

# Wrestling squad takes fifth in Newton

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The Colby High varsity wrestling team finished fifth in the 50th Annual Newton Tournament of Champions held Friday and Saturday in Newton.

Coach Matt Sims said 27 teams participated in the two-day tournament. Grand Island took first place with a team score of 243, Arkansas City was second with 178, Newton third with 152.5, Garden City fourth with 152 and Colby fifth with 128.5.

Five Eagle wrestlers received individual medals.

Dustin Reed, 126 pounds, won his weight class. Sims said he is a three-time champion in this event and was runner up another year.

Reed's first match was with Reagan Nguyen, Maize South. He won with a technical fall, 22-6. He pinned his next opponent, Isaiah Meyers, Leavenworth, in 2 minutes, 55 seconds. Reed then won by major decision over Dallas Vesta, Manhattan, 11-3.

The Colby wrestler took on Matt Bolan, Grand Island, after that, winning by major decision 12-4 and moving to the championship match. Reed won a close match, 3-2, over Brett Moon, Maize, to become the 126-pound champion.

David Mainus, 106, finished third in his weight. In his first match, Mainus pinned Darrion Taylor, Manhattan, in 1:41. He pinned his next opponent, Trevor Pryor, Newton, one second faster. He took down Dakota Rodd, Andover Central, 6-4 in the next match, but lost the following match to Michael Prieto, Garden City, 8-1.

Mainus moved into the consolation bracket after the loss and won over Landon Scott, Mill Valley, 9-2 to get to the third-place match. Mainus shut out Braden Dipman, Derby, 6-0 to win the bronze medal.

Andrew Taylor, 170, also took third. He pinned his first opponent, Casey Nance, Maize, in 1:42 and then won a major decision over Corey Keller, Dodge City, 10-0 in his next match. Taylor edged out Anthony Gardner, Garden City, in the following match 4-3, meeting Alan Clothier, Lawrence, on the mat next. Taylor faltered, losing the match 8-6 and was sent to the consolation bracket.

He took on Jose Ceballos, Grand Island, in this bracket and won 3-2 on an ultimate tie breaker to make it to the third-place match. Taylor won another close match, 3-2, over Joseph Monroy, Emporia, to place third.

Zell Bieberle, 285, took third at his weight. He began with a bye, but took on Michael McKinney, McPherson, in the next round and pinned him in 45 seconds. Bieberle then defeated Juan Medina, Grand Island, 3-2 after a double tie breaker. He was then pinned by Nathan Butler, Leavenworth, in 3:42.

In the consolation bracket, Bieberle beat Montana Fuller, Garden City, 1-0. The Eagle wrestler then met Medina again for third place. He took the Grand Island wrestler down again, this time 4-3, to win the bronze.

Quade Woofter, 160, finished sixth. He started off with a bye, then faced Zach Schulte, Andover Central, 6-4 in the next match, but lost the following match to Michael Prieto, Garden City, 8-1.

Woofter moved to the consolation bracket, where he faced Bryson Teufel, Arkansas City. He won 8-2 to keep his chances alive. Woofter's next opponent was Austin Chauncey, Manhattan, who won the match 6-4, putting Woofter in the sixth-place spot.

The junior varsity squad also competed this weekend, traveling Saturday to the Hays Junior Prairie Classic.

Seven junior varsity wrestlers won medals at the tournament. Tanner Elias, 106; Brett Schroeder, 132; and Ben Matchell, 152, all took first in their weights.

The four other medalists each took third in their weight: Andrew Voss, 126; John Faber, 132; Bryce Arnberger, 138; and Matthew Pieper, 152.

Other team scores: Andover Central came in sixth with 124; Manhattan seventh with 123; Derby eighth with 106; Emporia ninth with 97.5; Wichita Northwest 10th with 91.5; Gardner-Edgerton 11th with 88.5; Leavenworth 12th with 82; Lawrence 13th with 74; Blue Valley Southwest 14th with 69; Norton 15th with 62; Mill Valley 16th with 59;

Bishop Carroll 17th with 58; Fredonia 18th with 55.5; Wichita Heights 19th with 55; Dodge City 20th with 53.5; Maize 21st with 45.5; Liberal 22nd with 44; Salina South 23rd with 38; McPherson 24th with 30.5; Maize South 25th with 27; Wichita East 26th with 24; and Hutchinson 27th with 21.5.

