

Two Eagles claim first

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Colby High had two champions and two second-place wrestlers at the 2012 Bill Voss Novice Wrestling Tournament held here Saturday.

Brett Schroeder won three matches in three rounds to win the 120-pound weight class. He defeated Skyler Underhill of Pittsburg, Dalton Vanover of Norton and Brandon Taylor of Hays.

Austin Schissler won the championship at 138 pounds by beating Austin Petz of Hays, Roberto Abundis of Garden City and Kendall Miller of Norton.

Brandon Gaede was the runner-up at 145 pounds. He won over Javen Colip of Norton and Alex Leonard of Scott City, but lost his final match to Konner Buxton of Hays.

Jay Ziegelmeier took second at 170 pounds. He had beat Mauricio Quinonez of Garden City and Wyatt Eitel of Scott City before losing at the hands of Lucas Engel of

Norton in the finals.

Ashley Coleman finished in fourth place at 145. She was defeated by Konner Buxton of Hays, then moved to the consolation bracket. There she beat Jon Matherly of Pittsburg and Alex Leonard of Scott City, but lost to Colip, missing out on third place.

At 132, Kyle Finley wrestled Toby Nickell of Norton in his first match and lost, sending him to the consolation bracket. He won his match with Dylan McKinney of Hays, but lost his next match to Rickey Milke of Goodland to end his day.

Eric Schuette, 152, had to win a pre-match against Russel Krug of Thomas More Prep to get into tournament play. He lost the next match to Brett Cady of Garden City to go into the consolation bracket. He was done after he lost to Kalen Dietz of Hays.

Shane Ohlrogge lost his first match in the 160-pound bracket to Cole Renner of Norton. He then got a bye in the consolation bracket, but lost the next match to Tye Hahn of Garden City.

Varsity boys lose at home

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The Colby High varsity boys fell to Dodge City 53-43 on Thursday at the Community Building.

The Eagles (1-6 Great West Activities Conference, 1-15 overall) started out leading Dodge City 11-8 at the end of the first quarter, but they were outscored in the final three quarters, 18-11, 14-9 and 13-12.

Dodge City kept Colby from scoring with its rebounding, grabbing 73.7 percent of its defensive rebounds compared to the Eagles' 55.9 percent. The Red Demons also grabbed 44.1 percent of their offensive rebounds compared to Colby's 26.3 percent.

The Eagles still got shots to fall, hitting 53.1 percent of their field goals and 47.1 percent of their free throws.

Senior Dalaan Organ led the team in scoring with 18 points, sinking 7 of 11 from the field. He also had 2 rebounds and 1 assist. Junior Todd Kane followed with 11 points, 3 rebounds and 1 steal.

Sophomore Luke Cox finished the game with 4 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists and 1 block. Junior Zane Winger had 4 points and 1 steal, senior Braden Sager had 4 points, 4 rebounds and 1 assist and junior Daniel Myers scored one basket.

The varsity boys will play Ulisses about 8 p.m. Friday at the Community Building. They will be preceded by the varsity girls, who play at 6:30 p.m.

A Pink Silent Auction will be featured during the high school games Friday at the Community Building. All proceeds from the annual "Pink Zone" night will go to help area cancer patients through the Northwest Kansas Foundation for HOPE.

Seventeen participate in Sweet Heart 5K run

On Sunday, in freezing weather, 17 brave runners and walkers participated in the Sweet Heart 5K held by the Colby Recreation Department, a first-time event to celebrate Valentine's Day with your loved ones.

In Rec Department tradition, the race was a predicted time run where the winner is actually the person who finishes closest to their guessed time.

"Even with a chilly wind, we had a great turnout for this event and even had some of the best times ever recorded!" said Stacy Lee, recreation director.

Emilea Finley, Jared Nally, Brady and Megan Alexander, Gary and Eric Schuette, Tom and Noah Pardee, Stan and Maradith Molstad, Shari Oren, Sara Betz, Bert and Lisa Stramel, Jessica Vaughn, Ivan Villanueva and Raymond Valazquez all completed the 3.1-mile course that started at the Community Building and looped through the neighborhoods of Lawrence, Valley, Brookside and Lue drives.

The top three finishers of the race were Valazquez with a time of 16 minutes, 25 seconds, Villanueva with a time of 17:33 and Brady Alexander with a time of 19:15. Emilea Finley was the first female to cross the line with a time

of 20:04.

Although there were four people to come in within 4 to 13 seconds off their predicted times, Sara Betz won the race coming in exactly on her predicted time of 28:38, finishing ninth overall. Betz took home the "Romantic Package for 2" which included a free night's stay at the Hampton Inn of Colby, a gift certificate to El Dos De Oros of Colby and other Valentine's Day goodies.

All participants received a Valentine's box of candies and cookies from the department. Maradith Molstad won the door prize: a small bouquet of tulips. The department's next 5K race will be the Spring Fling on Thursday, March 22. There will also be a Youth Mile Run that evening. Call the department to register at 460-4440.

Take him down



KAYLA CORNETT/Colby Free Press
Colby High wrestler Macen Shullw worked on taking his opponent down Friday during the wrestling dual with Hoxie at the high school gym. The Eagles won the dual.

Lady Trojans win game in Dodge City

The Colby Community College basketball teams traveled to Dodge City on Saturday evening to take on the Conquistadors in a Jayhawk West Conference matchup, with the women winning 60-56 and the men losing another close match, 69-66.

The Lady Trojans defeated Dodge in the new United Wireless Arena, the second win for the women this season against Dodge City. They defeated the Lady Conqs 73-61 on Jan. 11 in Colby.

"We managed to gain a double-digit lead in the first half behind solid play inside from Liga Vente," said Coach Brady Jasper. "The Colby lead was down to two at one time before key free throws by Marie McAbee and Morgan Rickwartz sealed the road victory."

Vente led the Trojans with 17 points and 11 rebounds, her third double-double in three games.

The Lady Trojans are 4-7 in conference play and in sixth place. The next game will be at home at 6 p.m. tonight with Garden City for the annual Women's Basketball Coaches Association Pink Zone game. Several activities have been planned, and everyone is encouraged to wear pink. All proceeds from the events will be donated to the Northwest Kansas Foundation for HOPE to help area cancer patients.

The college men lost to Dodge City 69-66, dropping the Trojans' record to 18-7 overall and 6-5 in the conference.

After a slow start and a 10-point deficit, Colby battled back and once again had a shot at the buzzer to tie the game but could not get it to fall.

"There is no denying that we have had a tough week," said Coach Dustin Pfeifer. "Some of that can be attributed to who we played, where we played them and how many days we played, but we have to stop digging ourselves

into deep holes in games and then expecting to climb out.

"Our backs are truly against the wall now. We have to find a way to pull out some close games down the stretch if we hope to achieve

our season goals."

Leading scorers were Jamie Adams with 25 and Chaz Sharp with 11.

Leading rebounders were Roman Szymanski with 6 and Kristan

Rolle and Sharp with 5 each. Adams contributed 6 assists.

The Trojans will be at home tonight against Garden City. The men will tip off at 8 p.m. at the Community Building.

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