

Colby squad dominates competition

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The Eagles' wrestling team tuned up for its annual invitational by crushing Oakley and St. Francis in a triangular meet Thursday at the Colby High gym, beating St. Francis 55-21 and pounding Oakley 56-15.

The boys faced St. Francis in the first dual of the evening. Sophomore Dustin Reed and junior Konnor Kriss pinned their opponents at 112 and 130 pounds. Junior Devon Schlageck picked up a dominating 14-0 victory at 119 and sophomore Quade Woofter won his match 16-0 at 140. St. Francis scored a couple victories, but Colby still posted a decisive 55-21 win over the Indians. St. Francis' score suffered due to lack of numbers. They Indians had no one to wrestle in several classes, including 160, 171, 189 and 285.

Colby and Oakley faced off next.

Freshman David Mainus got the Eagles off to a strong start by pinning his opponent in the

103-pound class with almost 15 seconds left in the first period. Reed won by forfeit at 112 and Schlageck pinned his opponent in the second period. Schlageck was leading 9-1 before he got the pin.

Senior Dryden Baumfalk and Kriss both won by forfeit at 125 and 130. Sophomore Ryan Moore got pinned in the third period at 135. Moore fell behind 6-2 early. He narrowed the gap to 10-8 by the end of the second period, but was pinned while trailing 11-8.

Woofter got a take down in the last few seconds of the first period to go up 3-2. He went on to win the match 9-6. Junior Brandon Leth won a 16-1 major decision at 145.

Junior Andrew Elling was pinned by his opponent in the third period. Freshman Andrew Taylor lost a 3-1 decision in a competitive match at 160.

Seniors Andrew Flanagin and George Smollock both pinned their opponents in the first round at 171 and 189. Sophomore Kurtis Sloan got a pin at 215 with 1:11 left in the third period. Sloan and his opponent were tied at 8 before



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Colby High freshman Andrew Taylor grappled for an advantage during the Eagles' dual against Oakley on Thursday at Colby High School. Colby won the dual 56-15 and whipped St. Francis 55-21 in a dual earlier in the evening.

the pinfall.

Colby is holding the Eagle Invitational today and Saturday at the high school and elementary school gymnasiums and the Com-

munity Building. Today, Colby's duals will be against Oberlin at 5 p.m., Pine Creek from Parker, Colo., at 6:30 and Liberal at 8 at the high school.

The tournament will start up again at 8 a.m. Saturday. The Eagles' first dual will be at 9:30 against Valley Center at the high school. Placing rounds will begin

at 1:30 p.m., with the leaders from all three pools going for first place and the other teams for lower rankings.

Golden Plains girls lose opening game

By **Judy Rogers**

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The Golden Plains girls varsity basketball team lost its season opener to Greeley County 50-39 on Friday at Tribune.

The girls fell behind early in the first quarter as the Lady Jackrabbits put up 15 points, while the Lady Bulldogs put in 9. The Lady 'Dogs played a closer second quarter, only allowing the Tribune to score 9, while scoring 6 points of their own. Greeley County led 24-15 at the half.

In the second half, the Lady 'Dogs found their rhythm, scoring 10 in the third and 14 in the fourth.

"We played really well. This was a big improvement over last year, and gets the season off to a

good start," senior Melissa Ritter said. "We kept with them the whole game. It was really fun."

Ritter was the team's high scorer with 22 points, including 8 free throws. Sophomore Angela Ritter scored 8 points for the Lady Bulldogs and made all six of her free throws. Seniors Jacy Moss and Hailee Spresser had 3 each.

Rounding out the scoring were freshmen Kylie Jones and Leea Junemenn with 2 and 1 respectively. Angela Ritter had 3 assists and 2 steals. Moss had one steal and one assist and freshman Jordan Christensen had an assist.

The Lady Bulldogs pulled down 33 rebounds: Jones with 13, Christensen 7, Melissa Ritter 4, Spresser 4, Angela Ritter 3, and Moss 2.

Lady Eagles cruise to victory on the road

The Lady Eagles basketball team pulled ahead after the first quarter to crush Thomas More-Prep Marian 48-28 at Hays on Thursday.

The Monarchs led 12-11 at the end of the first quarter, but Colby outscored Marian 13-4 in the second and led 24-16 at the half.

"They played relaxed," said coach Parker McKee. "They let the game come to them."

The girls scored 13 points in the third and 11 in the fourth.

McKee praised senior Katrina

Kaus for the defensive job she did on the Lady Monarchs' Rachel Jacobs, who he said is one of the best players in the area. Kaus held her to 6 points on 2-of-8 shooting, while forcing Jacobs to commit 5 turnovers.

Senior Kayla Hockersmith had a team-high 13 points, but only made 4 of 17 field goals. Hockersmith also led the team in steals and assists with 6 each. She and senior Katherine Kaus, Katrina's twin, led the team in rebounds with 6 each.

Sophomore Lauren Bell scored 10 points on 5-of-7 shooting and junior Morgan Bell, Lauren's sister, had 7, including hitting 2 of 2 three pointers. Kaus and senior Kelsey Shields both had 6, junior Emilea Finley had 4 and Katrina Kaus had 2.

Colby shot almost 37 percent, connecting on 19 of 52 field goals. The girls' defense forced the Monarchs to commit 22 turnovers, while the Lady Eagles turned it over just 13 times. Marian only made about 29 percent of their

shots.

Colby out-rebounded the Lady Monarchs 29-28. Neither team shot very well from behind the arc. Colby made 3 of 13 three-pointers and Marian 1 of 9. The girls made 7 of 9 free throws and the Lady Monarchs hit 5 of 8. Colby had 18 steals.

With the win, the Lady Eagles improved to 4-1. They will play Hugoton at 6:30 next Friday at the Community Building.

Denver cornerback being investigated for felony

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. (AP) — Denver Broncos rookie cornerback Perrish Cox has been arrested for investigation of felony sexual assault, police said Friday.

Michelle Kivela, the public information officer for the city of Lone Tree, Colo., said Cox was arrested Thursday night following an investigation into an Oct. 28 incident and was taken to a nearby county jail.

Cox appeared Friday in Douglas County Court in nearby Castle Rock wearing a gray

prison uniform. His feet were shackled and he was escorted by an armed sheriff's deputy.

A judge declined a defense attorney's request to reduce a \$50,000 bond but did say that Cox can leave the state two times — apparently to play in Broncos away games. Cox waived extradition, meaning he agreed not to fight transport back to Colorado if for some reason he were arrested out of state.

The case filing was sealed at the request of the district attorney's office. Cox's next court

hearing was set for Jan. 7.

Broncos media relations director Patrick Smyth said the team is "gathering information and reviewing the facts."

Cox has played in 11 games this season after being taken in the fifth round of the draft out of Oklahoma State.

Douglas County Courts spokeswoman Casimir Spencer, prosecutor John Topolnicki and defense attorney Vince Buckmelter all declined to comment on the case.

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