Both varsity and junior varsity squads will wrestle in Norton at 6 p.m. tonight. Then the varsity will go to Beloit for a tournament on Friday and Saturday while the junior varsity competes in the Rawlins County tournament in Atwood on Saturday.



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Jeremiah Ingram (left) challenged a Garden City Community College player on the court Sunday during the Colby Community College men's basketball game at the Community Building. The Trojans lost 71-68 to fall to 0-4 in the Jayhawk West Conference.

## College men's team falls to Garden City

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The Colby Community College men's basketball team lost another close game Sunday, falling 71-68 to Garden City Community College at the Community Building – despite a strong comeback in the second half.

The Trojans (9-9 overall, 0-4 Jayhawk West Conference) have fallen to last place in the division after losing their first four conference games.

“Right now we are hurting ourselves too much,” Coach Rusty Grafel said. “All of our conference games up to this point have come down to five or less possessions. We are getting better at making plays down the stretch, but we need to be able to make big plays at crucial times in the game, both offensively and defensively.”

“No coach or team wants to be 0-4 in conference, but these guys continue to battle every practice and

every game, and I couldn't ask for more!”

The men were down at the half in the Garden City game, putting 25 points on the board compared to Garden City's 37. Colby was able to outscore Garden City 43-34 in the second half, but the Broncbusters held on for the win, 71-68.

Leading scorer for Colby was Jeremiah Ingram with 20 points, 4 rebounds and 1 steal. Cody Sluder and Terry Starks followed with 15 points each. Sluder also had 4 rebounds and 2 steals and Starks grabbed 2 rebounds and a steal.

John Clarke finished with 9 points and 2 rebounds; Kris Rolle had 5 points, pulled down 10 rebounds and made 2 blocks; Branden Williams scored 3 points and racked up 4 rebounds and 2 steals; and Marko Kracun made a free throw.

The Trojans' next game was Wednesday night at Butler County Community College in El Dorado. The men will play a home game at 4 p.m. Sunday against Hutchinson Community College at the Community Building.

## Lady Bulldogs win big over Triplains-Brewster

By Hailee Spresser  
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains High School Lady Bulldogs won their first game out of Christmas break at home against the Triplains-Brewster Lady Titans, 61-44.

“We had one week to prepare for this game after a break from practice for Christmas,” said junior Jordan Christensen. “We hadn't had a game for a while, so we knew we needed to really step up our game as a whole.”

In the first quarter of the game Jan. 4, the Lady Bulldogs put up 20, while Triplains-Brewster brought in 16. In the second, Golden Plains picked up its defense and had more defensive stops than the Lady Titans. The Lady Bulldogs outscored Triplains-Brewster 13-7 to take a halftime lead, 33-23.

To start off the third period, the Lady Bulldogs went on a 7-point streak that took the momentum from Triplains-Brewster. Golden Plains restricted the Lady Titans to 10 points. It was the closest that the Lady Titans came to outscoring Golden Plains, but the Lady Bulldogs pushed on, outscoring Triplains-Brewster by 3.

Going into the fourth quarter, the score was 46-33. The Lady Bulldogs didn't let up in the fourth quarter. Golden Plains finished scoring 15 while holding the Lady Titans to 11. The Lady Bulldogs triumphed over Triplains-Brewster, 61-44.

“We continue to grow as a team,” said junior Kylie Jones. “It was a great win to start off the New Year.”

“We came out strong and kept it going,” Christensen added. “We didn't rely on our outside shots and drove to the basket more than we have been.”

