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Colby High senior wrestler Bob Schroeder got a hold of his opponent during a St. Francis wrestling tournmaent on Saturday. The Eagles snared first at the tournament.

Colby High wrestlers win St. Francis tourney

bounced back from losing a dual to Burlington (Colo.) High School 33-30 on Friday to win the Gabel/Jenkins tournament at St. Francis.

"We wrestled better than we did the day before," said coach Matt Simms.

The Eagles wrestling squad was able to win the tournament without the help of senior Adam Weber and junior Andrew Flanagin who were sidelined with injuries.

Freshman Troy Quenzer filled in for Flanagin at 160 pounds and George Smollock replaced Weber at 215. Smollock placed third at St. Francis. Coach Matt Simms said he was pleased with the way both his replacements performed.

Senior Nathan Reed and sophomore Konner Kriss took first in 112 and 119 and freshman Dustin Reed snared first at 103 Seniors Ethan Stickel and Torey Taylor took second at 152 and 160 and sophomore Michael Tubbs came in sec-

The Colby High school varsity wrestling team ond at 130. Sophomore Dalton Snyder and senior Dalton Garcia took third at 135 and 285. Junior Dryden Baumfaulk finished fourth at 135.

Kriss, Reed and seniors Stickel and Taylor all won their matches by fall in Colby's dual at Burlington. Stickel and Taylor wrestled at 152 and 160. Freshman Dustin Reed won by forfeit at 103 because the Cougars didn't have anyone wrestling at that weight class.

The rest of the Eagles lost their matches.

Simms said he wasn't pleased overall with the results on Friday, but he acknowledged that he has a lot of young players this year.

"We need to keep improving from week to week," he said.

Colby will hold the Eagle Invitational this weekend. Matches will start at 5:30 p.m. on Friday at the Community Building and the high school and the grade school gymnasiums. Matches will begin again at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Lady Jayhawks struggle against Bears

LAWRENCE (AP) — For crisp on its assignments.

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victory against Northern Colorado another nonconference game by pulled away in the second half.

Northern Colorado team that manmuch of No. 24 Kansas' 81-54 Sure, the Jayhawks still won aged to hang around until Kansas

Eagles boy's team drops two in Hays

The Colby High varsity basketball team is still searching for its first victory after losing two games and forth in the first with the Monarchs leading 9-7 in the Hays City Shoot out this weekend.

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The Eagles lost to Newton High School 61-47 on Friday and they lost a close contest to Thomas More Prep-Marian from Hays 39-36 on Saturday in a game to decide who would finish in seventh place. Both games were played at Felton Middle School in Hays.

Colby trailed Newton the entire first half. They were down 26-18 with two minutes remaining in the half. The Railroaders tacked on three more points and led 29-18 at halftime.

Newton's Alex Vermillion made a layup off of a Colby turnover to widen his team's lead to 31-18 at the start of the second half. Senior Braden McKee scored inside to cut the Railroaders lead back to 11. Later in the game with 30 seconds left in the third Braden McKee nailed a three to make it 28-35. This remained the score for the remainder of the third.

The Railroaders' Kyle Preston made a layup to increase his team's lead to 40-28 in the fourth. The Eagles rallied later in the quarter thanks to a pair of three-pointers by Braden McKee and a couple of free throws by junior Corbin Stephens that brought them within five points of their opponents, 36-41. Newton responded by hitting four straight free-throws to expand its lead to 45-36. The Railroaders increased their lead to 50-37 with 2:09 left in the fourth. Moments later, senior Brock Wagoner buried a 15-foot jump shot to make it 40-52.

Newton increased their lead in the game's final minutes and picked up a win.

Braden McKee had a team-high 24. He was on fire from beyond the arc, hitting 5-of-5 in the game. Senior Chaz Winger added 9 and Wagoner chipped in 4. Sophomore Justin Slavens had 3 and junior Braden Sager and Spencer Tubbs had 2 each.

game. They turned the ball over 27 times, while the Railroaders only had 13 turnovers.

Titans seniors recognized

By Bonnie Holm

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Three Brewster/Triplains Titan seniors were awarded post-season honors in football for the 2009 season.

