford.

Golden Plains held the Lady Shockers to 28 percent (12-42) shooting and forced 19 turnovers in the victory.

Katelyn Spreser dropped in 23 points and pulled down 12 boards to lead the Bulldogs. Kendra Spreser added 11 points while Britt Ritter contributed four points and seven rebounds.

Golden Plains shot a season low 31 percent (17-54) from the field but committed only 11 turnovers. Golden Plains (6-0) plays Northern Valley Tuesday in Alma.

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## Colby teams start league play with wins

By Cyndi Rothfuss

for the Colby Free Press

Colby added another victory to their record Friday winning at Oakley 62-49.

Friday's game was the first Northwest Kansas League game of the season, which made the game challenging.

"Oakley was an undefeated

ranked team in 2A. We did a good job at containing them. It was a good way to start off league play," said Colby head coach Derek Bissitt.

Colby junior Lissa Mazaneck led the team with 16 points. Close behind her were April Gee, a freshman, and Tasha Wagoner, a junior, with 12 points each.

Shooting from the line seemed to be a bit difficult, with the Lady

Eagles only making 14 of 27 shots. "We definitely need to improve our free throw shooting," said Bissitt.

Complete statistics were not available by press time today.

### Boys

The Colby Eagles also earned a win Friday against Oakley, 47-43 in the last few minutes of the game.

In the last minute, Oakley brought the score within one with a

three-point shot.

Colby junior Ethan Stover hit two free throws to seal the Eagles victory and also blocked a late Oakley shot.

Complete statistics were not available by press time today.

Both Colby teams play their first home game Tuesday against Hays at the Colby Community Building. Colby boys are 2-3. Girls are 4-1. Varsity starts at 6:30 p.m.

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