Senior Angela Ritter led the Lady 'Dogs in points with 14, followed by Christensen 13, Jones 12, Hailee Spresser 10, Kami Miller 6 and MiKayla Lobato, Leea Juenemann and Paulita Ramirez 2 each. Golden Plains pulled down a total of 37 rebounds, 20 assists and 8 steals as a team.

The girls now sport a 5-2 record and remain undefeated in league play. They put it all on the line when they traveled to Grainfield for a rematch against the Wheatland-Grinnell Lady Thunderhawks in the first round of the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament Jan. 8.

## No. 16 K-State wins seventh in row

By Stephen Hawkins  
AP Basketball Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas – Rodney McGruder is getting ever more comfortable in new Kansas State coach Bruce Weber's offense and Martavious Irving knows how to respond to a challenge.

McGruder scored 21 points, Irving forced 10-second and 5-second calls against TCU players and the 16th-ranked Wildcats stretched their winning streak to seven games with a 67-54 victory over the Big 12 newcomer Wednesday night.

“It is fun, a lot of movement, not really set plays, so it's hard to learn,” McGruder said. “I like the

confidence everyone has.” The Wildcats (14-2, 3-0 Big 12) got off to a slow start before taking control with a 19-4 run midway through the first half.

McGruder's layup with 11 minutes left in the first half tied the game at 10, after Kansas State had fallen behind 10-5.

The Wildcats led for good when McGruder had a defensive rebound and turned that into a fast-break 3-pointer by Will Spradling. A floater by McGruder stretched the lead to 24-14.

Kansas State gets to go home for games against Oklahoma and No. 4 Kansas, the other teams off to 3-0 starts in the Big 12.

Adrick McKinney had 18 points

and nine rebounds for TCU (9-8, 0-4). Kyan Anderson had 10 points on 4-of-11 shooting.

When the Horned Frogs cut the gap to five points with a chance to get closer before halftime, they started making mistakes.



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## Hometown supports linebacker

By Audrey McAvoy  
The Associated Press

LAIE, Hawaii – People in the small Hawaii hometown of Manti Te'o are offering support for the Notre Dame linebacker, after the story of his girlfriend and her death from leukemia were revealed as a hoax.

No one answered the door Wednesday evening and no one appeared to be inside the modest, single-story wood home of Te'o's parents, Brian and Otilia Te'o, in the small coastal town of Laie on Oahu's northern shore where Manti Te'o, an All-American and Heisman Trophy finalist, was born.

But members of the mostly Mormon community said they were dumbfounded, and didn't believe he would have knowingly perpetrated such a story. The town of about 6,000 people, roughly an hour's drive from Honolulu, is home to a small satellite campus of Hawaii's Brigham Young Uni-

versity. Lokelani Kaiahua said Te'o's parents were her classmates, and she knew them to have strong family values they instilled in their children.

“I just don't see something like that being made up from him or having any part of that because they're not those kind of people,” she said while sitting and talking with friends a few doors down from the Te'o family home.

According to media accounts that surrounded Te'o this season, his purported girlfriend, Lennay Kekua, died of leukemia in September. But on Wednesday, the website Deadspin.com posted a lengthy story saying there was no evidence that she ever existed.

Notre Dame officials then confirmed the hoax but were insistent

that Te'o was only the victim.

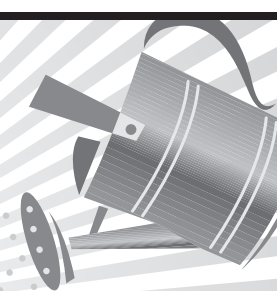
Te'o is a hero and role model to many children in Laie and nearby small towns like Haaula, Kaaawa and Kahuku along the two-lane highway snaking through Oahu's northeastern coast.

Students at Haaula often wear Notre Dame jerseys with his number “5” on them, and Te'o has returned to the area to talk to students about the importance of staying in school, said school administrator Makala Paakaula, 38.

Te'o should be lauded for uniting Notre Dame during his senior year when he could have left for the NFL, she said.

“It's amazing how he brought together the whole school to become one ohana, one family, where they all belonged, where they all had a purpose,” Paakaula said.

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