

Wrestlers win match over Cowboys

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The Colby High varsity wrestling team won its home match Thursday despite a 20-minute power outage, defeating Goodland 47-23 in the high school gym.

The power went out at 7 p.m., right after the 120-pound match finished, knocking out all the lights in the school as well as some of the parking lot lights. It came back on about 7:20 and competition resumed with the 126-pound match.

In the 106-pound weight class, Colby's David Mainus defeated Tanner Gastineau 5-0. Alex Young, 113, lost to Aaron Avelar 7-4; Taylor O'Leary, 120, pinned Tristen Cooper in 1 minute, 8 seconds; Dustin Reed, 126, pinned Austin Hernandez in 50 seconds; Brady Holzmeister, 132, lost to Brook Bahe 4-2;

Macen Shull, 138, won a technical fall over Drew House 16-1; Kyle Finley, 145, was pinned by Ricky Milke in the second period; Brandon Gaede, 152, lost a technical fall to John Peden 20-4; Quade Woofter, 160, beat Josh Whisnant 3-1;

Andrew Taylor, 170, pinned Jed Grey in the second period;

Beau Brown, 182, was pinned by Colton Coopes in the first period; Troy Quenzer, 195, won by forfeit; Austin Hart, 220, pinned Nael Radwan in 4:46; and Zell Bieberle, 285, won by forfeit.

Before this match, Colby was still ranked No. 1 in Class 4A and many of these Eagle wrestlers were still ranked.

The Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association released its state rankings on Tuesday and will release the next rankings on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Two wrestlers dropped in the rankings, but the other six kept their spots or moved up:

- Reed, 126, first.
- Bieberle, 285, first.
- Brown, 182, dropped from third to fifth.
- Woofter, 160, fourth.
- Taylor, 170, dropped from fourth to fifth.
- Shull, 138, moved up from fifth to fourth.
- Mainus, 106, sixth.
- Quenzer, 195, sixth.

The varsity boys will be back in action at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at Salina South High School. The junior varsity will be at a tournament in WaKeeney at 9 a.m. the same day.



Wrestlers drop their opponents

Macen Shull (above) took his opponent to the ground Thursday during a Colby High varsity wrestling match against Goodland in the high school gym. Dustin Reed (left) tried to get his opponent in a different position, which he eventually did when he pinned the Cowboy wrestler. Shull won his match as well, with a technical fall by a score of 16-1.

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Olympian wins association's Athlete of Year

By Nancy Armour
AP National Writer

When Gabby Douglas allowed herself to dream of being the Olympic champion, she imagined having a nice little dinner with family and friends to celebrate. Maybe she'd make an appearance here and there.

"I didn't think it was going to be crazy," Douglas said, laughing. Just a bit.

The teenager has become a worldwide star since winning the Olympic all-around title in London, the first African-American gymnast to claim gymnastics' biggest prize. And now she has earned another honor: Douglas was selected the Associated Press' female athlete of the year, edging out swimmer Missy Franklin in a vote by U.S. editors and news directors announced Friday.

In a year filled with standout performances by woman athletes, those of the pint-sized gymnast shined brightest. Douglas received 48 of 157 votes, seven more than Franklin, who won four gold medals and a bronze in London. Serena Williams, who won Wimbledon and the U.S. Open two years after her career was nearly derailed by a series of health problems, came in third with 24.

Britney Griner, who led Baylor to a 40-0 record and the NCAA title, and skier Lindsey Vonn each got 18 votes. Sprinter Allyson Felix, who won three gold medals in London, and Carli Lloyd, who scored both U.S. goals in the Americans' 2-1 soccer victory over Japan in the gold-medal game, also received votes.

Douglas is the fourth gymnast to win one of the AP's annual awards, which began in 1931, and first since Mary Lou Retton in 1984. She also finished 15th in

voting for the AP sports story of the year.

Douglas wasn't even in the conversation for the Olympic title at the beginning of the year. That all changed in March when she upstaged reigning world champion and teammate Jordyn Wieber at the American Cup in New York, showing off a new vault, an ungraded uneven bars routine and a dazzling personality that would be a hit on Broadway and Madison Avenue.

She finished a close second to Wieber at the U.S. championships, then beat her two weeks later at the Olympic trials. With each competition, her confidence grew. So did that smile.

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