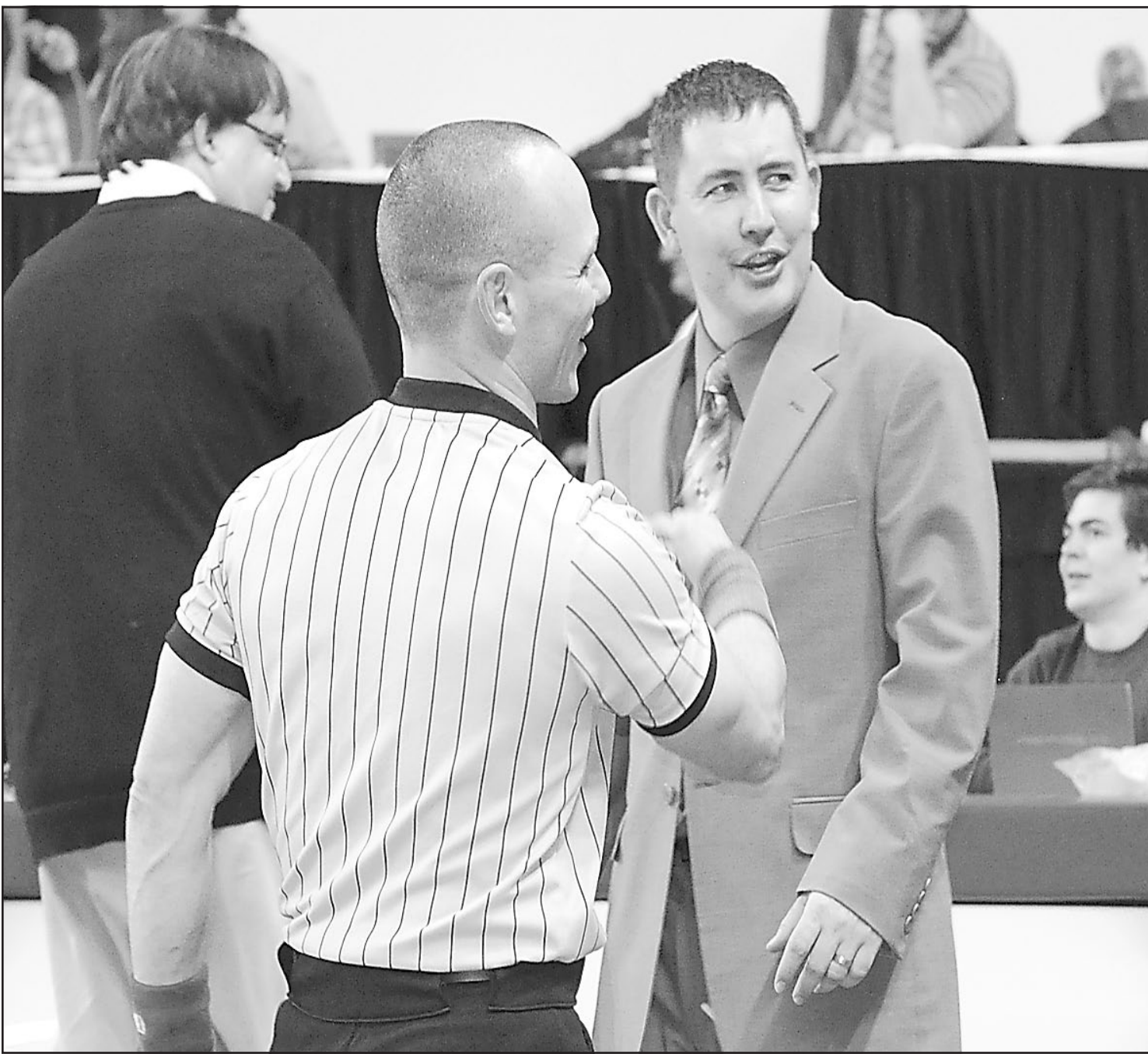


*Coaching at its best*



ADRIANE SIMS/for the Colby Free Press

Colby High wrestling Coach Matt Sims talks to an official after a match last weekend at the Class 4A state tournament at the Salina Bicentennial Center. Sims was selected as Class 4A Coach of the Year by the Kansas Wrestling Officials Association. Colby Middle School Principal Robb Ross, a

director of the association, said all officials who belong to the association are allowed a vote and Sims received the most votes. He said they take into consideration attitude, treatment of their kids and sportsmanship. "That's why he got it," Ross said. "His kids exemplify good sportsmanship and attitude."

# Lady Trojans get first win in conference

The Colby Community College women's basketball team played its final home game of the season Sunday, posting a big win against Barton County Community College at the Community Building.

It was Sophomore Recognition Night as well as the annual Women's Basketball Coaches Association Pink Zone game.

The Lady Trojans recognized sophomores Liene Liepina, Chelsea Jonte and Shantydra Arnold for their efforts here. Perhaps it was the added excitement around the special events that propelled the Lady Trojans to their first win over Barton in seven seasons.

In the first half, Barton jumped out to an early 8-point advantage. Colby rallied back to pull within 2 points with two minutes left in the half, but a three-pointer at the buzzer gave Barton a 29-22 lead.

The second half was packed with action. Kasey Hoyt hit back-to-back threes to tie the score with nine minutes left, and the Lady Trojans seemed to find a spirit they have been missing all season. Freshman Linda Pagrode added a

spark with key baskets down the stretch. The Trojans outscored the Cougars 37-24 in the second half, and with a few crucial free throws sealed the victory.

