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Colby sophomore Michael Tubbs tried to gain control over his opponent during the St. Francis Gabel/Jenkins tournament on Saturday. The varsity wrestling squad is holding the Eagle Invitational on Friday and Saturday this weekend.

Colby varsity wrestlers to hold home tournament

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The Colby High School varsity wrestling team will be looking to when they hold the Eagle Invitational Championships weekend.

The 2008 Eagles wrestling squad took first in the tourney after a series of dominant performances.

This year's tourney starts today and continues at 8 a.m. Saturday. The tournament will include 18 teams from Kansas and Colorado. The teams competing in the tourney other than Colby include Hays, Eaglecrest from Centennial (Colo.), Hutchinson, Scott in the grade school gymnasium to City, Oberlin, Garden City, Wray decide the 13-18 placings. (Colo.), Pine Creek from Colorado Springs, Hoxie, Concordia, in last year's tourney including Dryden Baumfaulk, seniors Na-Goodland, Liberal, Chaparral Pine Creek from Colorado Springs, than Reed, Bob Schroeder, and from Parker, Colo., Valley Cen- 51-19; Hays, 66-7; Hoxie, 67-3; Adam Weber. Baumfaulk, Snyder ter, St. Francis, Phillipsburg and and Concordia, 67-0. They also and Weber are all wrestling at dif-Oakley High School. These are won two closer duals over Chap- ferent weights this season. Baumthe same teams who competed in arral from Parker, Colo., 45-22; faulk wrestled at 119 last year and last year's tournament except for and Valley Center, 45-26. Eaglecrest.

will wrestle at three different locations. The Eagles will wrestle in the Colby High gym tonight in Pool 1. The six teams in Pool 2 will wrestle at the Community repeat last year's performance Building and the 6 teams in Pool 3 will compete at the Colby Grade School gym. The teams will wrestle in the same gym on Saturday until 1:30 when the dual placing rounds begin.

> The top two teams from each pool will wrestle to decide the 1-6 placings at the Community Building. The third and fourth best teams from each pool will compete to decide the 7-12 placings at the Colby High School gym. The fifth and sixth place teams will wrestle

three pools of six and the pools ment for the second time. Some of them are wrestling in different weight classes this season. For example Konner Kriss wrestled at 103 in last years tourney, but he's competing in the 119 pound class this season after having a growth spurt and spending some extra time in the weight room.

> Junior Andrew Flanagin wrestled in the tourney at 160 last season, but he will be wrestling at 171 in the tourney this year. Senior Torey Taylor will wrestle at 160 this season, but he competed at 152 in last years tournament. Taylor was filling in for an injured Ethan Stickel in last year's invitational. Stickel will be wrestling at 152 this weekend.

Other wrestlers who competed in the tourney last year include Colby hammered several teams sophomore Dalton Snyder, junior

he's now wrestling at 135, Snyder

Eagles lose to Hays 74-36

The Colby High varsity basketball team was trounced by undefeated Hays 74-36.

The Indians jumped on the Eagles early and led 19-6 at the end of the first quarter. Colby junior Corbin Stephens made a layup to cut the lead to 8-21 at the start on the second. Hays' Dexter Pfeifer, little brother of Colby Community College men's basketball coach Dustin Pfeifer, fed Daniel Morritz who scored to extend the Indians' lead to 8-23. Moments later, Stephens made a right hand floater to make it 10-23.

Hay's Derek Meyer hit a three to increase his team's lead to 28-13 with 4:36 left in the half. The Indians went on a 9-0 run before Colby sophomore Justin Slavens stopped the bleeding with a bucket that cut Hays lead to 15-37. The Indians' Moritz hit Tyler Rathke with a no-look-pass that he laid in to make it 37-17 Hays. Eagles' senior Chaz Winger got fouled with less than 15 seconds left in the half. He knocked down both his free throws, but Colby still trailed 19-42 at the half.

The Indians went on a 10-0 run at the start of the third quarter and led 52-19. A little later in the game, junior Spencer Tubbs scored on an alley-oop to make it 22-59. Soon after Tubbs' bucket, Eagles' senior Braden McKee made a shot off the glass to cut Hay's lead to 24-59.

