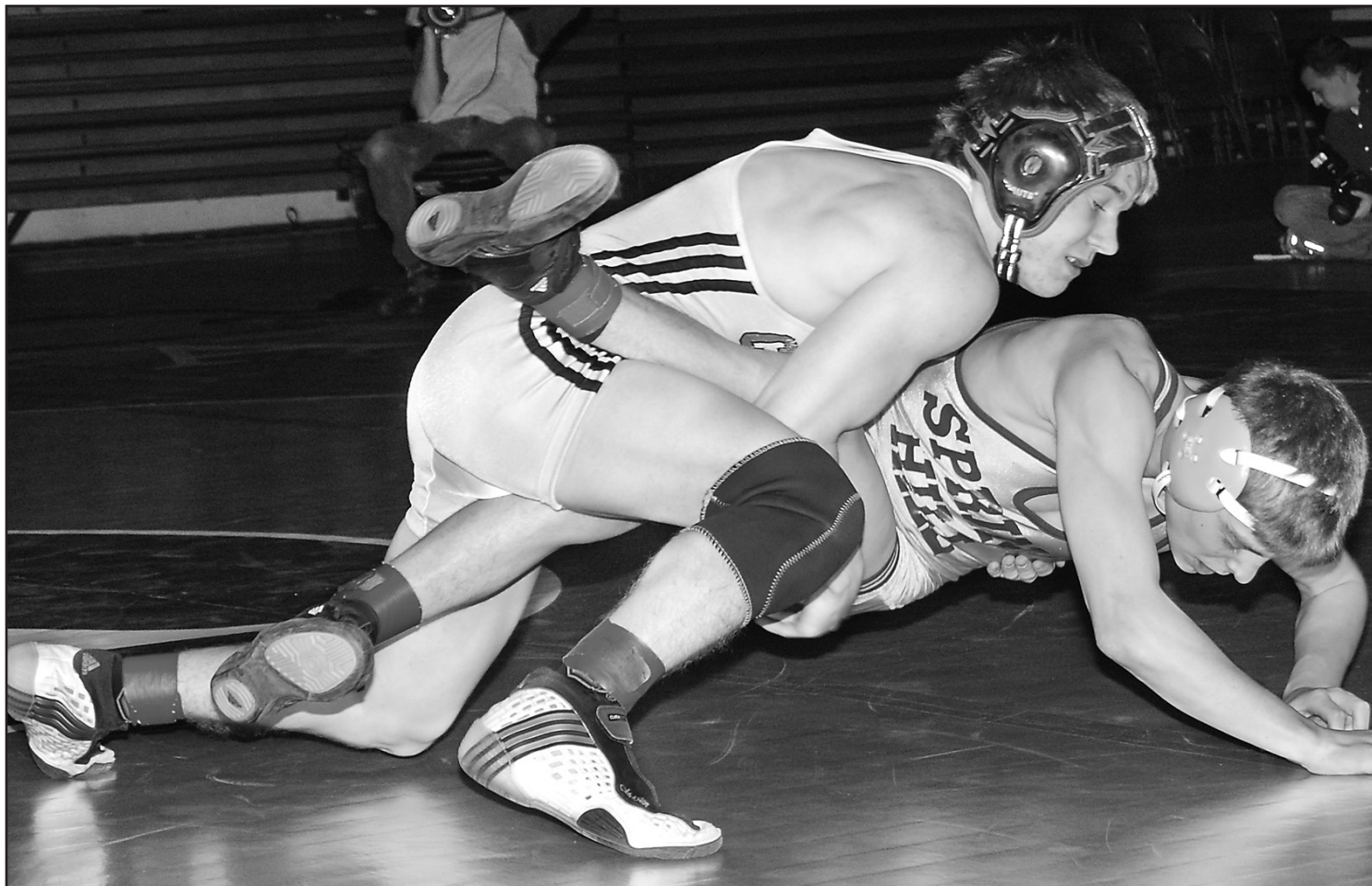


## Grappling for a victory



Colby High sophomore Dustin Reed got a hold of his opponent during the finals in the 103-pound weight class on Saturday at the Class 4A state wrestling tournament in Salina. Reed won the match by technical fall, 17-2.

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## College wrestler comes in eighth

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Trojans' freshman wrestler Jace Campbell earned junior-college All-American status by taking eighth in the National Junior College Wrestling tournament this weekend in Spokane, Wash.

