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Colby High sophomore Brandon Leth took control over Gattlin Reichert of Oberlin during a triple dual among the two teams and Rawlins County High School at Decatur Community High on Thursday.

## Eagles dominate dual with Atwood, Oberlin

The Eagles wrestling team dominated their triple dual against Oberlin and Rawlins County High on Thursday night.

Colby hammered Oberlin 60-6 and overwhelmed Rawlins County 54-15 at Decatur Community High School in Oberlin. Ten of Colby's 14 wrestlers won all their matches. Thirteen of the 14 won at least one match, and the wrestler who didn't lost a match in overtime.

"I think we wrestled pretty well coming of the break," said coach Matt Sims, adding that not everyone wrestled as well as he would have liked.

Sims said he is glad his team can get back into a routine now that Christmas break has ended.

Against Oberlin, senior Bob Schroeder, sophomores Dalton Snyder, Brandon Leth and freshman Dustin Reed all pinned their opponents. Seniors Nathan Reed and Torey Taylor, junior Andrew Flanagan and sophomore Konner Kriss all won by forfeit.

Senior Ethan Stickel edged out

Daniel Jordan of Oberlin 3-2 in the 152 pound class and senior Adam Weber shut out the Red Devils' Jacob Larue 6-0. Sophomore Michael Tubbs beat Nolan Peters of Oberlin 5-2 at 130 and freshman Zell Bieberle whipped the Red Devils' Dalton Dolan 8-2 at 285.

The Eagles' only two losses in the dual came in competitive matches. Junior Dalton Snyder lost a 9-7 decision to the Red Devils' Brent Juenemann at 125 and sophomore George Smollock fell to Jaxen Alstrom of Oberlin 5-4 in overtime at 285.

The boys lost only three matches in their dual against Rawlins County. They won two by pinfall, three by technical falls, four by decisions and two by forfeit.

Flanagan and Weber both pinned their opponents. Dustin Reed, Baumfalk and Snyder all won by technical fall. (A technical fall occurs when a wrestler beats his opponent by 15 points or more. Once someone is leading by at least 15 points, the match is stopped, he is

declared the winner and his team gets five points.)

Dustin Reed dominated John Solko of Atwood 18-3 at 103 and Baumfalk also beat Devin Simon 18-3 at 125. Snyder overwhelmed the Buffaloes' Cade Nobel 19-2 at 135.

Nathan Reed won a 9-4 decision over Dustin Vap at 112, Kriss eeked out a win over Garth Griffith 3-2 at 119 and Taylor shut out Zach Ruda 4-0 at 160.

Tubbs and Stickel both won by forfeit.

Schroeder lost a 12-6 decision to Kevin Wolters at 135, and Leth and Smollock were both pinned at 140 and 189.

The Eagles will wrestle tonight at Ulysses and at 11:15 a.m. Saturday in a tournament at Liberal. Sims said his team needed to be prepared for the tourney.

"We have to be ready to go and ready to wrestle," he said. "This will be a good test for us after the break. We will see where we're at the end of the weekend."

## The Big 12 conference is back

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Start the hype now for Kansas vs. Texas.

Still a month away, that one game looms over the Big 12 as conference play starts this weekend. Two undefeated teams, No. 1 vs. No. 2, about a dozen future NBA players on the court. It could be the greatest game in the history of the Big 12.

Of course, they've got to get there first.

Back to being one of the toughest conferences in the country, the Big 12 offers plenty of banana peels to trip up the top two teams in the country.

If the Jayhawks and Longhorns end up undefeated when they meet in Austin on Feb. 8, they will have earned it.

"Anybody can go anywhere and get beat, and being able to hold at home is going to be tough because

the talent level is so good," Kansas coach Bill Self said Thursday. The 2008-09 season, at least by the previous year's standards, was a bit blah. There were some good teams, one great player (Oklahoma's Blake Griffin) and not a lot of respect from outside the conference.

Well, the Big 12 is back, baby. Every team has a winning record, the conference has set a record with 140 non-conference wins and its teams are a combined 105-1 at home. The Big 12 has had at least four teams in the Top 25 for five straight weeks, including those two big names at the top of the poll, has the nation's second-best RPI, and an 8-3 record against ranked teams.

