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Eagle wrestler Trenton Powell smothers an opponent during a match earlier this season. Powell returns to the state tournament starting Friday at Salina.

With state title at stake, coach does not change approach

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The crowd will be bigger and louder.

Each match will have more importance than any of the ones since the beginning of the season.

Knowing that will be the atmosphere for the 4A state wrestling tournament at the Bicentennial Center in Salina Friday and Saturday, Colby High coach Matt Sims is keeping that pressure to a minimum.

"The job is not done," he said. "We still need to approach this like any other tournament," he said. "I know it's state, but we got to think it's just another tournament."

Sims told his teams similar words going into last week's regional tournament at Pratt. Colby ended up qualifying 12 for state and winning the tournament by a dominant 40-point spread. Sims does not want the hype and pressure of state to get to the team — including himself.

"I want to keep it low key," Sims said.

Sims, in his first year as head coach of Colby, said the team meeting Wednesday went well.

"We had a good talk today. We shared some thoughts, talked about mistakes and things that did go well."

Colby's 12 wrestlers at state will try and improve from the team's fifth place finish at state last season.

This year's qualifiers include 103 pound Nathan Reed, freshman, 26-11 record; 112, Cody Wark, junior, 27-11; 119, Trenton Powell, senior, 28-8; 125, Brent Luedke, junior, 29-8; 130, Hunter Olsen, junior, 29-8; 135, Darren Sporing, senior, 10-6; 140, Garrett Zwegardt, sophomore, 21-16; 145, Jared Flanagin, senior, 25-9; 160, Breck Arnberger, sophomore, 24-17; 171, Tanner Kriss, sophomore, 32-7; 215, Nick Kriss, junior, 27-10 and heavyweight Taylor Brown, junior, 25-14.

Luedke, Powell, Olsen, Flanagin, Kriss and Brown were all at state last year. Powell, finished fifth last year at 119. Of those six, he was the only one who placed. He said he does not want to forget what the experience was like which complements coach Sims' approach.

"It was a good experience last year," he said. "It will help me not be as nervous this time."

Powell does not think Colby High wrestling has received as much respect this year as it should. This year's team has a new coach and does not have a wrestler like Cole Garcia who finished his career with consecutive state titles. Garcia now wrestles at Colby Community

College.

"We haven't got the respect as a team," Powell said. "That can help us. We can prove who we are."

Powell said this year's team has more of a team attitude than last year, not that last year's team did not.

"It's a team effort. We know we don't have just one player. We all have had to contribute."

Powell said the team's performance at regionals created momentum going into state.

"I was surprised we won regionals by as much as we did. I didn't think there would be that big of a gap," he said.

Last year, Colby finished behind state winner Andale, Rose Hill and Santa Fe Trail. Sims expects Andale and Rose Hill to again battle near the top again. Sims expects Clay Center, which finished one point and one place behind Colby, to be competitive as well.

Sims has seen the first-round match ups, something he does not put much faith into.

"We have seen some of these guys before and some we have not. It's anyone's ball game. We just need to approach it one match at a time," he said.

The Bicentennial Center is at 800 The Midway in Salina.

For tournament information, go online to techlab.abileneschools.org/2007_wrestling/



Sims

Eagles to host first-round games

Colby boy's and girls' basketball teams will host first-round sub-state games which begin Monday.

Boys

Colby (10-9) will play Ulysses (9-10) 7 p.m. Monday at the Colby Community Building. Colby is seeded fourth in the tournament and Ulysses is fifth.

The winner of that game will play the winner of Hays-Thomas More Prep (17-1) and Pratt (0-19) which play Monday at Hays. Thomas More Prep is seeded first and Pratt is eighth.

On the other side of the boys bracket, second seed Larned (14-5)

plays seventh seed Hugoton (5-14) 7 p.m. Monday at Larned. Third-seed Goodland (14-6) plays sixth-seed Russell (6-13) Monday at Goodland.

Semi-final games will be March 1 at Max Jones Fieldhouse in Goodland. Times have not been determined. The championship game will be 8 p.m. CST March 3 at Goodland.

Girls

Top seed Colby (17-2) will play eighth-seed Pratt (1-18) 6 p.m. Tuesday at Colby Community Building.