The Indians' Bryan Bombardier hit a three-pointer cis at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Community Building. early in the fourth to give Hays a 64-24 lead. Colby senior Ryley Haas responded by knocking down a

three of his own to make it 67-27. Later in the game Eagles' junior Braden Sager banked in a shot off the glass to decrease Hays' lead to 33-72. Haas hit another three-pointer before the game ended.

Tubbs and Haas led the team with 7, Stephens added 5 and McKee chipped in 4. Tubbs had four blocks and McKee had 3.

Coach Jon McKee said he was happy to have Haas back in the lineup. He had missed a two games due to a knee injury.

'It's nice to have Ryley back," McKee said. "It gives us another ball handler around the perimeter." McKee also said he was pleased with Tubbs' performance.

'He altered and blocked a lot of shots and he helped us out inside," he said.

Colby is still struggling with turnovers. They turned the ball over 21 times in the game. Hays was able to score 22 points off of the Eagles' turnovers. On the plus side Colby only turned the ball over 7 times in the second half after committing 14 turnovers in the first.

'We took better care of the ball in the second half," said McKee. "I told our kids at halftime that we needed to get slowed down so we could play at our pace."

The loss dropped Colby to 0-4. They play St. Fran-

Broncos face undefeated Colts

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) -The Denver Broncos have spent the week heaping profuse praise upon the Indianapolis Colts. Underneath all that reverence, though, is a sense that while Peyton Manning & Co. may be unbeaten, they certainly aren't unbeatable.

The Broncos trust they have figured out the formula for beating the Colts (12-0), who are aiming for their NFL record-breaking 22nd straight regular season win Sunday.

"This is a league where any team can be beaten on a Sunday,' said Broncos outside linebacker Darrell Reid.

The Broncos exude a quiet confidence in the game plan and in their ability to execute it.

"You've got to go into every game confident," Denver receiver/returner Eddie Royal said. They sure have the swagger, having positioned themselves to end a three-year playoff drought in Josh McDaniels' first season as coach.

The case for a Broncos upset, however, really starts with the secondary.

ander in the playoffs? — but these Broncos sport a seasoned secondary that owns a combined 20 Pro Bowl selections now that Ty Law has joined Champ Bailey, Andre' Goodman, Renaldo Hill and Brian Dawkins in a defensive backfield like none other in the league.

"They bring experience to the situation," Broncos secondary coach Ed Donatell said Thursday. So, it's the game's best at-theline play-caller against the NFL's

most experienced defensive backfield.

"He looks for mismatches," said Broncos receiver Brandon Stokley, a former teammate of Manning's in Indianapolis. "He reads defenses so well that he knows where the vulnerable spots are."

Only this time, when he scans the Broncos' secondary, Manning won't find those quite so readily. So, the key now is can Denver camouflage coverages well enough to fool Manning, who is so adept at deciphering disguises?

Already, the Broncos have confused the likes of Tom Brady and Ben Roethlisberger this season, Manning has traditionally although "Big Ben" was so good picked apart the Broncos by ex- at ad-libbing on the fly that he led

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"He's hard to fool," Bailey said. "If we can confuse him a little bit, that would definitely help."

So would some pressure.

Although the Colts have only allowed 10 sacks, the Broncos feature the league's top pass-rusher in Elvis Dumervil, who has 15 sacks and is thriving in his switch from a 4-3 defensive end to a 3-4 outside linebacker.

Of course, the easiest way to keep Manning in check is to keep him on the sideline, and the Broncos have just the offense to do that, providing they can dink and dunk their way downfield without many negative plays that swing the pendulum back toward Indy's dominant defense.

Broncos quarterback Kyle Orton, said the Colts are so bothersome because defensive ends Dwight Freeney and Robert Mathis, who have combined for 20 sacks so far, are free to focus on rushing the passer while "everybody else rallies to the run."

Although standout right tackle Ryan Harris is out for the season with a toe injury, the Broncos ground game should take some

Many of this year's wrestlers has moved from 130 to 135 Weber The schools will be split into will be competing in the tourna- swithced from 285 to 215.



