

## Trojans to face Dodge City

Colby Lady Trojan basketball team (6-10, 2-0) faces Dodge City Community College 6 p.m. tonight in the Community Building.

Dodge City enters tonight's game with a 6-10 overall record, and 0-2 in the Jayhawk West Conference. Dodge City averages 62 points per game as a team, led by Patrice McKenzie with 14.4 points per game and 10.4 rebounds per game. Also averaging in double figures for Dodge City is Hoxie native Dani Pratt, who averages nearly 12 points per game.

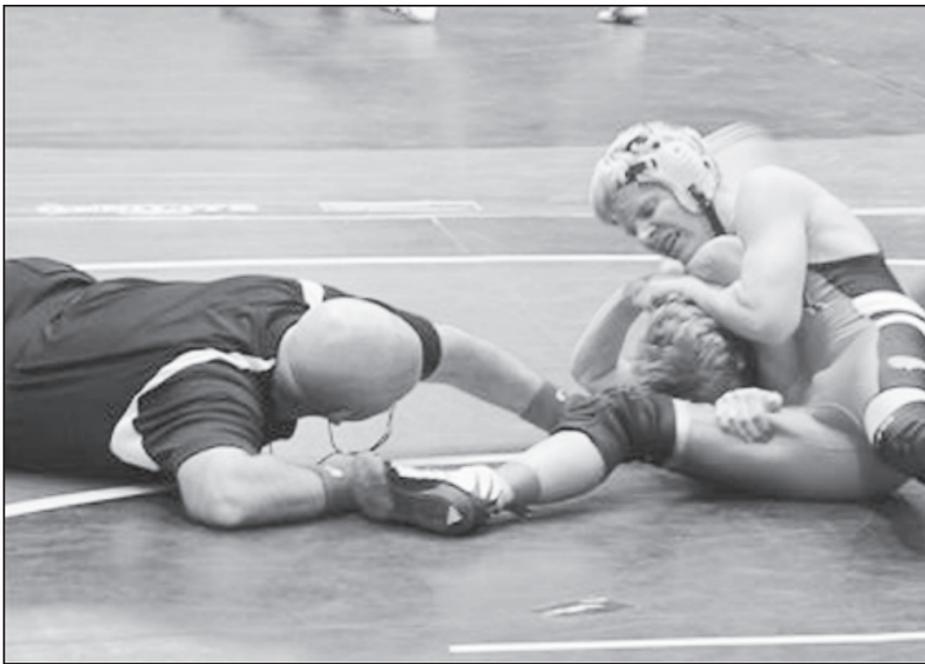
The Trojan men's basketball team (7-9, 1-1) is coming off a 76-72 victory over previously ranked Pratt Community College.

Dodge City is ranked No. 15 in the latest NJCAA poll, and enters with a 14-1 overall record, 2-0 in the Jayhawk West.

Dodge City's two conference wins were at home against Seward County (74-64) and Barton County (83-76 in overtime).

Dodge City has four players averaging double figures in scoring and average 80 points per contest. Leading players are Angel Santiago (14.6 points), Charlie Coley (14.3 points, 10.2 rebounds per game), Jarray Mathews (13.7 points, 6.7 rebounds per game) and Wade Knapp (12.5 points).

The men's game follows the women at 8 p.m.



Colby's Trenton Powell, 119 lb. pins Dean Senter from Pratt last weekend at the Liberal Tournament Powell went on to take second place and helped Colby win the tournament. Colby was one of 14 teams participating.

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## Eagle wrestling: One for all

By John Van Nostrand  
Colby Free Press Publisher

What a way to return to action. Colby, having not wrestled since Dec. 15 because of the holiday break and weather, came back strong to win the Southwest Classic Tournament last weekend in Liberal.

"It has been rough getting back

from break," said Colby coach Matt Sims. "The weather made us lose some practice, but we still look good."

Colby was originally scheduled to return after the break Thursday with Goodland. But bad weather forced that meet to be rescheduled to Jan. 18 in the Colby elementary gym.

Despite the delays, Sims said his team is sticking together in lots of ways.

"I really like how well the team worked together. I noticed through the weekend that win or lose there were teammates there ready to encourage or congratulate the wrestler and that kind of team support makes everyone on the team better.

Individual results for Colby, record during the tournament and their placing are as follows:

103 pound: Nathan Reed, 2-2, fifth place.  
112: Cody Wark, 4-1, third.  
119: Trenton Powell, 2-1, sec-

ond  
125: Brent Luedke, 3-2, fourth  
130: Hunter Olson, 4-1, third  
135: Heath Stephens, 1-2  
140: Garrett Zweggardt, 2-2, fifth place  
145: Jared Flanagan, 3-2, fourth  
152: Eric Jurek, 1-2.  
160: Breck Arnberger, 4-1, third place  
171: Tanner Kriss, 4-1, third place  
189: Treat Bugbee, 1-2.  
215: Nick Kriss, 3-2, fourth place  
285: Taylor Brown, 4-2, fifth place

Colby wrestles 6 p.m. Thursday at Hoxie and then goes to the Newton Tournament Friday and Saturday.

