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Colby High senior Andrew Flanagin tried to gain an advantage over Armando Sandoval of Ulysses in a 171-pound match on Fri-

day at the high school. Flanagin dominated the match, winning a 14-2 major decision. Colby won the dual 40-31.

# Eagles' varsity wrestling squad beats Ulysses by nine at home

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The Eagles' wrestling team had enough firepower to defeat Ulysses 40-31 in a dual on Friday at Colby High School.

Seniors Andrew Flanagin and George Smollock, junior Konnor Kriss and sophomore Zell Biebele all won their matches. Juniors Devon Schlageck, Andrew Elling and Brandon Leth and sophomore

Brady Rose won by forfeit because the Tigers didn't have anyone to wrestle them.

Flanagin won a 14-2 major decision over Ulysses' Armando Sandoval in the 171-pound class and Kriss pinned the Tigers' Alec Rodriguez in the second period at 130. Kriss led 2-0 at the end of the first period and was leading 5-0 before pinning his man.

Smollock beat Michael Sala of Ulysses 9-2 at 189 and Biebele won a 7-2 decision against Kiano

Sosa at 285. Smollock led Sala 7-0 after the first two periods. He and his opponent both got two points off reverses in the third period and Smollock came away with the win. Biebele scored 6 points off takedowns in his 7-2 win.

Colby sophomore Quade Woofter and freshman Andrew Taylor both came close to winning. Woofter lost to the Tigers' Razy Moralez 3-1 at 140 in a match that went into overtime. Taylor almost pinned Tanner Perez of Ulysses in

the first period at 160. Taylor was leading 13-6 when he was pinned in the third period.

Eagles' Freshman David Mainus was pinned by the Tigers' Jason Perez at 103 and Colby senior Dryden Baumfalk lost a 11-2 decision to Robbie Hines of Ulysses at 125.

Eagles' sophomore Macen Shull was pinned by Jo Angel Cortez at 119 and Colby sophomore Kurtis Sloan was pinned by the Tigers' J.J. Casey at 215.

# Bulldogs football players recognized

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Golden Plains seniors Rilee Spresser, Devinn Ritter and Tate Preston and junior Kalyn Weber were recognized by several newspapers for their football accomplishments this season.

Ritter was named to the First Team All-State Offensive Line by the *Wichita Eagle* and Honorable Mention Offensive Line by the *Topeka Capital Journal*. He was named to the *Hays Daily News* All-Area second team and was named to the KPreps.com All-District team Offensive Line and Defensive Line. In addition, Ritter was named District Defensive MVP by Kpreps.com.

"It is nice to be recognized for

my efforts on the football field," he said.

Ritter had 117 tackles this season. He plans to pursue a position on a college football team.

Spresser was named First Team All-Area by the *Hays Daily* and All-State Honorable Mention Quarterback by both the *Eagle* and the *Capital Journal*. He was named to the KPreps.com All-District team as quarterback and defensive back.

"Receiving these honors has been a goal since I started playing as a freshman," Spresser said. "It's good to know that my hard work during the off-season helped me be successful on the field."

Spresser passed for over 1,194 yards, averaging 132.7 yards per game. He passed for 18 touchdowns and averaged 9.6 tackles

per game and says he is considering his options for college ball.

Preston was named All-State Wide Receiver Honorable Mention by both the *Eagle* and the *Capital Journal*. He was named to the KPreps.com All-District team at wide receiver. Preston gained 724 yards and 15 touchdowns from catches. He scored 116 points for the Bulldogs, including 2-point conversions.

Weber was named All-State Honorable Mention Running Back by the *Capital Journal*. He

made the KPreps.com All-District team.

Weber rushed for 1,350 yards and scored 21 touchdowns.

"These post season awards say a lot about the work that Devinn and Rilee and the other players have put in over the years," said coach Travis Smith. "They have dedicated themselves in the weight room and in track to become bigger, faster, stronger athletes."

"Both Devinn and Rilee have the ability to play at the next level."

# Lady Eagles dominate game

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The Lady Eagles basketball team ran roughshod over Hugoton 63-13 Friday at the Community Building.

