

Trojan basketball Notebook

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Koance Davis and Mike Boyd. Those who were anticipating the bad blood to spill over went home disappointed as both teams kept their emotions under control. "What happened the first time was a total coincidence," said Dodge City head coach Brian Hobericht. "It was a situation where everyone was frustrated. Everything I saw tonight showed me these are all good kids on both teams." "I don't hold any grudges," said Dodge City forward Anthony Harris who was also directly involved in the fight. "It was just another game for me."

Though it wasn't related to fighting, Harris did pick up a technical foul in the second half for slapping the backboard. Trojan head coach John Woods also received a technical foul for arguing.

Saturday night fever

Because of scheduling conflicts with local high school tournaments, Dodge City marked the first Saturday night game of the new year for either Trojan basketball team. In fact, it was their first Saturday night home game since Nov. 17, 2007, against North Platte.

The Trojans have played two weekend home games this year, but both were scheduled for Sunday because they fell on the same weekend as the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament and the Orange and Black.

Though no official attendance count was taken, Saturday brought arguably the largest crowd of the year for the Trojans.

Next up: Butler County

The Trojan basketball teams begin a three-game road trip tonight at Butler County Community College in El Dorado.

The women's game tips off at 6 p.m. while the men will follow at 8 p.m.

The Lady Trojans, 11-14 (6-5), have won three in a row and defeated Butler, 6-18 (1-10), 65-48 Jan. 13 at the Community Building.

On the men's side, Colby, 7-18 (3-8), will look to avoid a two-game losing streak and sole possession of last place against Butler, 8-16 (3-8).

Butler beat Colby 83-72 Jan. 13.

A familiar face to Colby basketball fans returned to the Colby Community Building Saturday night. Only this time instead of sporting the usual hometown orange and white, former Colby Lady Eagle guard April Weaver was firing up jump shots in her new purple attire as a member of the Dodge City Community College Lady Conquistador basketball team.

"It was different being in another jersey instead of Colby," said Weaver. Weaver was firing up jump shots in her new purple attire as a member of the Dodge City Community College Lady Conquistador basketball team.

Sims estimates that three or four of his seniors would try and wrestle at the next level, although he didn't yet know any specifics.

But before the '08 senior class leaves the mats for the last time at Colby High, they are determined to finish what they started and do it in style.

"We want to qualify all 14 guys for state and for all 14 to place," said Kriss. "If we won state, that would be the perfect ending."

Ironically, the last state champion senior class of 2001 also featured a Luedke and an Olsen.

Brent's brother, Eric, went on to wrestle at the University of Iowa. The argument over which team is better has been a topic of conversation at the Luedke dinner table at least one or two times.

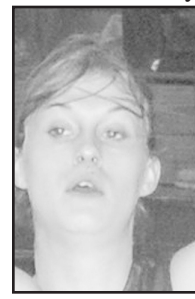
"Me and my brother get into arguments about it all the time," said Luedke. "I think it would be fun to go back and duel them."

That may be a fantasy at this point, but these next two weekends the 2008 Eagle seniors will have a real opportunity to prove to the class of 2001 and all of the great ones before, they deserve their place among the elite.

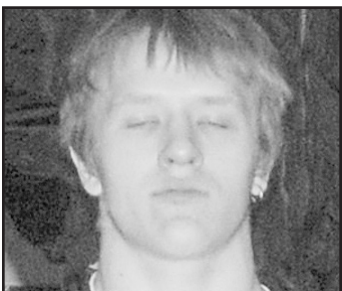
"It could be right up there with the best senior classes of all time," said assistant coach Rick Williams. "They certainly have the opportunity to prove that."

Cooler heads prevail

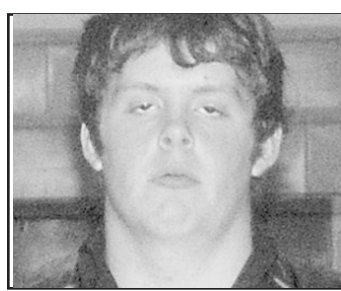
A lot of the buzz in the Community Building Saturday centered on whether round two would take place between Dodge City and the Trojans in their first meeting since the altercation Jan. 9 in Dodge City, leading to the suspensions of



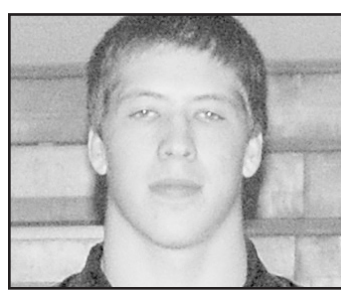
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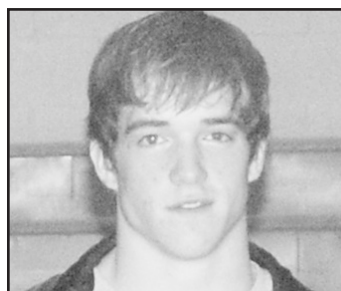
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Eagle seniors have chance to leave legacy

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For the last four years, Colby Eagle senior wrestlers Brent Luedke and Nick Kriss have developed a routine.

It's not precise, but it goes something like this: Go to school, go to practice or a match, do some homework, go to sleep and then come back and do it again the next day. In between, cut or gain a little weight, if need be.

But after Colby's 42-26 dual win over Garden City Friday on senior night, Luedke and Kriss quickly realized their familiar routine was coming to an end.

Sure, there's still a handful of practices left plus regionals and state, but Luedke and Kriss, along with three other seniors, had just wrestled their last matches in the gym they have spent countless amounts of hours perfecting their craft in for nearly their whole life.

