

Eagles take sixth at tourney

The Colby High wrestling team took sixth out of 25 teams in the Newton tournament this weekend. Five Eagles wrestlers placed and freshman Dustin Reed took first in his weight.

"It's a tough tournament," said coach Matt Sims. "I thought our guys wrestled well. We're getting better as a team."

Reed went 4-0 to take first in the 103-pound class. He won three matches by pinning his opponents and the fourth in a 4-2 decision. Reed is 20-2 overall this season.

His brother, senior Nathan Reed, and junior Andrew Flanagin took third at 112 and 171 pounds. Nathan finished 5-1 and Flanagin went 4-1. Nathan won three matches by decision and one by a pin. His decisions were by scores of 5-3, 6-4 and 10-4, with the lose a close one, 9-8. He is 22-2 this season.

Flanagin won four matches by decision, 10-2, 9-7, 13-2 and 5-3. He lost a 7-5 decision. Flanagin is 16-3 overall.

Sophomore Konnor Kriss finished fourth at 119, going 5-2 for the day. He pinned two opponents, won two matches by decision and gained another victory by default because his opponent was too hurt to continue. His scores wins were by scores of 7-3 and 6-4. He lost one match 9-8 and got pinned. Kriss is 19-7 this year. Sims said Kriss competed in one of the tougher weight classes at the tourney.

Senior Adam Weber finished seventh at 215. He went 4-2, pinning two of his opponents, winning one match by a major decision, 14-2, and another 7-5. (A major decision is when a wrestler wins by eight points or more. That earns four points for his team. We-



Colby High junior Andrew Flanagin practiced moves on an opponent during the Eagles' wrestling practice Tuesday afternoon on the school's mezzanine.

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ber lost his two matches 5-1 and 3-1, bringing his record to 17-3.

Seniors Ethan Stickel and Torey Taylor and sophomore Brandon Leth went 2-2 at 152, 160 and 140. Leth won one match by fall and another by a 15-10 decision. Stickel won a major decision 11-2 and he won another match when his opponent was too injured to

continue. Taylor won his two matches by fall. Stickel is 18-6 overall, Leth is 10-3 and Taylor is 18-5.

Senior Bob Schroeder, junior George Smollock and sophomore Dalton Snyder went 1-2. Schroeder and Snyder both won their matches by fall. Smollock won a 7-1 decision.

Schroeder is 13-9, Snyder 17-6 and Smollock 9-9.

Senior Dalton Garcia and sophomore Michael Tubbs both went 0-2. Garcia is 6-6 and Tubbs is 14-8.

Colby will wrestle in a tournament in Beloit at 2 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday. To get to Beloit, take U.S. 24 east from Colby.

Bulldogs go 1-2 in league games

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After losing the first round of the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament to Wallace County on Tuesday, the Golden Plains Bulldogs defeated Triplains 42-34 in the semifinal round on Friday at Colby High School.

Saturday, playing for fifth place, the boys lost an exciting, 1-point game in overtime to the Cheylin Cougars from Bird City, 52-51.

Tuesday, the boys started off slow, as Winona took a 13-4 lead in the first quarter. The Bulldogs only managed one bucket by Jordan Spresser and a free throw apiece from Dylan Moss and Jonathan Broeckelman. The boys picked up the pace as they put in 12 points in the second quarter, but the Vikings also scored 12, and the Bulldogs trailed Triplains 25-16 at the half.

In the second half, the Bulldogs began to take over the game, as they pumped in three-point shots from Moss and Tate Preston. Preston added a free throw and Broeckelman put in a bucket to narrow the Vikings' lead to 29-25 by the end of the third.

Despite many mistakes at the beginning of the fourth, Corey Shaw finally got a bucket to fall as the Bulldogs began closing in on the Vikings. With just 3:30 left on the clock, Jonathan

Broeckelman made a layup and was fouled. He made his free throw and the Bulldogs were only down by 1. Another three-pointer by Preston gave the Bulldogs a 33-32 lead and a quick bucket by Spresser extended it. Once the Bulldogs captured the lead, they continued to pursue the victory with another bucket by Spresser and two more shots from Preston to capture the 42-34 win.

"We played as a team in the fourth quarter and showed what we are capable of," said Spresser.

Preston had a team-high 17 points, Spresser had 11 and Jonathan Broeckelman added 6. Moss scored 4 and Cole Christensen and Shaw each had 2.

Following the victory on Friday, the Bulldogs played the Cheylin Cougars on Saturday afternoon at the Community Building.

Cheylin held a tight 10-8 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Bulldogs continued to play hard and led 20-18 at halftime, but the Cougars took a 34-32 lead by the end of the third.

Moss put in 10 points in the fourth along with 2 from Isaac Broeckelman to tie the game up by the end of regulation play and send it into overtime. In overtime, the Bulldogs put 7 more points on the board, including a last-second shot from Shaw, but Cheylin scored 8 and won the game.

"We couldn't hit our outside shots," said Spresser.

Colorado signs pitchers

DENVER (AP) — The Colorado Rockies reached preliminary agreements on multiyear contracts with relievers Huston Street and Rafael Betancourt on Tuesday, according to people familiar with the negotiations.

Street will get \$22.5 million over three years and Betancourt \$7.55 million over two seasons, the people said, speaking separately. They spoke to the Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the agreements were

not yet final.

Foxsports.com first reported the deal with Street, and *The Denver Post* reported the Betancourt deal.

Colorado also agreed to a \$3.25 million, two-year deal with outfielder Ryan Spilborghs and a \$1.9 million, one-year contract with pitcher Jason Hammel.

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