Campbell won two of three matches on Friday in the 141-pound weight class, but lost both his matches on Saturday.

Campbell triumphed 8-7 in six overtimes in the consolation All-American round on Friday. He also won a 7-4 decision and lost a 9-5 decision in the quarterfinals.

Sophomore Fabian Guerrero won three out of five matches at 285. He won two decisions, 5-3 and 11-5, and won another match by a pinfall. He was pinned in both his losses.

Freshman Blake Steiret won two of four matches at 197. He won a 5-4 decision in overtime in the first championship round and won 2-1 in the second championship round. Steiret lost 1-0 in the quarterfinals and was pinned in the consolation All-American round.

Freshman Marco Tamayo went 1-2 at 125. His one victory was a 9-6 decision. Freshman Nick Rimpley finished with two wins and two losses at 157. He won one match by a fall and another by injury default.

Freshman Jensen Voss won two of four matches at 184. He prevailed in a 6-4 decision and his other victory was by technical fall (22-3). Sophomore Jared Schroeder picked up one win in three matches at 149. His sole victory was a 6-1 decision.

Freshman Chase Hollenbeck lost both his matches at 165.

## Junior varsity girls finish 17-1 for year

The Colby High Lady Eagles junior varsity finished its season by blowing out Scott City 43-18 in a road game Thursday.

The big victory was nothing new for the girls, who have been beating opponents by large margins all year. The Colby junior varsity team finished its season at 17-1 and 10-0 against Great West Athletic Conference opponents.

"I believe they got better every-

day, which as coaches is a goal," coach Jack Elliott said. "Thanks to everyone for all the support."

Junior Emilea Finley and sophomore Lauren Bell led the younger girls with 8 points each and sophomore Kenzie Curry added 7. Sophomores McKenna Ortner and Karly Kross both scored 6; junior Paige Roopchan, 4; and senior Caitlyn Wark and freshman Hailieigh Shull, 2 each.

## Bulldogs prevail by 10

By Judy Rogers  
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The Golden Plains boys' basketball team improved to 11-6 after topping Weskan 53-43, avenging a 38-26 loss to the Coyotes in a Western Kansas Liberty League game earlier this season.

The Bulldogs started hitting their shots right away, and pulled ahead 16-9 by the end of the first quarter in the game Feb. 11. In the second quarter, Weskan showed they were not going to give up easily, pumping in 12 points while holding the 'Dogs to 8. Still, Golden Plains clung to a 24-21 lead at the half.

The Bulldogs came back in the

third with renewed energy, scoring 15 points in the third and 14 in the fourth. The Coyotes hit 10 in the third and 12 in the fourth. Golden Plains prevailed 53-43.

Sprester led the team with a career-high 28 points, including 4 three pointers and 8 field goals. Cole Christensen added 13 points, 5 from the foul line. Senior Devinn Ritter scored 9, senior Tate Preston 2 and junior Ethan Walter 1.

Junior Cole Christensen pulled down 12 rebounds and had 3 blocks, 2 steals and an assist. Preston finished with 10 assists, 6 boards and 4 steals. Sprester grabbed 6 rebounds and 4 steals. Ritter had 5 rebounds; junior Tyler Stevenson, 3; and senior Casey Gould and Walter, 2 each.

## Lady Trojans lose their last home game

The Lady Trojans basketball team fell to Barton County Community College 60-44 last Wednesday in the sophomores' last game at the Community Building.

The Colby Community College team struggled on the offensive glass throughout, and the Lady Cougars from Great Bend got 19 rebounds to Colby's 4. The Lady Trojans also had trouble taking care of the ball, finishing with 30 turnovers.

Colby freshman Kelli Crittenden led her team with 11 points on 3-of-11 shooting. In the first quarter, she collected the ball on a Lady Cougars turnover near the top of the key and pushed it down court. She found freshman Morgan Rickwartz for a layup, giving the Lady Trojans an early 3-2 lead.

Later in the first half, Crittenden hit a rain-bow three from the right side, giving Colby an 8-5 lead.

The Lady Cougars scored four unanswered points, however, and led 9-8 with 12:33 left in the half. Later, Barton County's Devan Boeger drilled a three from the left corner to put the Cougars up 17-8. Then Lady Trojans sophomore Crystal Kinderknecht nailed a three-pointer, cutting the lead to 6 and ending Colby's scoring drought. Barton County led 27-19 at the half.