Pagrode led the scoring for Colby with 18 points, 14 in the second half, and 6 of 8 free throws. She added 4 rebounds.

Hoyt followed with 11 points, including 3 of 3 three-point baskets, 4 rebounds and as assist; Agnese Aramina finished with 10 points and 5 rebounds; Arnold scored 9 points, was 5 of 6 from the free-throw line and grabbed 5 rebounds, an assist and a steal; Liepina chipped in 6 points and 5 rebounds; Kytiana Seals had 3 points, 2 rebounds and a steal; and Hailey Dinkel made 1 free throw and pulled down a rebound.

The women are now 7-22 for the season, and 1-14 in the Kansas Jayhawk Conference West Division.

They will play their last regular-season game tonight at Pratt, and then head to Hutchinson for the first-round Region VI playoff game on Saturday.

# Middle school plays in tourney

By Kayla Cornett

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overtime. Colby was able to overcome the Cowboys 39-36 to claim third place.

The seventh graders won their first game after Oakley forfeited. The Eagles faced Holcomb in the next round, losing 57-13 to go into the consolation bracket.

Colby fell to Ulysses Kempley in the third-place game, losing 40-16 to take fourth.

The Colby Middle School seventh and eighth grade boys played in the Great West Activities Conference league tournament Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse in Goodland.

The eighth graders finished in third place with an exciting overtime win while the seventh grade took fourth.

The eighth grade Eagles had a bye in the first round and then took on Ulysses Kempley Middle School. The boys lost the game 31-17 to go to the consolation bracket.

Colby met Goodland (Grant Junior High) to play for third place. The Eagles came from behind to take a 2-point lead toward the end of regulation and then ran the clock down to one minute. Goodland tied the game and sent it to

# Titans finish season on win streak

The Triplains-Brewster boys ended their season with a three-game winning streak to improve their record to 9-10 going into substate play this week.

Tuesday, the Titans were to face Wheatland-Grinnell (5-13) in the first round of substate at the Colby Community Building.

"They have worked hard this year and it has really started showing through," said Michele Werth, Brewster art and yearbook instructor. "They had a tough couple of years before this season (one win in two years) and they finally hit a turning point."

She added that four players will be graduating this year.

On Feb. 12, the Titans basketball squad beat the visiting Golden Plains Bulldogs 46-37. The game was played evenly and fought hard both ways for the first three quarters, with the score 33-30 in the Titans' favor at the end of

the third quarter. The Titans surged for victory in the last quarter, outscoring the Bulldogs 13-7.

Michael Schmidt had 23 points, 10 rebounds and 1 deflection; Nathan Jorgensen 9 points, 10 rebounds and 1 assist; Seth Smith 4 points, 4 assists, 6 rebounds, 4 steals, 4 deflections and 2 blocked shots; Ryan Gfeller 4 points, 3 assists and 2 rebounds; Dan Brown 2 points and a rebound; and Jace Jorgensen, 2 points and 1 rebound.

Golden Plains was led by Tristan Schwarz with 14 points and 8 rebounds and Shayne Ryburn with 10 points and 3 rebounds.

Feb. 19, the Titans scored 54 points and held the visiting Heartland Christian Crusaders to 10 in a nonleague triumph.

It was a well-played ballgame for the Titans, with many players getting to see action.

Topping the stats were Layton Werth with

17 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 blocked shot; Michael Schmidt 13 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals and 1 deflection; Jorgensen 7 points, 3 rebounds, 3 steals and 1 deflection; Smith 4 points, 5 assists, 9 rebounds, 2 steals and 1 deflection; Phil Kulas 4 points and 3 rebounds; Will Allen 4 points, 1 rebound and 1 steal; Coleton Rogge 3 points; Dan Brown 2 points and 1 rebound;

Christian Kamer 4 rebounds; Ryan Gfeller 1 assist, 2 rebounds, 2 steals and 1 deflection; Justin Schmidt 1 assist, 1 blocked shot and 1 rebound; Fred Schertz 2 assists and 2 rebounds; C.J. Felzien 1 rebound and 1 steal; Quinton Clymer 1 rebound and 1 steal; and Tanner Abbot 1 deflection.

The Triplains-Brewster Lady Titans, who are 13-7, faced Cheylin, 10-10, in first round substate action Monday at the Colby Community Building.

# Lady Bulldogs victorious over Lady Titans

By Taylor Todd  
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs varsity gained another win by defeating Triplains-Brewster on the road.

The Titans played a tough game Feb. 12 against the Bulldogs, outscoring them 10-8 in the first quar-

ter. The Lady Bulldogs came back in the second to gain a 1-point lead by halftime.

In the third quarter, both teams played aggressive defense as the Lady Bulldogs put in 7 points, holding the Lady Titans to only 6. The Lady Bulldogs triumphed in the fourth, finishing with a winning score of 45-39.

"The Titans were a hard team to beat, but we pulled through," said senior Angela Ritter.

Junior Jordan Christensen led the Lady Bulldogs with 21 points, 15 rebounds, 3 assists and a steal. Ritter had 6 points, 2 rebounds, 4 assists and a steal. Hailee Spresser contributed 6 points and 5 rebounds. MiKayla Lobato added

5 points while pulling down 4 rebounds.

Kylie Jones put in 4 points, with 11 rebounds and an assist. Kami Miller made 3 points and had 2 rebounds.

This win brought the Lady Bulldogs record to 16-2. They are undefeated in league play at 7-0.

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