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passing game to unravel Denver's month. defense - remember Roc Alex-

ploiting their weakest link in the Pittsburgh past the Broncos last pressure off Orton.

Tricking Manning is another

STRIKE ZONE ~ League Bowling Results ~ Nobember 18, 2009 - Ladies Nite Out League

November 24, 2009- Pinbusters League					
Team	Won	Lost	Place		
Bargos	145	55	1		
Colby Automotive	125	75	2		
Subway	116.5	83.5	3		
Al's Painting	113.5	86.5	4		
Colby Bowl	93	107	6		
Roofmasters	79	101	7		
Cummins Central Power	62	138	8		
Corona Kids	62	140	9		
First high Individual game: C First high Individual series:	Cody Crocke Chris Crocke	r, 279 er, 711			

November 23, 2009 - First Nighters League

Team	Won	Lost	Place		
Wild Ride	113	47	1		
Woofter Well & Pump	108.5	51.5	2		
Sparky's Firework	103	57	3		
Frontier Ag Inc.	94.5	65.5	4		
Kansas Quicklube	88	72	5		
Pepsi	79	82	6		
Dscount Repair of	75.5	84.5	7		
McKee	72	88	8		
Grinnell Furniture	66.5	93.5	9		
Parking Lot Maintenance	65	95	10		
NW Refrigeration	65	95	11		
Fire Xtrikers	17	123	12		
First high Men Individual gai	me: Vern Sc	hwanke, 6	99		
First high Men Individual ser	First high Men Individual series: Scott Williams, 310				

November 19, 2009 - King Pin League

Team	Won	Lost	Place	
T.J. Tire	123.5	76.5	1	
www.visitcolby.com	117	83	2	
Kurts Pro	101	99	3	
Colby Automotive	100.5	99.5	4	
Balls Deep	97.5	102.5	5	
Drinkin Mates	92.5	107.5	6	
Morgan Construction	80.5	99.5	7	
5 Pony Men	76.5	123.5	8	
First high Individual game: Alex Ryan, 269				
First high Individual series: Brent Menges, 708				

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Team	,	Won	Lost	Place	
Swartz V	eterinary Clinic	11	1	1	
Twisters	,	10	2	2	
Susies's	Circus	9	3	3	
Bop Sho	p Betties	8.5	3.5	4	
Don's El		7.5	4.5	5	
Service (Dil	6	6	6	
Straightl	ine	6	6	7	
Twisters	11	6	6	8	
Strike-O	uts	6	6	9	
Minds in	the Gutter	3	9	10	
Assist-U	r-Sale	1	11	11	
First high Individual game: Monica Miller, 211					
First high Individual series: Alberta Cameron, 539					

November 20, 2009 - Ten	Pin League	9	
Team	Won	Lost	Place
Once Upon a Sign	26.5	17.5	1
Colby Bowl	22	22	2
Cal Ŵilliam	20.5	23.5	3
First high Individual game :	Alberta Car	meron, 220	
First high Individual series:	Alberta Cam	eron, 542	
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November 17, 2009 - Early Bird Ladies League

	Team		Won	Lost	Place
	www.strike		28.5	15.5	1
	Bowlerettes		25	19	2
	Van's Merry Four		23	19	3
	NW Vacuum		11.5	32.5	4
	First high Individual game	: De	e Hovda	i, 218	
First high Individual series: Dee Hovda, 572					

November 22, 2009 - King and Queen non-smoking

Team	Won	Lost	Place
Benson-Schmidtbe	19	5	1
Norman-Mackley	19	5	2
Team RB	16	8	3
Niermeier-McCarty	14	10	4
Cook-Lanning	14	10	5
Pancake-Unruh	12	12	6
Schissler-Wolf	11.5	12.5	7
Prochazka-Jacobs	10	14	8
Schroeder-Schroeder	9.5	14.5	9
Kreutzer-Garrett	9	15	10
Swartz-Barnett	7	17	11

First high Men Individual game: Tom Benson, 289 First high Men individual series: Tom Benson, 565 First high Women individual game: Amber Barton, 201 First high Women individual series: Amber Barton, 549



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