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Sophomore Dryden Baumfalk got the upper hand on his opponent during the Northwest Kansas League wrestling tournament on Saturday. The Colby High Eagles took first place at the tourney with 209 1/2 overall points,

Eagles win tournament in Oakley

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The Colby High Wrestling added to its already impressive season on Saturday by placing first in the Northwest Kansas League tournament at Oakley High School with 209 1/2 overall points.

Seniors Breck Arnberger and Tanner Kriss kept their unblemished records intact by winning tournaments in their weight classes. While Kriss crushed all three of his opponents in the 215-pound class, Arnberger needed several overtimes to defeat his opponent from Goodland and take first at 171. Other first-place winners for

the Eagles were freshmen Konner Kriss at 103 pounds and Dalton Snyder at 130, sophomores Nathan Reed and Andrew Flanagan at 112 and 160, and senior Heath Stephens at 140. Sophomore Dryden Baumfalk and seniors Treat Bugbee and Garrett Zweygardt all finished second. Baumfalk and Bugbee lost in close matches at 119 and 185

pounds. Bob Schroeder placed third at 125 pounds. Senior Adam Weber and junior Ethan Stickel finished fourth at 285 and 152 pounds. Goodland placed second at the tournament with 157 1/2 overall points. The Eagles will wrestle Decatur Community High School at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Oberlin.

Wildcats pull off upset victory over No. 11 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Michael Beasley had a season for the ages for Kansas State. Denis Clemente made his mark with a game the Wildcats won't soon forget. The Kansas State guard tied Beasley's year-old Big 12 single-game record with 44 points, leading the Wildcats to an 85-81 overtime upset of No. 11 Texas on Saturday. Clemente sat out last season after transferring from Miami. He hadn't scored more than 20 points for the Wildcats this season before scorching the Longhorns with 13-of-25 shooting, making all six of his 3-pointers and all 12 of his free throws.

All of his 3-pointers came in the second half. "I need to score to win," Clemente said. "It felt like there was an ocean in that rim." Kansas State has won three in a row after an 0-4 start in league play. Coach Frank Martin credited much of the turnaround to the

leadership and play of Clemente, who had been suspended at Miami at the end of the 2006-2007 season for a violation of team rules. "He's taken this team, like he should because he's our most experienced player, by the horns here and just led us," Martin said. "Especially after the tough times." It almost wasn't enough Saturday. Despite not being able to stop Clemente from scoring just about everywhere on the court, Texas rallied from 17 points down in the second half to send the game into overtime. Not that Texas didn't try to stop him. Coach Rick Barnes threw a bevy of players at Clemente, only to watch him tire out the Longhorns one by one. Clemente's 44 points were the most scored on the Longhorns in 32 seasons on their home court. "He put on a show," Barnes said. Texas players were stunned by the scoring outburst.

"I knew coming in he was a good player, but nobody expects him to drop 44 on you," said Texas guard A.J. Abrams, who set his own Big 12 mark for career 3-pointers. Abrams made four, breaking the record of 338 he shared with Kansas' Jeff Boschee (1999-2002). Abrams fouled out early in overtime and his long-range shooting wasn't available late when Texas needed a big shot. Damion James scored 19 points to lead the Long-

horns, but scored just two in the extra period. Kansas State could have put the game away early. Sloppy play by Texas — 20 turnovers in all — and Clemente's hot shooting made it look like it would be a rout. The Wildcats led 63-46 with 7:01 to play before Texas rallied. Abrams hit a 3-pointer, converted a three-point play and then struck again from long range as the Longhorns cut it to 69-64 with 3:01 left.

Colby has big half, beats Elkhart 44-25

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The Colby High girls junior varsity team hammered Elkhart 44-35 on Saturday, spurred by a scoring run in the second half that extended their lead from 3 to 19. Brenna McKee led the team with 10 points. Freshmen Kelsey Voss, Skylar Barrett and Rachel Juenemann each scored 6 points each, while sophomores Caitlyn Wark and Anna Taylor both added four. The young Lady Eagles trounced Thomas More Prep-Marian High School of Hays 35-16 on Thursday. "The girls did an excellent job defensively," said Coach Jack Elliot. "We still commit too many unforced errors, but we are getting better." Sophomore Kelsey Sheilds had

a team-high 8 points and freshman Emilea Finley added five. Sophomore Skyler Mengel and freshmen Morgan Bell and Alyse Dumler each had 4. The girls suffered a 53-40 loss to Tribune last Monday. "Our intensity on the defensive end was not what it needed to be," said Elliot. McKee and Juenemann each scored 10 points and Wark had 8. Anna Taylor and Dumler had 4 points each. The Lady Eagles face Garden City at 6 p.m. tonight at Colby High School in the first round of the Junior Varsity Tournament. If Colby wins that game, the girls will face the winner of tonight's game between Goodland and Oberlin at 6 p.m. on Thursday at the high school. If they lose, they will face the loser at 6 p.m. on Thursday at the grade-school gym.

Young Lady Eagles remain undefeated

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The Colby eighth-grade girls basketball team is on a roll. Their record stands at 5-0 as the Middle School Lady Eagles have pounded every opponent they have faced thus far. The girls pummeled Oakley 33-5 on Thursday, leading the Lady Plainsmen 15-1 at half time. "The girls played great, but struggled with shooting the ball and the slowing the game down and running the offense," Coach Kirsti Powell said. Alexa Haas led the team with 12 points and Shelby Gardner added 8. Lauren Bell had 6, Janessa Williams added 3 and Bailey Terrel and Kenzie Curry had 2 points each. The eighth-grade A and B teams were both able to play on Saturday, and the A team hammered

Scott City 42-22. "We got out to a quick lead due to our press and our quickness on the coach," Powell said, noting that Colby led the Lady Beavers 30-9 at the half. "The second half didn't prove as productive from a scoring perspective as we struggled to run the offense," she said. "This is hard for us because we are such a good transition team." The B team won its game 28-11. "The team was very consistent in scoring throughout the game," said Powell. "This group of girls have gotten much better since the season started. They are doing all the little things that will make them better every week." The young Lady Eagles first three wins were against St. Francis, Quinter and Atwood. The seventh- and eighth-grade teams will play again starting at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Oberlin.

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