The Colby High girls jumped out to a big lead early and just kept going. Colby led 25-2 at the end of the first quarter and 40-8 at the half.

"The kids did a great job of focusing, even when they had a big lead," coach Parker McKee said.

Colby got 19 steals, 7 by senior Kayla Hockersmith, and Hugoton turned the ball over 31 times. The girls scored 46 points off those Hugoton's turnovers. The Lady Eagles' bench outscored their opponents bench 36-2. The team only allowed Hugoton to take 15 shots in game.

The coach let many of his bench players get some playing time in the fourth quarter. Sophomore Karly Kriss got a big block at the start of the period. Junior Brenna McKee knocked down a short shot from the baseline, giving Colby a 58-13 lead. Then sopho-

more Lauren Bell buried her third three-pointer of the game to make it 61-13.

Colby shot the ball well, with the girls making almost 53 percent of their shots on 27-for-51 shooting.

"We knocked down a lot of shots we were not as consistent on in the other five games," McKee said.

Bell had a monster game on offense, scoring 20 points on 7-of-8 shooting and knocking down all three of her three-point shots. Junior Morgan Bell, Lauren's older sister, also had a solid game, scoring 9 points on 4-for-7 shooting, including one three-pointer. Senior Katrina Kaus and junior Emilea Finley both had 6, freshman Kenzie Curry scored 5, Hockersmith and seniors Kelsey Shields and Katherine Kaus all had 4, Kriss 3; and McKee 2. Katrina Kaus had a team-high 5 assists.

With the win, the Lady Eagles improved to 5-1. The girls will have some time off over the holidays before their next game. They will play again at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 4, at Goodland.

# Colby High boys suffer 20-point loss

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The Colby High boys' basketball team is still searching for its first victory after losing to Hugoton 62-42 on Friday night in the high school gym.

The Eagles struggled at taking care of the basketball in the game's opening minutes. Seniors Corbin Stephens and Spencer Tubbs both had a couple of turnovers early.

Hugoton's Heber Jimenez knocked down a three-pointer, giving his team a 7-2 lead. Junior Braden Sager grabbed a rebound and stuck it back in, narrowing the gap to 7-4. Tubbs grabbed a rebound and banked it in off the glass, cutting Hugoton's lead to 13-8 near the end of the first quarter.

Cody Frederick of Hugoton made a transition layup, extending his team's lead to 15-8 early in the second quarter. A jumper from the baseline by senior Clint Goosen and a three pointer by senior Andrew Ketchum cut deeper into Hugoton's lead. But Hugoton stifled the Eagles' rally and grew the lead to 26-19 with two minutes left in the half.

Sophomore Zane Winger drove the length of the court and made a layup, cutting Hugoton's lead to 26-22 with 20 seconds to go. This remained the score for the rest of the half.

Hugoton's Frederick, James

Persinger, Heber Jimenez and Juan Martin all were able to score on drives to the bucket and off rebounds in the third. Stephens had a couple buckets in the third and Arnberger nailed a three, but Colby still trailed 46-35 at the end of the quarter. Hugoton outscored the Eagles' 16-7 in the fourth and took home a 62-42 victory.

"We need to pick up pressure in all four quarters," Zane Winger said.

Sager said the players need to keep believing in themselves even when the shots aren't falling.

Stephens had a team-high 15 points on 5-of-17 shooting. He led the team in rebounding with 8 but turned the ball over 7 times. Goosen finished with 9 points, going 3 for 5 from the field and the free-throw line. He also pulled down 7 boards. Arnberger scored 5, Sager 4, Ketchum 3 and Tubbs and Winger 2 each.

Colby made just 29 percent of its field goals, connecting on 16-of-56 shots. The Eagles out-rebounded their opponents 32-29. Colby had 18 turnovers and Hugoton only 6.

The Eagles held their opponents to almost 23 percent from the field in the first half, but Hugoton made about 48 percent of its shots in the second.

With the loss, Colby dropped to 0-6. The boys' first game coming off Christmas Break will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, at Goodland.

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