The Lady Cougars got off to a strong start in the second and lengthened their lead to 36-16 before sophomore Hannah Thornton scored inside on a nice step-through move. Then a Rickwartz three-pointer narrowed the gap to

15. But Barton County didn't allow Colby to get much closer, and the Lady Trojans trailed 53-39 with 3:36 left. Barton went on to win 60-44.

Thornton had 10 points on 4-of-8 shooting. The Lady Trojans made just 36 percent of their field goals, 15-of-42.

With the loss, Colby dropped to 10-20 and 5-11 in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference West. The Lady Trojans will head into postseason play as the No. 7 ranked team in the Jayhawk Community College Conference Western division. They will play at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Independence Community College, the No. 2-ranked team in the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division.

## Lady Bulldogs suffer road loss to hot Weskan

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The Golden Plains girls' basketball team suffered another defeat at Weskan, 52-35.

The Lady Coyotes leaped into the lead with 20 points to the Lady Bulldogs' 9 in the first quarter on Feb. 11. The Lady 'Dogs slowed

the Lady Coyotes down in the second, holding them to 11 while putting in 8 of their own to enter the half trailing 31-17.

The Lady 'Dogs couldn't get much to fall in the third, putting in 4 points to the Lady Coyotes' 11. They trailed 42-21 in the third, but bounced back in the fourth, outscoring the Lady Coyotes 14-10, but it wasn't enough and Golden

Plains was defeated 35-52.

Freshman Jordan Christensen led the Lady Bulldogs with 14 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals and 1 assist. Freshman Kylie Jones put in 8 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, while dishing out 2 assists. Freshman Hailee Sprester contributed 7 points and 5 rebounds.

Seniors Melissa Ritter and Jacy Moss added 5 points apiece. Ritter

also had 2 rebounds and 3 steals and Moss snatched 3 rebounds and dished out 6 assists. Senior Avery Sprester finished with 2 points and 2 boards, while freshman Leea Juenemann grabbed 2 rebounds.

"I think we all just gave up," Christensen said, "and it showed."

## Kansas Jayhawks join Texas at top of conference

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) - After making the trip to see another dominant performance by twin brothers Marcus and Markieff Morris, a throng of Kansas fans stuck around a few minutes longer for one last cheer when Big 12 leader Texas got upset at Colorado.

The Morris twins combined for 42 points and 19 rebounds, leading the third-ranked Jayhawks into a tie for first place in the Big 12 by beating slumping Oklahoma 82-70 on Saturday.

ayhawks (27-2, 12-2) shot 57 percent, making more than half of their shots from the field for the 21st time this season, and notched their seventh straight win in the series.

No. 5 Texas (24-5, 12-2) could have clinched the No. 1 seed in the conference tournament with a win combined with a Jayhawks loss. Instead, the Longhorns squandered a 22-point lead in a 91-89 loss at Colorado and the conference's two powerhouses are tied with two games to go.

Kansas hosts No. 21 Texas A&M on Wednesday and visits No. 20 Missouri on Saturday. Texas hosts preseason conference favorite Kansas State on Monday night and then travels to Baylor on Saturday.

"Every year, we go in wanting to win the Big 12 and win the Big 12 tournament, and then have your best opportunity to be a No. 1 seed (in the NCAA tournament)," said

Tyrel Reed, who scored 11 points, "but we really don't put too much into it. We don't think about it that much.

"We've got two more games, and I guess kind of now the ball's in our court and we've got to take care of business."

Kansas opened a double-digit lead in the opening 8 minutes Saturday and led by at least 10 points for the final 27 minutes, but struggled to put away the Sooners (12-16, 4-10), who lost their seventh straight.

Oklahoma finished last season on its first nine-game losing streak since 1964 and now needs to beat either Texas Tech or Oklahoma State this week to avoid another. "The circumstances are what

they are," Oklahoma's Cade Davis said. "We've got to battle through them and we have to change that. We have to make sure that we do what we have to do to fight and get back out of it."

Davis led Oklahoma with 19 points and Andrew Fitzgerald scored 16. The Sooners were simply no match for the loaded Jayhawks.

Elijah Johnson, Marcus Morris and Josh Selby all hit 3s during a 13-2 burst that put the Jayhawks up 23-13 and Kansas hit 17 of its first 22 shots to build a 17-point lead in the first half.

"We can't get down against a team like that, because they're not going to let up," Davis said.

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