"It's really weird," said Luedke of wrestling his last match in Colby. "I've been thinking about it all day."

"It hasn't even set in my mind, yet," added Kriss.

The feelings of shock exuded from Luedke and Kriss are understandable given just how far the 2008 senior class has come these last four years.

It was a group that had lofty expectations placed on their shoulders ever since they first arrived on campus in the fall of 2004, and by all measures, have blown those expectations out of the water.

"They were talked about as a special group that had a lot of potential," said Eagle head coach Matt Sims, who was an assistant to Mitch Biems when they '08 class arrived. "But you gotta live up to that. They have and will continue to."

Luedke, Kriss, Hunter Olsen and Taylor Brown have started on varsity since their freshman year while Bryan Brewer and Cody Wark have been on varsity for two years.

Luedke and Olsen are three-time state qualifiers. Luedke has placed as high as third while Olsen finished sixth last year. Brown has qualified for state twice and all six varsity seniors have qualified at least once.

Luedke, Olsen, Kriss and Brown are all ranked in the top five in the state this season at their respective weight. They, along with Brewer and Wark, will leave Colby in the top 20 on the school's all-time win's list.

Luedke (113 wins) and Olsen (100 wins) have a chance to finish fifth and sixth respectively on that list.

"You think about all the guys that have been on varsity since their freshman year, that's a lot of hour spent in the summer, in the practice room and in the weight room," said Sims. "The seniors have shown great leadership this year."

Though they won't leave with the accolades of an Olsen or Luedke, equally as intricate to the success of the program have been Kyle Cox and Brady Rundel.

Cox has been stuck behind Kriss at 215 pounds for the last four years, but never became deterred by the situation.

"He's been in the practice room working out our varsity guys everyday," said Williams. "It would have been easy for him to quit, but he continued to work hard everyday. There's a lot of places where he would be on varsity."

"I like to see that, because it means we're a family," said Sims.

This was the first year out for Rundel, who ended his career Saturday by winning the 171 pound

bracket at the Bill Voss Novice Tournament.

"Brady has told me how much he's loved it and wishes he had done it before this year," said Sims.

But what a year for Rundel to get on board.

Colby enters this weekend's regional tournament in Clearwater as the #1 team in class 4A. They won the Northwest Kansas League title by 113.5 points, went undefeated in duals for the second year in a row, won the Southwest Classic in Liberal for a second straight year and won the Eagle Invitational for the first time in its 23 year history.

All of these accomplishments, though, are merely checkmarks on the Eagles quest for their first state title since 2001.

"Everything they've done to this point has been great," said Sims. "The Eagle Invitational as a whole has been my favorite moment, but hopefully there is more to come."

"All that's pretty cool, but it won't mean much if we don't perform at state," said Luedke. "It's just like the Super Bowl with the Patriots and Giants."

Regardless of what the future holds, Luedke says these last four years have been more than he could have ever bargained for.

"Wrestling has affected my life a lot," said Luedke. "I've been cutting weight for so long, which has really given me an appreciation for food. It's been so physically demanding and I've learned so much about dedication and focusing on one thing."

Kriss, who has had the good fortune of being on the same team as his younger cousin Tanner the last three years, also believes wrestling will pay dividends as he heads off to college in the fall.

"It's taught me a lot team work,

Clemens receives another blow

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roger Clemens told Yankees teammate Andy Pettitte nearly 10 years ago that he used human growth hormone, Pettitte said in a sworn affidavit to Congress, The Associated Press learned Tuesday.

Pettitte disclosed the conversa-

tion to the congressional committee holding Wednesday's hearing on drug use in baseball, a person familiar with the affidavit said. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the document had not been made public.

According to the person familiar with the affidavit, who said it was signed Friday night,

Pettitte also said Clemens backtracked when the subject of HGH came up again in conversation in 2005, before the same House committee held the first hearing.

STRIKE ZONE

~ League Bowling Results ~

Feb. 8th - Ten Pin League

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Cal Williams	16	8	1
Minds in the Gutter	15	9	2
Colby Ag Center	12	12	3
Colby Bowl	11	13	4
Farm Credit	5	19	5

First high individual game: Margaret Karlin, 190
First high individual series: Alberta Cameron, 495

Feb. 6th - Ladies Nite Out

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Don's Electric	14	6	1
Twisters	13.5	6.5	2
Service Oil	13	7	3
Golden Harvest Seeds	11	9	4
Strike-Outs	10	10	5
Margaret's Day Care	8.5	11.5	6
Straightline	7	13	7
Camouflage Lawn Care	3	17	8

First high individual game: Margaret Karlin, 203
First high individual series: Jan Helus, 515

Feb. 7th - King Pin

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Morgan Construction	171	81	1
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Colby Bowl and Fun Center	146	106	3
Colby Automotive	139	113	4
T.J. Tire	27	125	5
Pink Steel	248	128	6
Orschelns	119	133	7
5 Pony Men	110	142	8
Balls Deep	86	166	9
City Limits	84	168	10

First high individual game: Ralph Wolf, 241
First high individual series: Ralph Wolf, 639

Feb. 5th - Pinbusters

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Killer Bees	130	80	1
Gambino's Pizza	111	99	2
Pepsi	110	100	3
Cummins Central Power	104	106	4
Colby Bowl	103	107	5
United Commercial Travel	102	108	6
Colby Automotive	100	110	7
Doneian's Jewelry	80	130	8

First high individual game: Brent Menges, 255
First high individual series: Rich Bachman, 668

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