Clearly, the Big 12 isn't just two teams and a bunch of also-rans.

## College play resumes

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The Colby Community College Lady Trojans will be in action for the first time in almost a month when they compete in the Jayhawk Shoot-Out this weekend in Coffeyville.

The women will play Johnson County Community College at 1 p.m. Friday and Labette County Community College at 9 a.m. Sunday. Both teams have impressive records, Johnson County, a division 2 team from Overland Park, is ranked No. 5 on the national junior college website and has a 12-0. Labette, from Parsons, is 10-2.

Colby (2-12) has had to deal with injuries this season that left the team playing shorthanded. The blow that had the most profound affect was when freshman forward Hannah Thornton suffered a concussion during a Colby Ambassador Classic game against Colorado Northwestern Community College on Nov. 12. She was 8 for 8 from the field in the game. She tried to play the next day against Independence Community College in another tourna-

ment game, but became dizzy and had to leave the game.

While the concussion was what initially sidelined Thornton, what has kept her out action since then has been kidney problems that resulted from a bad reaction to a medication, said coach Brady Jasper.

The freshman had been having a terrific season before that, averaging almost 20 points and 7.4 rebounds a game. Jasper said there were still too many question marks for him to say if or when Thornton will return this season. Colby sophomores Danisha Cole and Tasha Wagoner have really stepped up their games in Thornton's absence. Cole is the second-leading scorer in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference West Division, averaging over 18 points per game. She is third in the league in steals with 3 and second in three-point percentage.

Cole had a season-best 34 against Miles Community College from Montana in a the Wells Fargo Tip-Off Classic game at Williston State College in Casper, Wagoner's points and rebounds are up from last season. She is averaging a little over 9 points and

6.5 rebounds per game.

The only positive development that has come from the injuries might be that players like freshmen Crystal Kinderknecht and Destiny Stewart have progressed a lot because they have played more than they would have if everyone was healthy, said Jasper. Stewart averages about 7 points per game and she leads the team in three-pointers made with 23. Kinderknecht averages almost 5 points and 6 rebounds.

Freshman Tamara Williams had two career highs at Pratt on Dec. 2, scoring 19 points and grabbing 13 rebounds. Williams averages almost 7. Freshman Alecia Palm has connected on 11 of 24 three-pointers this season.

Freshman Kelsey Hubin has decided to not finish out the season, Jasper said. She has been hampered with a left-ankle injury that has kept her out of most games this season. She averaged 5 points and 6 assists in five games. Jasper said she talked to her family and decided she didn't want to stay in Colby.

Colby has struggled at winning rebounding battles. The women are being out rebounded by about 12 per game.

## Triplains bests Heartland girls

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Triplains High guard Kara Gfeller's offensive ability was too much for the Heartland Lady Crusaders' basketball team Tuesday in a game played at the Community Building.

Heartland fell to the Triplains Lady Vikings 47-22, and Gfeller scored more points than the Crusaders: 27 in all.

The Heartland girls were still within striking distance after the

first half, trailing Triplains 25-13. Then the Lady Vikings offense, led by Gfeller, put the game out of reach in the second.

Junior Rachel Myers of Heartland drove in for a layup to cut Triplains' lead to 18-11 in the second quarter. Several minutes later, with the quarter winding down, Lady Crusaders senior Mary Beth Myers hit sophomore Jade Kruse with a slick pass near the basket that she laid in off the backboard.

Heartland scored the first three points of the third quarter to make it 25-16, but the Lady Vikings re-

sponded by going on a big run. During the onslaught, Gfeller hit two three-pointers and a pull-up jumper.

Sophomore Natalie Morris of Heartland drilled a short jumper with 5:24 left in the fourth. Lady Crusaders senior Kasey Donley banked in a running lay-up on the left side of the basket with 1:48 left. She made another layup a little later on to cut Triplains' lead to 47-22.

The Lady Crusaders will play at 6 p.m. Friday at Healy.

