

Winter athletes honored at Colby High School ceremony

By JAY KELLEY

Colby Free Press
Winter athletes from Colby High School were honored for their achievements on Tuesday night at the high school auditorium.

The highlight of the awards was the presentation of the Class 4A State Champion Colby wrestling squad, a first since 1958.

Other accolades this year included the Northwest Kansas League title, another first since 1958, finishing no lower than third in any tournament and an undefeated dual record with an average score of 48-17.

The wrestlers placed 9-of-12 qualifiers at the state tournament in Wichita, the most since 1951,

First-year head coach Mitch Beims said, "It's been a fantastic year."

He gave credit to the athletes, parents and coaches in kids' wrestling for teaching and learning the fundamentals of wrestling.

Varsity letterman were Matt Murray, Brooks Wederski, Tyler Hellmuth, Zach Luedke, Damien Stephens, Bo Kleinsorge, Justin Finley, Brandon Ritter, Austin Herbel, Chris Erickson, Lloyd Hamme, Chris Harris, Brent Mariman, Scottie Lindberg, Adam Smith, Eric Seemann, Eric Luedke, Danny Mainus, Drue Herl, Brent Diebert, Doug Hurr, Schuyler Sharpe and Tucker Olsen.

Trainers Kari Ross and Mandy Mor-

gan, along with managers Sara Nally, Hope Daniels and Heather Morgan also lettered.

Participation awards went to Troy Biesler, John Wark, Travis Button, Cody Mills, Jesse Tibbles, Aaron Dempewolf, Justin Bell, Tanner McClure, Rusty Raymo, Nathan Trail, Dustin Depperschmidt, Jason Erickson, Theo Kleinsorge, Cody Lily and Colin Biesler.

Murray and Stephens also made the Class 4A All-Academic 1st team and Zach Luedke and Wederski were honorable mention.

Coaches Derek Bissitt, Tom Bowen and Jack Elliott presented awards to the boys' basketball team, who finished as league and sub-state champions.

Bissitt said his first year as head coach was "a lot of fun."

"At the first team meeting, I thought we had a lot of guards," he said.

"But these guys played bigger than they were, nad they had a lot of fun."

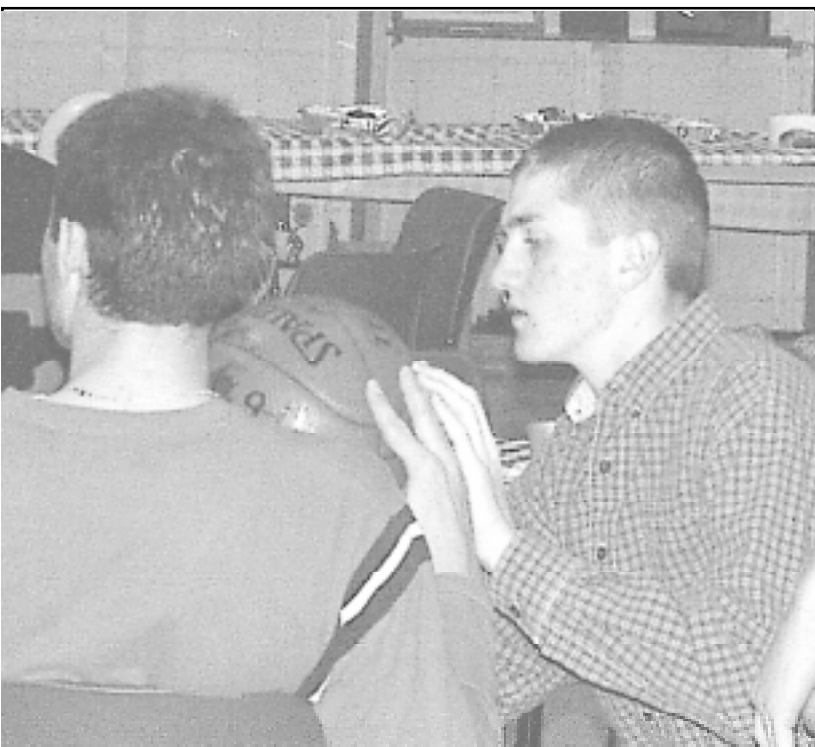
Colby activities director Jeff Quenzer also told the assembly that Colby had won one of the sportsmanship award at the state tournament in Salina.

Letterman for the basketball team included Corey Woofter, Parker McKee, Justin Schwanke, Ross Barnett, Zach Brown, Brian Williams, Joey Dinkel, Jordan Harris and Brett Mariman.

Trainers Shanda Draper, Erin



Colby High School winter athletes were honored at an awards ceremony at the high school auditorium on Tuesday night. **LEFT:** Wrestler Adam Smith enjoyed some time with his father, Randy. **RIGHT:** Basketball players Corey Woofter and Brian Williams signed a ball for first-year coach Derek Bissitt.



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Schafer and Kristen Arensdorf also received letters.

Participation certificates went to William Higerd, Tucker Stover, Clayton Kaiser, Wyatt Rundel, Brandon Stupka, Jeff Williams, Ryan

Arensdorf, Jared Cranston, Carson McKee, Jeff Reavis, Landon Stover and Deni Wieland on the junior varsity.

C-team boys, also receiving certificates were Bruce Arnberger, Tony Brown, Josh Cox, Travis Fromholtz,

Chris Gordon, Josh Houtz, Jerad Helin, Tyson Reed, Shane Stover, Brian Sulzman and Clay Webb.

