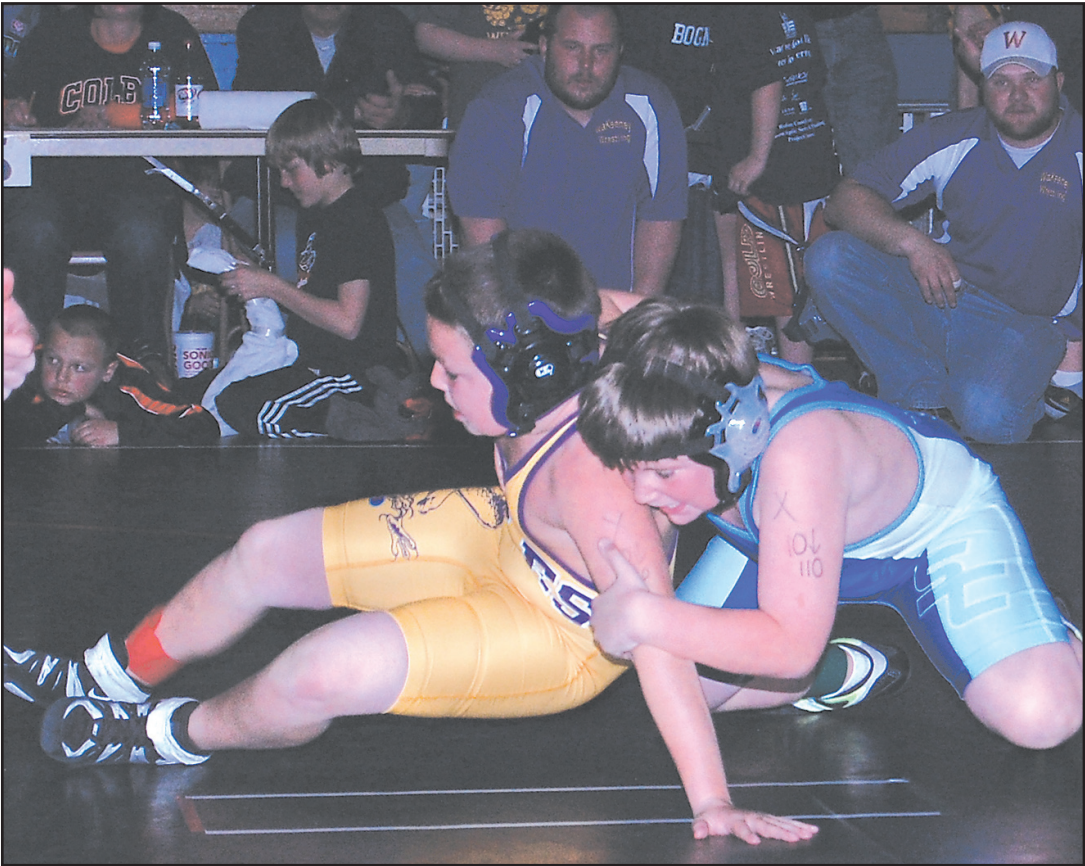




Taking it to the mat



Two of the more than 500 young wrestlers at the annual Colby Kids Wrestling tournament battled it out Saturday at the Community Building. The Colby Wrestling Club holds the tournament each year.

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Colby boys’ slow start leads to lopsided defeat

The Colby High Eagles basketball team fell behind early and never recovered in its 77-44 loss at Holcomb on Friday.

The Longhorns scored the games first 16 points in the first quarter before senior Corbin Stephens ended the Eagles’ scoring drought with a three pointer.

“We came out slow and were not ready for their speed,” coach Jerad Johnson said.

Colby trailed 25-11 at the end of the first quarter. The Longhorns increased their lead to 41-23 by halftime.

Andrew Homer of Holcomb buried a long shot early in the third quarter. Then Stephens made a reverse layup that cut the Longhorns’ lead to 46-26. Holcomb extended its lead to 53-28. Senior Clint Goosen knocked down a three pointer, drilled a jumper from the elbow and made a reverse layup in the third, but the Longhorns continued to increase their lead.

Holcomb controlled the glass throughout the quarter, leading to second chance buckets on offense. The

Longhorns led 65-37 going into the final quarter. The Eagles continued to play hard in the fourth, but they were unable to cut into the Holcombs’ lead. Holcomb picked up a 77-44 win.