# STRIKE ZONE

## ~ League Bowling Results ~

December 29, 2009 - Pinbusters League				December 30, 2009 - Ladies Nite Out League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place	Team	Won	Lost	Place
Colby Automotive	62	18	1	Susie's Circus	21	7	1
Cummins Central Power	59.5	20.5	2	Swartz Veterinary Clinic	19	9	2
Roommasters	50	30	3	Don's Electric	18.5	9.5	3
Subway	39	41	4	Bop Shop Betties	17.5	10.5	4
Corona Kids	35	45	5	Straightline	17	11	5
Al's Painting	31	49	7	Service Oil	16	12	6
Colby Bowl	28	52	8	Twisters	15	13	7
Bargos	15.5	64.5	9	Assist-Ur-Sale	13	15	8
First high individual game: Kipp Nelson, 246				Minds in the Gutter			
First high individual series: Kipp Nelson, 687				Twisters II			
				Strike-Outs			
				8 20 10			
				First high individual game: Kelly Horinek, 211			
				First high individual series: Kelly Horinek, 530			
December 28, 2009 - First Nighters League				December 18, 2009 - Ten Pin League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place	Team	Won	Lost	Place
Sparky's Firework	35	5	1	Once Upon a Sign	34.5	21.5	1
Kansas Quicklube	32	8	2	Colby Bowl	26	30	2
Pepsi	31.5	8.5	3	Cal Williams	23.5	32.5	3
Frontier Ag Inc.	28	12	4	First high individual game: Mary Hurtt, 205			
NW Refrigeration	27	13	5	First high individual series: Mary Hurtt, 508			
Wild Ride	27	13	6	December 22, 2009 - Early Bird Ladies League			
Parking Lot Maintenance	13	27	7	Team	Won	Lost	Place
Grinnell Furniture	13	27	8	www.strike	41.5	18.5	1
Fire Xtrikers	12	28	9	Van's Merry Four	32	28	2
Woolter Well & Pump	8.5	31.5	10	Bowlerettes	30	30	3
McKee	8	32	11	NW Vacuum	16.5	43.5	4
Discount Repair of	5	35	12	First high individual game: Dee Hovda, 187			
First high Men Individual game: Marc Pearce, 269				First high individual series: Dee Hovda, 521			
First high Men Individual series: Ken Brewer, 690				December 20, 2009 - King and Queen non-smoking			
December 17, 2009 - King Pin League				Team			
Team	Won	Lost	Place	Team	Won	Lost	Place
T.J. Tire	198.5	121.5	1	Norman-Mackley	26	6	1
www.visitcolby.com	181.5	138.5	2	Benson-Schmidtbe	21	11	2
Kurts Pro	171	149	3	Team RB	20	12	3
Colby Automotive	156.5	163.5	4	Cook-Lanning	18	14	4
Morgan Construction	148.5	151.5	5	Schissler-Wolf	17.5	14.5	5
Drinkin Mates	148	172	6	Niermeier-McCarty	16	16	6
5 Pony Men	147	173	7	Pancake-Unruh	16	16	7
Balls Deep	118	202	8	Prochazka-Jacobs	15	17	8
Thomas County Feeder	30	10	9	Swartz-Barnett	13	19	9
First high individual game: Gordon Berry, 245				Kreutzer-Garrett			
First high individual series: Gordon Berry, 630				12 20 10			
				Schroeder-Schroeder			
				10.5 21.5 11			
				First high Men individual game: Gary Pancake, 183			
				First high Men individual series: Gary Pancake, 506			
				First high Women individual game: Deb Norman, 199			
				First high Women individual series: Deb Norman, 558			

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## STUDENT OF THE MONTH



### GRAY HENRY

Parents: Darryl and Donna Henry

Gray, a senior at Colby High School, is Colby Rotary Club's January 2010 Student of the Month.

Gray's school and community activities include Debate, Forensics, Scholars Bowl, Choir, Tennis, National Honor Society, Drama, Student Council, Students Against Destructive Decisions, International Club, Thomas County Coalition Youth Representative, Summer Youth Drama Teacher, Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership-Mr. Positive Mental Attitude, Vacation Bible School Recreation Director and Performer.

Gray's special honors include Two-Time Forensics State Champion, Debate State Medalist, Two-Time All-State Choir, Student Council Executive President.

Gray's academic emphasis has been English and Social Science. He plans to attend Columbia University to study political science and international affairs.

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