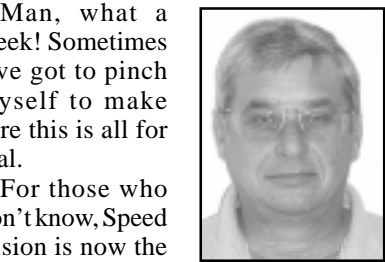


# The Dodge boys could be sneaky



Don Fosdick

## Life in the Fast Lane

Man, what a week! Sometimes I've got to pinch myself to make sure this is all for real.

For those who don't know, Speed Vision is now the Speed Channel, and NASCAR, NASCAR, & NASCAR on the Speed Channel, Channel 162 for you Time Warner Cable users.

Then I hear that our FM 97.9 KWGB radio channel has joined the MRN group and will broadcast NASCAR Races live along with other NASCAR programs on MRN radio. For us NASCAR fans, life is Goooooood!

For you non-NASCAR fans, I'm sorry for the inconvenient. I'm not really for sure just where 97.9 is, I know they say Goodland, Burlington, & Colby, but it seems as a lot of the programs are piped in from somewhere else. My reasons for this is that sometimes there is long blank times in between programs, and I've heard them make all kind of different call signs with different numbers.

Anyhow I'm going to find out who, what, where, & when, and let them know that I appreciate what they are doing, and to keep it up. If by chance there are any of you 97.9 KWGB people reading this, then thanks a lot, keep up the good work.

The 2002 NASCAR season is here with the start of speed weeks in Daytona. The Bud Shoot-out has been run with Tony Stewart, #20 winning, Dale Earnhardt, Jr. #8 second, with Jeff Gordon #24 taking third.

First and second rounds of qualifying are over and Chevies took the first spots on the grid. Jimmie Johnson's #48 Lowes has the pole with Kevin

The Colby Middle School seventh grade girls' basketball team remains unbeaten at 9-0 as they enter tournament play today at the Colby Elementary gym.

Spurred by solid defensive play with which they averaged 20 steals per game, they shot a combined 53 percent from the floor with an impressive average of 13 assists per game.

The Lady Eagles defeated Scott City at home 48-21, the Kennedy eighth grade B-team 58-14, Oberlin 42-11, Goodland 43-38 and Burlington, Colo. 60-14.

In seventh grade B-team play, the Eagles finished unbeaten at 8-0. They defeated Oberlin in one quarter of play, 6-2, Scott City, 29-5, Goodland 18-12 and Burlington, Colo. 26-11.

Team members are Jasmine Brown, Ashlee Hudson, Rishonna Martin, Jenna Johnson, Katie Henry, Brittany Kersenbrock, Kristen Cox, Kristen Skiles,. Tammy Wright, April McAdams, Carlleigh Dempewolf, April Weaver, Ashley Bickimer, Michelle Kaus, Nicole Ritter, Renee McEvoy, Lauren Cox, Ashley Barnes, Bailey Klinger, Rashaun Wilson and Amanda Paulsen. They are coached by Norm Behring and Dean Anderson.

Harvick, #29 on the outside pole, and Gordon in the third spot.

The Ford boys are still complaining, even after NASCAR officials let them take there rear spoiler down another inch, so their rear spoilers are only 6" tall now. I'm sure come Sunday that the Fords will all of a sudden run a lot faster and handle better, and you'll hear all kind of reasons why like, the wind was coming from the right direction, their mojo was working, or with all the fans in the stands it blocked the wind, sun, the moon, or something like that, you Ford guys know what I'm talking about.

The guys who really scare me are the Dodge guys, and think about this, they aren't saying anything at all, that says to me that they have some fast hot rods and don't want to bring any attention to themselves. It should be interesting come race day, and I really mean that, be ready to be surprised. Ya'll know I'm a General kinda guy, but I won't be surprised if we don't win, it's just a gut feeling.

I'm sure some of you have heard about the statue of Dale Earnhardt unveiled this week at Daytona. The France family placed the 14' likeness of Earnhardt standing on his #3 outside the track on turn four by Daytona USA, and close to the statue of the France family and it will be on permanent display there.

As ya'll know I could go on forever about Dale Earnhardt and so could his fans. There are some excellent articles on Nascar.com remembering Dale, and if you can take time to read them, they will touch your heart.

As always, if you made it this far, thanks for your time and I hope you enjoy. Sunday's the big day and I hope your driver does well. Stay safe, buckle up, get up on that wheel, and DRIVE.