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24												
	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	Good Morning Kansas Saturday	Good Morning America (CC)	Good Morning America (CC)	Good Morning America (CC)	That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	Emperor	Replacements		
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	Today (CC)				Paid Program	Paid Program	Babar (El) (CC)	Dragon (El) (CC)	3 2 1 Pen	Veggie-Tales	Jane-Dragon	Jacob Two Two
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	Saturday Early Show (CC)				News				Cake (El) (CC)	Dance Revolut.	College Basketball	
K15CG (2)	Busi-ness	Market-Market	Mister Rogers	Thomas-Friends	Jay Jay the Jet	Bob the Builder	Signing Time!	Dragon-flyTV	Real Moms	For Your Home	Bake Decorate	Victory Garden
ESPN (28)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	College GameDay (Live) (CC)	College GameDay (Live) (CC)	College GameDay (Live) (CC)	College Basketball	
USA (37)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Nashville Star (CC)				Movie: Love Actually *** (2003, Romance-Comedy) Various people deal with relationships in London. Alan Rickman. (CC)			
TBS (38)	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Movie: Love and Action in Chicago ** 1/2 (1999) Courtney B. Vance. (CC)		Home Improve.				Movie: The Wood ** (1999) A missing groom sends friends on a trip down memory lane. Omar Epps. (CC)			
WGN (39)	Enter-prise	People-People	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	HomeTeam Charlotte (N) (CC)	
TNT (40)	(5:00) Movie: Mickey Blue Eyes		Movie: The Bachelor * (1999, Comedy-Drama) Chris O'Donnell. (CC) (DVS)						Movie: Vegas Vacation ** 1/2 (1997, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo.		Movie: I Spy ** (2002) (CC)	
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Really Big Things Largest Telescope				Really Big Things Giant Tree Spade		MythBusters Franklin's Kite (CC)	
A&E (47)	Murder, She Wrote (CC)	Murder, She Wrote (CC)	Murder, She Wrote (CC)	Murder, She Wrote (CC)	Biography Tom Selleck (CC)				Biography Kurt Russell (CC)	Airline (CC)	Airline (CC)	Movie: The Hunt for Red October
HIST (48)	Heavy Metal Hawk: Night Stalker	Gener-atn	Mail Call (CC)		Modern Marvels The Alcan Highway				American Eats Ice Cream Ice cream.	Lost Worlds The First Christians (CC)	Discoveries	
NICK (55)	Lazy-Town	OddPar-ents	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	OddPar-ents	OddPar-ents	Avatar-Last Air	Avatar-Last Air	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV
DISN (56)	The Wiggles	Higgly-town	Ein-steins	Ein-steins	Mickey Mouse	Mickey Mouse	Johnny-Sprites	Handy Manny	Doodle-bops	Charlie & Lola	Lilo & Stitch	Replacements
FAM (58)	Family Matters	Family Matters	Step by Step	Step by Step	Full House	Full House	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Ground-ed-Life	Ground-ed-Life	Sabrina-Witch	Sabrina-Witch
HALL (60)	Little House on the Prairie (Part 1 of 2)	Little House on the Prairie (Part 2 of 2)			Movie: The Apple Dumpling Gang ** (1975, Comedy) Bill Bixby. (CC)				Movie: The Apple Dumpling Gang Rides Again ** (1979, Comedy) Tim Conway.			

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KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Inside Basket.				College Basketball: Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)		Paid Program	ABC News
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	Jeop-ardy!	Paid Program	PGA Golf: WGC Accenture Match Play Championship -- Semifinals. From Tucson, Ariz. (Live) (CC)						College Basketball: Florida at LSU. (Live) (CC)		Paid Program	NBC News
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball: Pittsburgh at Georgetown. (Live) (CC)						College Basketball: Rutgers at Villanova. (Live) (CC)		Paid Program	CBS News
K15CG (2)	Yankee Shop	This Old House	Ask This Old Home-time (N)	Wood-wright	Real Simple	Scrap-book	School-Fine Art	Love of Quilting	Plano Guy	Farmers' TV	Rare Visions	
ESPN (28)	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball: Illinois at Penn State. (Live) (CC)						College Basketball: Rutgers at Villanova. (Live) (CC)		College Basketball	
USA (37)	Movie: Notting Hill ** 1/2 (1999) A bookseller and a movie star have an unlikely romance. Julia Roberts.								Movie: How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days ** (2003, Romance-Comedy) Kate Hudson. (CC)		Monk (CC)	
TBS (38)	(11:50) Movie: Cocktail ** 1/2 (1988, Romance) (PA) Tom Cruise. (CC) (DVS)								Movie: Demolition Man ** 1/2 (1993, Science Fiction) A frozen cop is thawed out to capture an old nemesis. (CC)		Movie: Underworld ** 1/2 (2003, Horror) Kate Beckinsale.	
WGN (39)	Freedom Music	Soul Train (CC)							Movie: L.A. Confidential **** (1997, Crime Drama) A young police officer searches for justice in 1950s L.A. Kevin Spacey.		American Idol Rewind Wildcard	
TNT (40)	(11:00) Movie: I Spy ** (2002) (CC)		Movie: Wild Wild West * (1999, Action) Will Smith, Kevin Kline. (CC)						Movie: The Librarian: Quest for the Spear ** (2004, Action) Noah Wyle. (CC)		Movie: Librarian: Return to King	
DSC (42)	Dirty Jobs Mike digs tunnels. (CC)		Amazon Abyss A voyage up the Amazon River reveals new species. (CC)						Expedition Borneo		Killer Ants (CC)	
A&E (47)	(11:00) Movie: The Hunt for Red October ** 1/2 (1990)	Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Move House	Clean House	Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Big Spender
HIST (48)	Ancient Discoveries	Ancient Discoveries (CC)							Ancient Discoveries (CC)		Aftershock: Beyond the Civil War (CC)	
NICK (55)	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	Jimmy Neutron	Danny Phantom	OddPar-ents	Avatar-Last Air	Spon-geBob	Drake & Josh	Ned's School	OddPar-ents
DISN (56)	Movie: Big Fat Liar ** (2002, Comedy) Frankie Muniz. (CC)	Kim Possible	Ameri-can Drgn	Ameri-can Drgn	Empor-er New	Empor-er New	Replacements	Replacements	Replacements	That's-Raven	That's-Raven	
FAM (58)	Movie: Sister Act ** (1992, Musical Comedy) Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith.								Movie: Back to the Future ** 1/2 (1985) A boy travels through time to his parents' teenage years.		Movie: Back to the Future Part II *** (1989) (CC)	
HALL (60)	Movie: Rose Hill (1997) Homeless New York boys rescue a baby and head West.								Movie: Sarah, Plain and Tall *** (1991, Drama) Glenn Close. (CC)		Movie: Skylark ** 1/2 (1993, Drama) Glenn Close, Christopher Walken. (CC)	

