

Colby wrestling team first in league meet

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The Colby High varsity wrestling team came out on top in the Great West Activities Conference dual meet Saturday in Scott City, going 5-0 against its league opponents.

Ulysses finished second with a 4-1 record, Scott City third at 3-2, Goodland fourth at 2-3, Hugoton fifth at 1-4 and Holcomb sixth at 0-5.

The Eagles blew all the other teams out of the water. Against Ulysses, Colby dominated the dual 49-15. The boys met Scott City on the mat and took them down 54-11.

Colby clobbered Hugoton 62-18, scored a crushing 78-3 over Holcomb and whipped Goodland 58-13.

Individually, a Colby wrestler ranked in the top three of every weight class, including five in first place.

At 106 pounds, Tanner Elias took second; Alex Young, 113, grabbed first; Taylor, O'Leary, 120, second; Dustin Reed,

126, first; Brett Schroeder, 132, first; Macen Shull, 138, third; Kyle Finley, 145, third; Ben Matchell, 152, second; Eric Schuette, 160, third; Andrew Taylor, 170, first; Beau Brown, 182, second; Troy Quenzer, 195, third; Austin Hart, 220, second; and Zell Bieberle, 285, first.

The Eagles will be wrestling in two home duals this week. The boys will take

on Garden City at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Colby High gym, then face Hoxie at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Friday will be the team's senior night. The ceremony will begin at 6:30 and should only last about 10 minutes. Matches will begin after that.

College men's squad wins conference game

The Colby Community College men's basketball team won its second Jayhawk Conference game of the season Saturday evening at the Community Building, beating Cloud County Community College 58-49.

The Trojans were in close battle with Cloud in the first half, squeezing out a 25-22 lead going into the break.

Cloud fought hard in the second half as well, but got into foul trouble and had three players leave the court. Colby prevailed 58-49.

Jeremiah Ingram led the way with 13 points, 3 rebounds and 2 assists. Kris Rolle and Branden Williams both had 11 points. Rolle added 5 rebounds while Williams grabbed 3 rebounds and 2 steals.

Terry Starks finished with 8 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals and a block; Cody Sluder had 8 points and 5 rebounds; John Clarke chipped in 4 points and a rebound; and Marko Kracun had 3 points, 4 rebounds and 2 steals.

"The game was low scoring, with both teams struggling to score," said Coach Rusty Grafel. "We were able to get big stops

late in the game, which helped us secure the win. The guys are doing a great job of executing what we are supposed to be doing and playing with some confidence now."

"It was a great atmosphere for our guys, and that's because of the students and community members who came out to support our teams."

The men are 2-7 in the conference and 11-12 overall.

The Colby Community College women played the Thunderbirds from Cloud County as well.

The Lady Trojans may have had upset on their minds as they took on the conference's second-place team, but those hopes were quickly dashed as the first half saw Cloud score 20 unanswered points during one stretch. With good defense from Cloud and some cold shooting from the Trojans, the halftime deficit grew to 32 points, 42-10.

The second half was a different story. The Lady Trojans were able to find their stride on offense, hitting three-pointers and scoring back-to-back fast-break baskets. Colby actually outscored the Thunderbirds in the second

half 30-28, but had too much of a hill to climb, falling 70-40 to Cloud.

"Agnese Aramina was a bright spot for us," said Coach Brady Jasper. "She scored 17 points, connecting three times from beyond the arc. She was also a perfect 4 of 4 from the free-throw line."

Aramina also pulled down 6 rebounds and stole the ball once.

Haley Dinkel scored 9 points for the Trojans and grabbed 3 rebounds and a steal with Shandyra Arnold helping out with 5 points, 11 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 steals.

Kytiana Seals finished with 3 points, 7 rebounds and a steal; Liene Liepina made one basket and grabbed 3 rebounds and 1 steal; and Desiree Jones made 2 free throws.

The teams will be on the road Wednesday in Liberal to play Seward County Community College.

The next home games are Saturday with Dodge City. The women will tip-off at 6 p.m., followed by the men about 8 p.m.



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Liene Liepina tried to push past a defender last Wednesday during a Colby Community College women's basketball game at the Community Building. The Lady Trojans lost their game Saturday 70-40 to Cloud County Community College.

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