Statisticians Jamie Quenzer and Kali Strickler also received certificates.

Tom Beckman and Shaun Kidder,

Eagle wins All-Star dual

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Colby's 135-pound state champion wrestler Matt Murray beat Lawrence's Sean Patton in the annual East/West Dual in Derby on Friday night.

Murray capped a 36-0 season by downing Patton, who took second in the Class 6A state tournament in Wichita and finished 37-3, with an 11-2 major decision.

The west team, coached by Colby's Mitch Beims and Manhattan's Lee Woodford, beat the east 38-21. Woodford's Manhattan team was no. 2 in Class 6A this year.

Here are the dual results, with the east team list first:

- 112 - Tony Trevino, Wichita West, lost 13-9 to Dusty Greenemeyer, Herington.
- 119 - Justin Schwartz, Great Bend, lost 5-4 to J.B. Harding, Norton.
- 125 - Ben Carlson, Olathe East, lost by fall in 3:39 to Bryce Abbey, Goodland.
- 130 - Jimmy Vogel, Bonner Springs, lost 15-6 to Chris Saferite, Augusta.
- 135 - Sean Patton, Lawrence, lost 11-2 to Matt Murray, Colby.
- 140 - Tyson Biddle, Winfield, lost 7-6 to Jason Nichols, Garden City.
- 140 - Steven Kern, Wamego, lost 7-6 to Trent Baker, Hoxie.
- 145 - J.R. Phillips, Wichita West won 5-3 over Dylan Campbell, Oakley.
- 145 - Ryan Phillips, Holton, lost 3-2 to Bryan Tennant, Arkansas City.
- 152 - Sheldon Pfizenmaier, Clay

Center, lost 5-1 to Kevin Hadley, Phillipsburg.

160 - Jacob Klein, Kapaun-Mt. Carmel, won by fall in 3:33 over Brandon Numerich, Scott City.

160 - Justin Bottorf, Effingham, won 6-3 over Marcus Rothchild, Abilene.

171 - Rocky Baptisto, Horton, won 12-7 over Ben coleman, Manhattan.

189 - Noah Clouse, Effingham, won by fall in 3:56 over Justin Bancroft, Chanute.

215 - Josh Lattimer, Ft. Scott, lost 7-3 to Gerrad Speer, Scott City.

275 - Destrick Lee, Junction City, lost 5-2 to J.J. Shields, McPherson.

Coaches for the east team were John Flores, coach at 3-2-1A state champion Effingham and Steve Gorsuch, coach

Area prep stars recognized as best in Kansas

Area schools are well represented in the end-of-the-year prep basketball polls by the *Wichita Eagle* and *Topeka Capital-Journal*.

Colby's Corey Woofter and Parker McKee made second and third team, respectively in the *Journal's* class 4A poll.

McKee was pikce for second team *Eagle* honors and Woofter received honorable mention for the *Eagle*.

Woofter was the leading scorer for the Eagles and McKee averaged nearly nine assists per game as a point guard.

Brewster's Jay Reid added a third team selection byt he *Eagle* to his two-time Class 1A State Champion

Bulldogs' honors.

Here are the other area players recognized:

Wichita Eagle All-Class Girls teams

Class 3A
Second team

Jennifer Hake, Oakley

Class 1A

Amanda Foster, Utica-Healy

Topeka Capital-Journal all-class girls teams

Class 4A
Third team

Jara McKee, Goodland

Class 3A
First team

Jennifer Hake, Oakley

Class 2A

Second team

Emily Braxmeyer, Atwood

Class 1A

Second team

Shawna Peterson, Tribune

Third team

Amanda Foster, Utica-Healy

Wichita Eagle all-state boys teams

Second team

Parker McKee, Colby

Third team

Jay Reid, Brewster

Honorable Mention

Corey Woofter, Colby

Topeka Capital-Journal All-

coaches for the girls' basketball team, who finished the season as sub-state runners-up, were up first.

Beckman told the gathering of players, fans and parents that this year was one of the "most fun as a coach."

After going 6-6 through the end of January, the girls went on a winning streak that finally ended in the sub-state championship game.

With only one senior on this year's team and most of the girls involved in summer basketball, Beckman said he expects the team to do well again next season.

Letter winners were Dominique Palser, Summar Stephens, Ivy Ramsey, Samantha Wolf, Amanda Seemann, Andrea Stephens, Megan Blatt and Kala Mengel.

Valerie Donelan lettered as a trainer.

Certificates went to Breann Hart, Courtney Albers, Lori Ziegelmeier, Brianna Swafford, Kacie Donn, Jennifer Hutfles, Bethanie Linden and Desiree Sharp.

Trainer Courtney Haeffner and manager Karen Higerd also received participants.

The winter sports awards were held in conjunction with a silent auction, a worker auction featuring winter athletes and a soup supper to benefit Sharon Vap.

Vap is a paraprofessional in special services who has had a recurrence of lymphatic cancer.

State boys team:

Third team

Jay Reid, Brewste

Topeka Capital-Journal all-class boys teams

Class 4A

Second team

Corey Woofter, Colby

Richard Nolan, Scott City

Third team

Parker McKee, Colby.

Class 1A

First team

Jay Reid, Brewster

Second team

Trent Peter, Tribune.

Third team

Trent Gottschalk, Logan

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