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KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	News (CC)	Kake News	Movie: Forrest Gump *** 1/2 (1994, Drama) A slow-witted Southerner experiences 30 years of history. Tom Hanks.						News (CC)	American Idol Rewind Wildcard	Ent. Tonight	
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Dateline NBC The Paris Hilton Tapes		Law & Order: SVU				Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Saturday Night Live (CC)	
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Inside Edition	Jericho The Day Before (CC)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation				48 Hours Mystery (CC)	News (CC)	Paid Program	Without a Trace Lost and Found (CC)
K15CG (2)	High School Wrestling: Kansas Class 3-2-1A Tournament Championships. Hays, Kan. (Live)						Red Green	Summer Wine	Austin City Limits The Killers: Spoon		Soundstage New York Dolls (CC)	
ESPN (28)	College Basketball	College GameDay (Live) (CC)							College Basketball: Indiana at Michigan State. (Live) (CC)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	Midnight Madness Fast-break
USA (37)	Psych Poker? I Barely Know Her		Law & Order: SVU						Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Movie: How High * (2001) Method Man.	
TBS (38)	(4:30) Movie: Underworld (2003)		Movie: The Chronicles of Riddick ** (2004) (PA) A fugitive fights an invading ruler and his army. (CC)						Movie: The Matrix Reloaded *** (2003) Freedom fighters revolt against machines. Keanu Reeves. (CC)			
WGN (39)	Movie: Scent of a Woman *** (1992, Drama) A blind man introduces a student to life's pleasures. Al Pacino. (CC)								WGN News at Nine (CC)	Sex and the City	24 Day 2: 8:00 - 9:00AM (CC)	24 (CC)
TNT (40)	(5:00) Movie: Librarian: King		Movie: The Replacements ** 1/2 (2000, Comedy) Misfit substitutes take the field during a football strike.						Movie: The Replacements ** 1/2 (2000, Comedy) Misfit substitutes take the field during a football strike.			
DSC (42)	MythBusters Alarm solutions. (CC)		Mars Rocks: One Year Later		Combat Zone Battle of Inchon, Korea				Futureweapons Front Line	How It's Made	How It's Made	Mars Rocks: One Year Later
A&E (47)	Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Flip This House (CC)		Flip This House Red brick house.				Movie: Bridget Jones's Diary *** (2001, Romance-Comedy) Renee Zellweger. (CC)		Flip This House (CC)	
HIST (48)	A Distant Shore		Star Trek: Beyond the Final Frontier A tribute to "Star Trek".						Quest for Dragons Dragons appear in most cultures. (CC)		Star Trek: Beyond the Final Frontier	
NICK (55)	OddPar-ents	Spon-geBob	Ned's School	Naked Brothers	Drake & Josh	Mr. Meaty	Full House	Growing Pains	Growing Pains	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Fresh Prince
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FAM (58)	(4:30) Movie: Back to the Future Part II		Movie: Back to the Future Part III *** (1990) Marty McFly visits the Old West to save the imperiled Doc.						Movie: Back to the Future *** 1/2 (1985) A boy travels through time to his parents' teenage years.			
HALL (60)	Movie: Sarah, Plain and Tall: Winter's End ** 1/2 (1999, Drama) Glenn Close.								Movie: Love's Abiding Joy ** (2006) A pioneer family faces numerous challenges.		Movie: Sarah, Plain and Tall *** (1991, Drama) Glenn Close. (CC)	

Trojan women lose home game chance

With a first-round playoff game at home on the line, the Lady Trojans couldn't pull out a close contest Wednesday at the Community Building.

The Lady Blue Dragons of Hutchinson came into the game with a half-game lead for fourth place in the Jayhawk West, and all but assured the Lady Trojans will be on the road in the conference tournament after winning 54-58.

Despite the Lady Trojans shooting 47 percent from the field, including five three-pointers by Sandra Sormaz, they were out-re-

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