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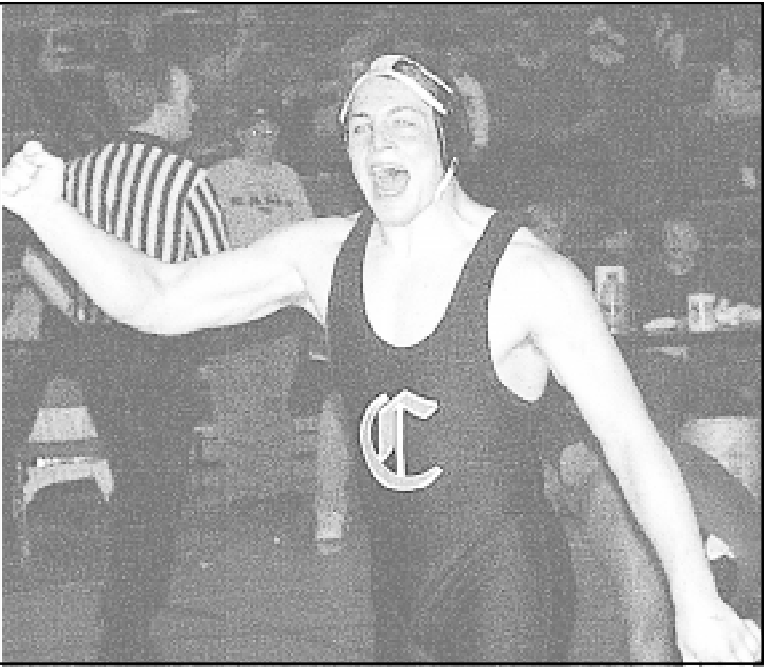
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## Thrill of victory



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Eric Seemann felt the thrill of victory in the semi-finals of the 275-pound division at Class 4A Regional Wrestling in Larned Saturday. Seemann and seven other Colby High School wrestlers will look for more wins today in the state tournament in Wichita.

## C-team finishes season 16-4

The Colby High School boys basketball C-team beat Atwood 49-33 to finish 16-4 on the season.

Omar Fercha had 19 points, 13 rebounds and an assist. Jared Dinkel had nine points and five rebounds.

Sean Mengel had six points, three rebounds and two assists. Nic Rohr had four points and six rebounds. Jordan Sharp had four points.

Dusty Quenzer had eight points and three rebounds. Deke Elliott had two points, seven rounds and two assists.

Patrick Toth had two points, two boards and a rebound. Jordan Cranston had two points and two boards.

Rusty Helin had two points and a rebound. Joey Melnyk had three rebounds and an assist. Luke Rogers also saw action.

## Middle school wins title

HOXIE — The Colby Middle School wrestling team won the Northwest Kansas League Tournament in Hoxie Tuesday by placing 16 wrestlers. Team results were: Colby, 216 points; Oberlin 185.5; Goodland 180.5; St. Francis 164.5; Oakley 134.5; Hoxie 86.5; Quinter, 74; Atwood, 56.

Individual results were:  
75 — Trenton Powell, 1st.  
80 — Lincoln McClure, 2nd.  
85 — Jared Flanagan, 4th.  
90 — Evan Mainus, 3rd.  
95 — Jesse Hawk, did not place.  
100 — Josh Dack, 3rd.

105 — Jeremy Dietz, 2nd.  
110 — Taylor Finley, 3rd.  
115 — Cole Garcia, 1st.  
120 — Kyle Withington, did not place.  
125 — Matt Grove, 2nd.  
130 — Austin Green, 1st.  
135 — David Voss, did not place.  
140 — Justin Horinek, 3rd.  
145 — Sean McCurdy, 2nd.  
150 — Garrett Carpenter, 4th.  
155 — Brandon Helus, did not place.  
160 — Michael Juenemann, 4th.  
165 — Mark Bartlett, 1st.  
HWT — Casey Hatfield, 2nd.

## Lady Bullpups are champs

BREWSTER — The Brewster Lady Bullpup Middle School girls basketball team are Western Kansas Liberty League champions for the second time in as many years after wins over Grinnell, 42-16 and Sharon Springs 27-17 in the first place game.

Team highlights include: allowed no more than 22 points. High score was 76 points.

The B-team finished 7-4 and captured third place in the tournament.

The girls are Sarah Flanders, Desarae Casper, Melissa Baird, Sarah Pitcher, Kayla Ryan, Emily Carney, Baylee Westover, Audrey Hoyt, Megan Allen.

Abbie Allen, Kily Miller, Amanda Albers, Caitlan Rush, Avery Schultz, Amy Carpenter, Megan Fulwider, Jalyn Reid, Sarah Albers and Hayley Rice.

Coaches are Becki Carpenter and Sheila Sprengel.

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