

Wrestlers selected as All Academic

The Colby High School Wrestling team was recognized this month as All Academic First Team by the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association for its academic performance.

Coach Matt Sims said this award is based off the 14 wrestlers that participated in the 2013 regional tournament.

"These 14 young men had to have an average GPA of 3.5 or higher," he said.

Honorable mention was given to the teams with a grade average between 2.8 and 3.49. Colby was one of only five teams in Class 4A to receive first-team honors, Sims said.

The other teams were Hugoton, Louisburg, Concordia and Chanute.

The following seniors also were selected to be on the Senior All-Academic Team.

First Team selections (3.5+ grade average)

Dustin Reed, 126 pounds.

Quade Woofter, 160.

Beau Brown, 182.

Troy Quenzer, 195.

Honorable Mention (3.0 to 3.49)

Macen Shull, 138.

"Thanks to all who were involved with these young men throughout their lives as they have proven themselves on the wrestling mat as well as in the classroom," Sims said. "They should be commended for a job well done."

Softball team loses two on road

The Colby Community College Lady Trojans softball team lost two games Friday with Butler Community College in El Dorado.

The Lady Trojans (5-11 overall, 0-4 Jayhawk West conference) fell 10-1 in the first game and 9-1 in the second.

Natalie Elmgreen pitched four innings for Colby, racking up 14 first-strike pitches and 2 strikeouts.

The Lady Trojans scored their only run in the top of the fifth inning while Butler piled on 2 runs

in the first, 4 in the second, 1 in the third and 3 in the fourth.

In the second game, Skyler Mengel was on the mound for the Lady Trojans. She had 15 first-pitch strikes and 1 strikeout.

Once again, Colby scored its only run in the top of the fifth inning. Butler brought in all 9 runs in the third inning.

The team won't play again until 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, at home against McCook Community College.

Bulldogs end season at substate

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The Golden Plains High School boys basketball team played their final game of the season at the substate tournament on Feb. 26 at the Colby Community Building.

The boys faced off against the Weskan Coyotes for the second time this year.

The Bulldogs were a bit rusty to start the game after a nearly two-week layover since their last regular season game was cancelled due to weather. They allowed the Coyotes to jump to a 5-0 lead before getting on the board with a basket from Joseph Koerperich. The Coyotes answered by extending their lead by 7 before the Bulldogs found a rhythm and brought the game back to within 3 before the end of the quarter.

The Bulldogs kept on rolling into the second and brought the game to within 1 point halfway through. They couldn't maintain their momentum, however, as the Coyotes surged forward to lead 32-22 at the half despite a buzzer-beater shot by Grant Spresser.

The 'Dogs kept up the fight well into the third, but few shots fell with only a three from Jose Bermudez and 5 points from Tristan Schwarz, allowing the Coyotes to extend their lead. A dismal fourth included two baskets from Koerperich while the Coyotes powered through for 23 points and the 70-34 win.

Tristan Schwarz finished the game with 17 points. Other 'Dogs on the scoreboard were Koerperich 7, Bermudez 3, Andrew Luna 3, Shane Ryburn 2 and Grant Spresser 2.

This loss finished the Bulldogs' season with a record of 5-16.



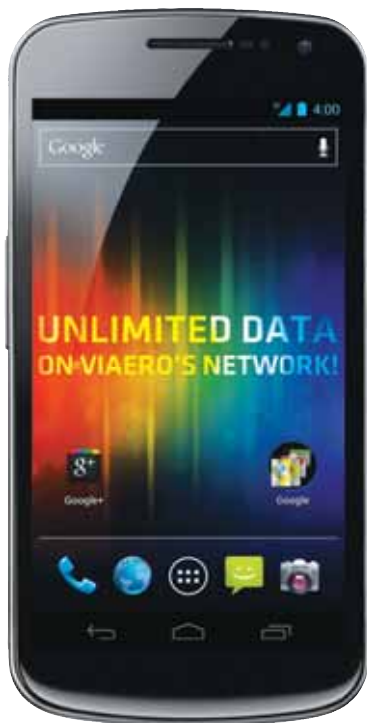
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Tristan Schwarz shot for 2 in the substate game against Weskan Feb. 26 at the Colby Community Building. Schwarz, a junior at Golden Plains High School, led the Bulldog offense at substate with 17 points. He has averaged over 12 points per game this season with a personal best of 19 against St. Francis in December.



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