

Wrestlers remember friend



Tray Klinge held up a sign in memory of his brother Michael as he, their mother Peggy and Michael's friends Brett Bahe and Alan Normandin led the parade of wrestlers onto the main floor of Max Jones Fieldhouse on Saturday morning as part of the opening ceremony for the Kansas Kids wrestling sub-district tour-

namment. Michael, a long-time participant in the group, was killed in an automobile accident Oct. 24. Forty-one members of the Goodland Kids Wrestling Club qualified for the district tournament in Dodge City by finishing among the top four in their weight class and age group.

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Bulldogs make team

Seven Brewster High School basketball players, four girls and three boys, were honored by the Western Kansas Liberty League by being named to its all-league team for the 2004-2005 season.

Senior Andrea Horney, juniors Jalyn Reid and Caitlin Rush, and sophomore Avery Schultz made the team for the Lady Bulldogs, who finished their season 25-1. They lost in the first round of the state Class 1A tournament 39-38 to Wetmore last Wednesday in Hays.

Wetmore finished its season 19-9, losing to Claflin in the championship game 68-54 on Saturday. The Lady Wildcats of Claflin ended their season 27-1.

Joining the girls from Brewster on the all-league teams are senior Sarah Hill, junior Brandi Bertrand

and sophomore Nikki Welsh of Wallace County High in Sharon Springs.

For the boys' team, seniors Heath Baird and Paul Flanders joined junior Kyle O'Connor as all-league picks from Brewster. Junior Jonathan Collett received honorable mention.

The Bulldogs finished their season 24-2, losing to Waverly 55-54 last Thursday in the first round of the state tournament. Waverly lost to Hanston 61-54 in the semifinals, then Hanston won the championship by beating Lebo 67-60.

Seniors Kevin Heyl and junior Kyle Elder of Wallace County also made the all-league team.

Other girls making the team were seniors Kaylaen Ditmer and Mona Shafer of Greeley County High in

Tribune, freshman Kimber Weiser of Grinnell, sophomore Shannon Haug of Healy, and junior Amber Tuttle of Wheatland High in Grainfield. Golden Plains High of Rexford had three players selected: juniors Val Broeckelman and Jessica Shaw and sophomore Katelyn Sprosser.

Other boys honored were senior Beau Cox and Nolan Cox of Weskan, senior Jesse Miller of Golden Plains, senior Jordan Barrett of Triplains High of Winona, sophomore Marty Lager of Grinnell, and senior Mark Johnson and junior Matt Norby of Healy. Juniors Chase Schneider and Henry Sloan, along with sophomore Brett Crittenden, made the team for the Jackrabbits of Greeley County.

Lady Trojans advance

The Lady Trojans of Colby Community College advanced to the quarterfinals of the Region VI women's basketball tournament after defeating Fort Scott Community College 100-59 last Wednesday in the first round.

The quarterfinals were to have been played Monday, with the semifinals being today and the championship Wednesday, all at the Bicentennial Center in Salina. The first-round games were played on the home court of the higher seed.

Colby, seeded No. 5, was to have played No. 4 Labette County Community College on Monday. The Lady Trojans entered the tournament with a 24-6 record while the Lady Cardinals of Labette County came in 24-5.

Wednesday's game marked the

fourth time this season Colby scored 100 or more points in a game. Freshman Rita Kollo scored an impressive 35 points to lead the Lady Trojans. Freshman Suzanna Sormaz scored 14 and freshman Ivana Mijalcevic 10.

Mijalcevic led the team in rebounds with 11, followed by Kollo with nine and sophomore Jill Mahoney with eight.

Kollo was named the season's Most Valuable Player and Freshman of the Year for the Western Division of Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference. She also received first-team all-region honors for Region VI in Division I of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

In 31 games this season, Kollo is averaging over 19 points per game

and eight rebounds.

Named to the second team of the conference's Western Division were Sormaz and sophomore Jayci Stone. Sormaz is averaging over 13 points per game and has an 84 percent free throw average, the best on the team.

Stone, a former Cowgirl standout, also averages over 13 points per game. She averages more than five rebounds per game and is second on the team in blocked shots. Against Fort Scott last Wednesday, she scored seven points and grabbed six rebounds.

Colby's men ended their season with a 15-15 record last Wednesday, losing to Neosho County Community College 87-74, in Chanute, in the first round of the Region VI tournament.

Former Cowboy places fifth

Former Cowboy Bryce Abbey ended his college wrestling career last Saturday with a fifth-place finish at the NCAA Division II National Finals in Omaha.

Abbey, a graduate student at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, won 134 matches in his four-year career, making him the winningest wrestler in school history. He started the 2004-2005 season as a senior, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in exercise science in December.

Abbey is one of only two Loper wrestlers to have earned All-American honors four times. To receive All-American recognition, a wrestler must finish among the top eight in his weight class at the national tournament.

Abbey was ranked No. 4 at 125 pounds going into the tournament by the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association.

In the first round on Friday, Abbey defeated Chas Welch of Northern State University (S.D.) by an 11-1 major decision. In the second round, Abbey won a 7-4 decision over Ricky Randazzo of Mercyhurst College (Pa.).

In the semifinals the next day, Abbey faced Aaron Graumann of Augustana College (S.D.), who won a 5-4 decision. Graumann, the top-ranked wrestler, went on to win the national title.

In the consolation bracket, Abbey lost a 3-2 decision to Dustin Tovar of the host University of Nebraska at Omaha. Tovar, ranked No. 3 in the latest poll, went on to place third. Abbey placed fifth when Jamie Thomas of Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania had to forfeit due to medical reasons.

Abbey, the son of Mike and Lorrie Abbey of Goodland, is a 2001 graduate of Goodland High. He is currently working on a master's degree in exercise science.

The Lopers, as a team, finished sixth overall with four wrestlers placing among the top eight. Senior Adam Keiswetter was third at 133 pounds, earning All-American honors for the third time.

Redshirt freshman heavyweight Tervel Dlagnev finished sixth and junior Jeff Sylvester placed seventh at 197 pounds.

This was Nebraska-Kearney's second-best finish ever at the national tournament, after the Lopers' second-place effort in 2003.

The Mavericks of Nebraska-Omaha won the national title with Augustana second and Minnesota State University of Mankato third. The Mavericks had three individual champions while the Vikings of Augustana had two. Fort Hays State University finished 22nd in the 32-team field.

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Thursday - "Gold Day"; Seminar - DECA and FCS; end of 3rd nine weeks; Social studies test parts 3 and 4 in Social Studies classes for juniors; X-Pressos to Branson; MORP Dance in the high school gym 9 p.m. to midnight; sophomores makeup math test.
Friday - No school; teacher inservice and work day; X-Pressos to Branson.
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