"This weekend will be tough," Sims said. The Newton Tournament has 4A, 5A and 6A schools. At last check, Sims said about 100 of the wrestlers to be in Newton are ranked in their weight class.

## Eagle boys not close enough

By Cyndi Rothfuss  
for the Colby Free Press

Colby ran out of time. The Colby Eagles played catch up in the second half Tuesday at McCook, Neb., only to lose 48-51.

The Eagles played a weak first half, only scoring 14 points compared to McCook's 27 points.

Colby was able to come back in the second half to tie the game at 46 with about a minute left in the game. McCook then made a couple of free throws to regain the lead and the eventual win. Colby, not quite able to snatch the rebounds, fell behind for good.

"The ability to keep the intensity level high in the first and second half is something we need to improve on. We need to learn to play four quarters, whether it be the first quarter or all the way to the fourth quarter," said Colby coach Beau Sheets.

Colby senior Trey Barnett led the Eagles with 17 points. Following him were junior Stephen Dinkel and sophomore Levi Schlick, each with 10 points.

"The boys struggled to keep their heads in the game throughout the evening. We played good for a quarter and a half. The other two and a half quarters we need to be more consistent," said Sheets.

The boys play Hoxie 8 p.m. Friday at the Colby Community Building. Saturday, Colby plays Hays 5 p.m. at Colby High School.

Colby is 3-5.

### Girls

The Lady Eagles brought home a 70-42 win Tuesday at McCook, Neb.

The Lady Eagles had eight players score in the game.

When facing a Nebraska team, the game can be a bit more challenging. There isn't a sportsmanship rule, like in Kansas, which causes the physical intensity of the game to increase.

Despite all the fouls and loose balls, Colby head coach Derek Bissitt was pleased with the way the girls adapted to the intensity.

"McCook is a tough place to play. You know when you go up to Nebraska that it's going to be a physical game. We adjusted to that well," said Bissitt.

Leading the way for Colby were senior Rishonna Martin and freshman April Gee, each with 15 points. Lissa Mazanek, junior, snatched 13 rebounds. Close behind her was junior Paige Stephens with 11 rebounds.

Mazanek, along with junior Tasha Wagoner helped their team with six assists each.

"It was a very physical game. It just wasn't really pretty. There was very little flow to the game," said Bissitt.

Colby (7-1) plays Hoxie 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Colby Community Building. Colby plays Hays 3 p.m. Saturday at Colby High School.

## Norton man wins

Jim Kauten of Norton picked Florida and won the Colby Free Press/Country Advocate - KXXX 790 AM/KQLS 100.3 The Ride - Western Distributing college bowl contest.

Florida defeated Ohio State Monday for the BCS Championship game. Kauten was one of four people tied for the top spot in the contest. Kauten was the only one of

the four to pick Florida.

Kauten wins a trip to the Colorado mountains.

Park wins the best town, another part of the bowl contest. Park had the minimum number of entries and had the highest bowl point average of more than 39. Each bowl game was given a point value.

Park will receive a trophy at a time to be determined.

## Golden Plains need OT

Golden Plains boys defeated Wheatland-Grinnell 60-57 in overtime Tuesday in the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament.

Three players scored in double figures for Golden Plains. Brantley scored 19 to lead the team. Rogers and Spreser each scored 12.

In other tournament action, Brewster boys defeated Weskan 75-54 Tuesday. Jeff Reid led Brewster with 20 points. Jance McKee and

Michael Collett each scored 16 points. Corey Siruta scored 12 points for Brewster and Andrew Starns had 11.

Brewster girls defeated Healy 61-37 Tuesday. Megan Allen led Brewster with 15 points. Avery Schultz scored 13 points.

Saturday, Brewster girls defeated Greeley County 60-31. Schultz led Brewster with 22 points. Allen scored 14 points.

## Eagle JV girls win in overtime

Colby junior varsity girls basketball team won 47-40 in overtime Friday at Holcomb.

Colby trailed by 15 points in the first half.

"We only shot 43 percent from the free throw line and that must improve to win close games," said Eagle coach Jack Elliott. "As a team we've showed marked improve-

ment since the start of the season."

Brittany Schuette led Colby with 15 points. Kayla Sloan scored eight points.

Colby (3-2) plays Hoxie Friday and Hays Saturday. Both games are in Colby.

### Boys

Colby boys lost at Holcomb 65-46.

Cade Carter led Colby with 19 points. Cory Sager and Brent Amberger each scored six points. Holcomb made six three-point shots.

Colby lost to Thomas Moore Prep 56-34 Jan. 2. Carter led the Eagles with 12 points. Tyson Miller scored eight points. Eric Blanton scored six points. Colby is 2-4.

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