

Colby wrestlers take down Hoxie

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The Colby High varsity wrestling team took down Hoxie on Friday, defeating the Indians 54-20 in a dual match at the Colby High gym.

All but four Eagles wrestlers won their matches:

- Tanner Elias, 106 pounds, won 6-2 over Bryce Bacon.
- Taylor O'Leary won 7-6.
- Dustin Reed, 126, pinned Mat Heim in 40 seconds.
- Zell Bieberle, 285, pinned Mark Schippers in 1:06.
- Alex Young at 113, Brett Schroeder 132, Macen Shull 138, Kyle Finley 145, Ben Matchell 152 and Brandon Gaede 160 all won by forfeit.

- Andrew Taylor, 170, lost by technical fall to Calvin Ochs 20-5.
- Beau Brown, 182, was pinned by Steven Yerger-Dible in 3:29.
- Troy Quenzer, 195, was pinned by Brandon Salmans in 3:15.
- Austin Hart, 220, lost by decision to Kane Washington 5-3.

The team will wrestle in the Class 4A Regional Tournament on Friday and Saturday at Abilene High School.

The Eagles held onto their top spot in Class 4A rankings released by the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association last week. They have held the No. 1 spot all season.

There have been some changes, though, from the last rankings published in the *Colby Free Press*. After Colby, Bonner Springs was in second, Andale third, Fort Scott fourth, El Dorado fifth (up from

ninth), Buhler sixth (up from eighth), Chanute seventh (down from fifth), Pratt eighth (up from 10th), Tonganoxie ninth (down from seventh), and Smoky Valley 10th (new to the rankings).

In individual rankings, Reed was first, Mainus third, Bieberle second (up from third), Brown fourth (up from fifth), Taylor fifth (down from fourth), Shull fourth (up from fifth) and Quade Woofter dropped from this list.

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Brandon Gaede (center) stood in front of the crowd with his mom, Angie Gaede, Friday during the Colby High varsity wrestling team's senior recognition night in the high school gym. Coach Matt Sims congratulated Angie.



Boys play in round robin

By Judy Rogers
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The Golden Plains High School junior varsity boys gained valuable basketball experience as the split a round robin at home in Rexford against two league teams – whipping 69-27 Brewster-Triplains but tumbling to Weskan 52-38.

Their first game of the day Jan. 26 was against the Titans. The Bulldogs started off strong, but the Titans rallied to tie it up. The Bulldogs would pull ahead only to have the Titans match them point-for-point to end the first quarter tied at 12.

Their competitiveness continued as both teams played hard throughout the second, with the Bulldogs pulling ahead by 8 before the Titans closed the gap to 4 with a 26-22 halftime score. The Bulldogs continued to work hard for steals, following through for layups, as the Titans couldn't get a basket. The Bulldogs extended their lead to 45-25. The Titans managed 2 more points in the fourth, allowing the Bulldogs put back rebounds to win the game 60-27.

Freshman Koi Wessel led this game with 18 points. Braden Korte and Kade Wessel each put in 8, Domic Luna 7, Cole Ziegelemeier, Kain Priess

and Benny Martinez 5 each and Spresser 4.

The second game of the day was against the Weskan Coyotes. The Bulldogs started off with a 4-0 lead with baskets from Koi Wessel and Korte. The Coyotes quickly tied it up. A three-point shot from Korte gave the lead back to the Bulldogs before the Coyotes pulled ahead 14-10 by the end of the first.

In an action-packed second quarter, the Coyotes continued on their run started in the first and extended their lead to 22-10 before the Bulldogs got back in the game, still down 22-18. The Coyotes decided that was enough, as they increased the pressure and pulled back in the lead 32-21 by the half.

Following an opening three from the Coyotes in the third, Kade Wessel and Korte each put the ball through the hoop. More Golden Plains buckets led to a 40-29 third quarter score. With a commanding presence on the floor, Spresser stepped into a leadership role, placing 3 more points on the Bulldogs' side of the board. Kade Wessel, Martinez and Priess each contributed an additional bucket in the fourth, but the Coyotes maintained their lead for the 52-38 win.

Scoring for the Bulldogs were Korte 9, Priess 6, Spresser 5, Kade Wessel 4, Martinez 4, Koi Wessel 4, Luna 4 and Ziegelemeier 2.

Junior varsity squad shakes off Logan girls

By Hailee Spresser
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The Golden Plains High School junior varsity girls got to play a full game against the Logan Lady Trojans, snatching a 38-28 win.

The Lady Bulldogs had previously suffered their first lost Jan. 29 against Cheylin. Golden Plains was ready to step up to the plate and execute to capture another win.

"For this game, I thought we played well together," said freshman Kynndra Rush. "Ev-

erybody contributed in some way, and it all worked out in the end. We have been consistent on how we play and continue to be successful."

The Lady Bulldogs came out with determination and tough defense against Logan on Feb. 1. Golden Plains held Logan to 5 in the first quarter, scoring 9 for themselves.

The roles reversed in the second quarter, when Logan outscored Golden Plains 8-4, going into the third quarter with the score tied at 13.

The Lady Bulldogs continued

to play strong in the third period. Golden Plains put up 15 points, but Logan followed with 10. The Lady Bulldogs' defense held Logan to 5 as Golden Plains managed to put up 10 in the fourth quarter, scoring 25 points in the second half.

The Lady Bulldogs advanced their record to 8-1.

Rush led the Lady Bulldogs with 10 points, followed by Rachael Ritter 7, Tayler Petersen 6, Macayla Easton 4, Leea Juene-mann 4, Maddy Walz 3 and Kaycie Clapp and MiKayla Lobato 2 each.

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