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Senior Garrett Zweygardt wrestled at the Eagle Invitational on Dec. 12. The Eagles' have had a strong start to their season, placing first at two tournaments and winning all three of their duals.

# Eagles start season strong

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team needs to improve on.

this year, winning all three of their Andrew Flanagin at 160. dual meets and taking first in the Eagle Invitational on Dec. 12 and 13 and the Gabel/Jenkins tour- since he didn't wrestle last seanament in St. Francis on Dec. 6. Two of the three dual wins were

Colby Free Press invitational drew 18 teams. Not only has the team not lost

a dual this season, but four of Colby High School wrestling Colby's wrestlers haven't lost a coach Matt Simms may have a match. The four are seniors Tanhard time figuring out what his ner Kriss and Breck Arnberger at 215 and 171 pounds, junior Na-The Eagles have been dominant than Reed at 112 and sophomore

> Flanagin's sucess has been a welcome surprise for the team, son. Smith said although Flanagin didn't wrestle his freshman year,

against league opponents and the he had wrestled before. But, the coach said, he was still surprised by his success.

> "We thought he'd be a little rusty," said Simms.

Despite the team's strong start, Smith has not been talking to his team about winning a state championship in Class 4A.

"We haven't even discussed it," he said, adding that the team just tries to improve week by week.

The Eagles will face Goodland in a dual at 6:30 p.m. next Thursday, Jan. 8, at home at Colby High School.

## Jayhawks take on Gophers, look for second straight win

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) in back-to-back bowl games for the first time in school history, but coach Mark Mangino is keeping the milestone in perspective.

"We're still a work in progress," the seventh-year head coach said Monday in Scottsdale, where Kansas is preparing for Wednesday's Insight Bowl game against Minnesota at Tempe. "We haven't arrived. There is no great destination for us. We just keep at it all the time and keep working at it and getting better.

"We are starting to see the results of the hard work that has been put forth by our players, the players before them and our coaching staff, but there is a lot of work to be done at Kansas."

The Kansas Jayhawks are playing Big 12 play during Mangino's first to do here, to make this program season in 2002. The Insight Bowl will be their fourth bowl appearance since then, a record of progress that hit a high point last year with a 12-1 finish and a victory over Virginia Tech in the Orange Bowl.

> A win over the Golden Gophers (7-5) on Wednesday would give the Jayhawks a total of 20 victories over two seasons.

"Everything at Kansas has come in steps," Mangino said. "Nothing has been very easy. We've gone in steps, and this is just another step for our program.

"We certainly would like to finish our season on a high note and get our eighth win," he added. "It would make 20 wins in two sea- Fox.

The Jayhawks (7-5) were 0-8 in sons and that's what we aspire respectable and compete on a national level."

For the Jayhawks' seniors, the Insight Bowl may not be as big or prestigious as the Orange Bowl, but they believe consecutive bowl wins would go a long way toward helping the program keep growing

"This win would mean a lot," said senior linebacker James Holt. "I mean, back-to-back bowl games and this senior class has seen a lot and done a lot so to come out of this with a win would be outstanding and it would be something that we would remember for the rest of our lives."

The game begins at 5 p.m. on

### Brewster girls lose to Triplains

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The Brewster High girls basketball team lost to Triplains 65-48 on Dec. 16. Worse yet, the Lady Bulldogs ran into some bad luck during the game when two of their top scorers were knocked out by injuries.

Junior Nichelle Erskine hurt

the rest of the game. Senior Me- celled because of weather. lissa Crumrine also suffered an ankle injury in the first half, but derson said he is happy with how she would return to action in the second quarter

Coach Dean Anderson said that it would have been a much better game without the injuries.

Senior Britt Kammer scored a team-high 19 points. The loss dropped Colby's record to 3-2.

The Lady Bulldogs' game her ankle and was sidelined for against Healy on Dec. 19 was can-

Five games into the season, Anhis team has been playing on defense, but said he would like to see the Bulldogs improve their shooting percentage.

"We need to take good open shots on offense," he said.

Brewster's next game will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Hoxie.



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