Goosen had a team-high 13 points on 6-of-11 shooting and senior Kale Arnberger had 8. Stephens had 6 and seniors Spencer Tubbs and Andrew Ketchum and junior Braden Sager each had 5. Tubbs and Sager both had 4 assists and Tubbs also had 4 blocks.

The Eagles were out-rebounded 31-24. The boys scored 13 points off turnovers and the Longhorns 20. The coach said the team gave up too many offensive rebounds, adding that Holcomb just played more aggressive than they did. The Longhorns scored 20 seconds chance baskets and Colby 5.

With the loss, the boys fell to 0-8 and 0-3 in the Great West Activities Conference. They will play Scott City at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Community Building.

Trojan’s huge rally falls short; Colby loses to Cloud County

A second-half comeback fell short for the Colby College Trojans men, who lost 68-63 to Cloud County Community College in Concordia on Saturday.

Coach Dustin Pfeifer said the Thunderbirds hit 10 of their first 13 shots and led 31-9 at one point in the first half. Cloud led 47-23 at halftime.

The Trojans came roaring back in the second half, cutting Cloud County’s lead to 66-63 near the end of the game.

“We battled and battled and battled,” Pfeifer said, adding that he was proud of the way his team played in the second half.

Sophomore Michael Morris posted a double-double, scoring

13 points and pulling down 10 rebounds, and Carson Konrade had a team-high 14 points and 7 boards on 6-of-11 shooting. Freshman Kevin Jefferson had 10 points and freshman A.J. Barber had 9 points on 3-of-13 shooting. Freshman Hurley Johnson had 7 points on 3-of-12 shooting and sophomore Terrell Bruce went 3 for 4 and finished with 7 points.

The Trojans went 26 for 68 from the field and 5 of 24 from the three-point line. They went 6 for 12 from the foul line.

Colby forced the Thunderbirds to commit 20 turnovers and held them to 29 percent from the field in the second half. Pfeifer said it was the team’s best defensive ef-

fort this season. The Trojans out-rebounded Cloud County 43-42.

Johnson was called for an intentional foul and Colby’s bench was whistled for a technical foul in the games closing minutes.

With the loss, the Trojans dropped to 10-6 and 1-1 in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Western Division.

They will play at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Seward County Community College in Liberal. Pfeifer said avoiding turnovers will be a “big-time challenge” because Seward’s opponents are averaging 23 a game.

Jayhawks best Michigan in overtime

ANNARBOR, Mich. (AP)—After barely escaping with an overtime win over Michigan, Kansas coach Bill Self is a little hesitant to compare this year’s Jayhawks with his national championship team from three seasons ago.

“That wasn’t a good team,” Self said. “That was a great team. I think that this team that we have is a good team with a chance to become really good. ...

“I’ve also got to be careful of comparing to that team. It’s not fair to these guys.”

The Jayhawks will welcome the comparison if they go on to win the national title, but for now, they’ll have to settle for the school’s best start since that 2007-08 season. Marcus Morris scored 22 points as third-ranked Kansas outlasted Michigan 67-60 on Sunday to improve to 15-0 in nonconference play.

The Jayhawks overcame a dreadful shooting day. They finished at 36 percent from the field

and 4 of 24 from 3-point range.

Michigan (11-5) was even worse at 33 percent from the field and 4 of 28 from long distance, but the Wolverines fought back from a 13-point second-half deficit to force overtime on Darius Morris’ turnaround shot in the final minute of regulation.

“Neither team made shots,” Self said. “That was a miserable display of shooting, but probably a pretty good display of both teams guarding.”

Colby High girls end Holcomb’s streak

The Colby High girls team picked up a 51-38 win at Holcomb on Friday, spoiling the Lady Longhorns’ perfect season on their home court.

Holcomb brought a 7-0 record into the game, and the Lady Eagles only led 21-20 at the half. They increased that to 37-27 by the end of the third quarter, however, and went on to take a convincing win.

Colby won the battle of the boards all evening, out-rebounding the Lady Longhorns 35-19.

Senior Katrina Kaus buried a jumper, giving the Lady Eagles a 9-7 lead near the end of the first quarter. Senior Morgan Bell, who led the girls with 15 points, made a runner in the lane early in the second. Later in the half, senior

Emilea Finley made a turnaround shot to make it 21-15 Colby. Then the Lady Longhorns scored the last five points of the half.