District honors went to Brett Gfeller, first team defensive back second team quarterback. and Clay Rogge made the District second team as a linebacker on defense and center on offense.

back Gfeller led the team in rushing with 1,058 yards. He also made

126 tackles, had 807 yards passing, and scored a total of 133 points. Holm led the team in receiving

with 354 yards, which was the fourth best in the league. He made 49 tackles and scored 32 points.

Rogge was second on tackles, with 109. Senior Devan Selby led the team in kick-off returns, rack-Western Kansas Liberty League ing up an impressive 414 yards.

had 12, sophomore Jerray Nichols had 17, junior Sheena Rall had 6, freshman Jesse Gaskill had 5, and freshman Logan Hinkle had 8. S Sophomore Dalton Wright had 55 yards rushing, 28 tackles, and scored 6 points. Freshman Andrew Theimer had 18 yards rushing and 4 tackles, and freshman Stephen Llewellyn had 46 yards receiving and scored 8 points.

The Titans finished the season honors went to Gfeller for second He also had 306 yards receiving with a record of 4 wins and 5

honorable mention as a defensive had 53 tackles, foreign exchange student Antoine Kirstetter had 30 tackles, junior Joshua Llewellyn

The Eagles mounted a comeback in the fourth that was led by Stephens who scored 8 of his 10 points in the final quarter. Colby went on a 8-0 run that ended with a layup by Stephens that brought the Eagles within one of their opponents with 3:09 left. The Monarchs increased their lead back to three and led 39-36 in the games final seconds. Braden McKee

Colby and Thomas More Prep-Marian went back

at the end of the quarter. Junior Corbin Stephens

scored on a layup to tie the game at 9 to start the

second. Thomas More Prep-Marian's Jordan Masca

scored to give his team a 11-9 lead. Stephens dished

it to Slavens who scored to tie the game at 11. Both

teams struggled from the field in the first half. The

nior Spencer Tubbs scored inside off of a inbounds

pass to cut Thomas More Prep-Marians lead to one,

20-21. The Monarchs scored 5 of the next 6 points to

take a 26-21 lead. Thomas More Prep-Marians Drew

O'Brien drilled a three-pointer at the buzzer to give

his team a 29-21 lead at the end of the third.

The game stayed close at the start of the third. Ju-

Eagles trailed 15-13 at the half.

had his last second three-point attempt blocked and

Thomas More Prep-Marian escaped with a win. Coach Jon McKee said his players were still adjusting to the intensity of games at the varsity level. Most of the Eagles' players this year did not see much playing time on last years' senior-heavy varsity team.

On the positive side Stephens tied for first in the tournament's hotshot contest and Braden McKee was selected to the all tournament team.

The Eagles will play next at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Hays High School.

'Hays is a very experienced team," said Jon Mc-Kee. "They don't let anyone inside on defense."

The coach said he was going to have Winger. The Eagles were hampered by mistakes in the Braden McKee and Stephens help take the ball upcourt in future games to try and decrease his team's turnover per game ratio.

Sunday, the Jayhawks struggled to a large margin thanks in part to nent from a smaller conference.

Kansas was sloppy, the offense didn't develop any rhythm until midway through the second half and the defense wasn't always

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consistently handle a lesser oppo- Danielle McCray's 25 points and intensity," Kansas coach Bonnie team defensive back. Rogge made Plummer had 128 yards receiving, ment over last season, when they Krysten Boogaard's 17. But for the second consecutive game — both Kansas victories — the Jayhawks didn't appear to fully click. Victoria Timm's 18 points led a

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Henrickson said. "I thought we the first team defense at defenwere just absolutely average today. I mean borderline pathetic at times. It felt flat. It looked flat. It played flat."

sive line and received a honorable mention at center. Spencer Holm was named to the second team as a tight end/receiver and was voted

59 tackles, and scored 18 points. Senior Tad Sheets had 142 yards rushing, 84 tackles, and scored 10 points.

"I'm just not happy with our team quarterback, and second and 32 tackles. Freshman Ethan losses. This was quite an improvefinished 1–8. The Titans said they would like to thank their coaches and fans for all the support this

Defensively, senior Lane Ochs

year.

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