

Photo by LUCETTA FLANAGIN

Colby sophomore Andrew Flanagin attempted to pin an opponent at the Newton tournament this weekend. The Eagles finished second overall. It was the highest Colby has ever finished at the event.

Two Eagles place first at tournament

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The Colby High School wrestling team finished second out of 24 teams at the Newton Tournament this weekend with 19,150 overall points. It was the team's highest finish in Newton ever.

Senior Breck Arnberger finished

first in the 171-pound class and senior Tanner Kriss took first at 215 pounds. Both wrestlers have yet to suffer a loss this year, cut Coach Matt Simms doesn't want them to start worrying about finishing the season undefeated.

"It will be a one match at a time thing for them," Simms said.

Junior Nathan Reed took second at 112 pounds.

The team had two wrestlers place fourth, two fifth, two sixth, one seventh and one eighth.

Fourth-place finishers were senior Konner Kriss at 103 pounds, while Andrew Flanagin was fourth at 160. Senior Luke Schroeder finished fifth at 135 and senior Treat Bugbee was fifth at 189.

Senior Heath Stephens finished sixth at 140 pounds and senior

Adam Weber was sixth at 285. Senior Garrett Zwegardt finished seventh at 145 and sophomore Dalton Snyder was eighth at 130.

Emporia took first place with 19,400 points and Clay Center was third with 17,200.

The Eagles' next match will be a dual with Rawlins County at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Colby Grade School gym.

Denver defeats Kings without star player

DENVER (AP) — With Carmelo Anthony sidelined with a broken a bone in his right hand, the Denver Nuggets needed somebody to fill the void.

Linus Kleiza and J.R. Smith are doing their best to make up for the All-Star's absence.

Kleiza scored 27 points, Smith had 19 points and the Denver Nuggets beat the Sacramento Kings 118-99 on Tuesday night.

Chauncey Billups had 22 points and Nene 13 points and 12 rebounds for Denver, which out-

scored the Kings 71-44 in the middle frames thanks to some strong play from Kleiza and Smith.

Anthony, who was injured against Indiana on Jan. 5, leads the Nuggets in scoring at 21.1 points a game. In the seven games since Anthony was hurt, Kleiza is averaging 15.3 points and Smith 15 and the Nuggets are 4-3.

In Monday's loss at Houston, Smith had 17 points in the fourth quarter and led the team with 24.

Kleiza had a team-high 26 in a loss to Orlando on Saturday.

Despite those performances, Karl sees room for improvement.

"The thing with both J.R. and L.K is the turnovers and the defensive, cheap possessions they give you," Karl said. "Taking short cuts and getting caught. I thought J.R. had some great passes in the third quarter, but he also had some passes you just go, hmmm, interesting."


They both played key roles in getting Denver back in the game.

The Nuggets trailed by as many as 10 in the second quarter when Kleiza and Smith led the charge back. Kleiza had 11 points and Smith scored nine points when Denver outscored the Kings 19-4 over a 5:28 span to take a 43-38 lead.

The Nuggets extended the lead to 48-42 on free throws by Billups and Nene, and then Smith's flying left-handed dunk and Kleiza's driving layup made it 52-42 with 2:30 left in the half.

Denver pushed the lead to 12 before settling for a 57-45 lead at the half.

"We kind of struggled in the first quarter a little bit," Kleiza said.



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Guard scores 24; Colby picks up win

The Colby Community College Lady Trojan basketball team defeated Garden City 69-53 on Sunday at the Community Building.

Danisha Cole had a team-leading 24 points and also pulled down 6 rebounds. Jamie Alexander added 13 points, Jaclyn Marshall had 11 and Tasha Wagoner added 10.

After trailing 4-7 early in the first half, Colby went on a 18-2 run and lead 22-9 with 12 minutes remaining in the opening period. Garden City closed within five points at 28-23, but Wagoner hit a lay-up and Alexander hit a three at

the buzzer to give Colby a 38-28 lead going into the half.

Colby went on another run to begin the second half, keyed by Cole, who scored 20 points in the half. Cole scored nine points alone in the first three minutes, and Garden City was never able to get the deficit under 10 points.

The Lady Trojans are now 8-11 overall and 3-2 in the Kansas Jayhawk West Conference. The win keeps the women tied with Barton County for fourth place in the standings.

Jayhawks hire coach

LAWRENCE (AP) — Kerry Locklin was named defensive line coach at Kansas on Tuesday after spending nine seasons coaching defensive linemen at Fresno

State.

Locklin replaces Joe Bob Clements, who was hired by Kansas State.



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