Bell nailed a three to start the third. Senior Katherine Kaus, Katrina’s twin, drilled a three pointer and knocked down a long jumper just inside the three-point line, extending Colby’s lead to 33-27. Two free throws by Bell at the end of the third gave the Lady Eagles a 10-point lead. Colby committed no fouls in the third.

The team picked up its first foul of the second half two minutes into the fourth. Buckets by Bell and Kaus increased the girls’ lead to 48-32, and they went on to win 51-38.

Katherine finished with 13

points and sophomore Lauren Bell, Morgan’s sister, added 12. Finley had 5, Katrina 4 and senior Kayla Hockersmith 2.

Colby had 15 steals, 8 of them by Hockersmith. The Lady Eagles forced 21 turnovers, while committing 17 of their own. The Colby bench outscored Holcomb’s 17-5.

Colby made 17 of 31 free throws, while the Lady Longhorns only took 17 foul shots. The girls shot only 31 percent in first half, but they made 44 percent in the second.

With the win, the Lady Eagles improved to 7-1. They will play Scott City at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Community Building.

Colby Recreation Department offering adult cooking classes

The Colby Recreation Department will hold a one-hour adult cooking class, called RECipes, starting at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, at the Community Building.

This month, Kristie Mengel, mother of Skyler, Haley and Morgan Mengel, will be the guest chef. She will be demonstrating four recipes with egg-roll wrappers. The deadline to sign up is Monday, Jan. 17. The cost is \$10 per class.

The third annual Kids a Cookin class will resume for the spring semester starting Thursday at the Community Building. The class for third through sixth graders is taught by Dianne Gerstner, mother of Colby High senior Kim Gerstner. She is the family and consumer sciences agent for Thomas County Extension.

The class, which meets once a month, teaches kids safety, nutritional information and hands-on cooking. The program is free, but it’s limited to 20 participants. The department is also holding Kids Korner, where preschoolers can play season crafts and games from

9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Fridays at the Community Building. The cost is \$15 a month.

Recreation Director Stacy Lee said there are still open slots for kids interested in signing up for sixth-grade girls basketball clinics at Sacred Heart School. The clinics, taught by Brenda Mazanec, will start Wednesday and continue Jan. 19 and 26 and Feb. 2. The cost is \$25.

Fitness classes resumed at the Community Building today, but there are openings, Lee said.

The fourth annual Boot Camp, a high intensity course that includes sprints, endurance and circuit training for toning and weight loss takes place from 5:45 to 6:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lee teaches the class, which lasts six weeks and costs \$30.

The third annual “Sweatin with Oldies” offers low-impact aerobics with light cardiovascular workouts, light weights and stretching. It runs from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday mornings for those 55 or older. Tess Smith, assistant recreation

director, teaches the class, which costs \$20 per month.

The annual Water Aerobics class goes from 7 to 8 p.m. on Monday and Thursdays at the Colby College pool. The class teaches the power of water resistance for toning, cardiovascular development and stretching. The spring semester cost is \$50. Today’s class was cancelled.

New Active Yoga and Yoga Sweat classes also were to start Monday. The Active Yoga class focuses on basics like breathing, balance and flexibility from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday or at noon at Tuesday and Thursday. Bethany Williams is teaching the six-week course, which costs \$30.

The Yoga energy class features advanced poses and stretches in a heated room. The six-week class lasts from 6 to 6:45 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday at the Community Building. Williams teaches the class, which costs \$25.

Chiefs’ offense gets shut down

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Maybe the great Baltimore defense isn’t aging as quickly as some people thought.

The battle-tested Ravens humbled a youthful Kansas City offense in a smothering second half Sunday, holding the Chiefs to 25 yards over the final two quarters on the way to a 30-7 victory. Now it’s back to Pittsburgh on Saturday

in the second round of the AFC playoffs, a showdown between bitter division rivals who split their season series.

And yes, said Pro Bowl linebacker Terrell Suggs, this one is personal — but not just between the teams.

“It’s personal between the two cities, Baltimore and Pittsburgh,” said Suggs. The Ravens (13-4)

stopped what Kansas City does best. The No. 1 rushing offense in the NFL was held to 108 yards on the ground. Cassel was sacked three times. The Ravens forced five turnovers. And Pro Bowl wide receiver Dwayne Bowe, who led the league with a team-record 15 receiving touchdowns, did not catch a pass.



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