



# Colby High wrestlers take second in tourney

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Colby High senior Dalton Garcia had Garden City's Jason Carreon on his back for only about 20 seconds Saturday, but it seemed like an eternity.

A pin seemed inevitable, but somehow, Carreon managed to keep his shoulders off the mat. What looked to be sure win turned into a race against time. The clock kept ticking and Carreon's shoulders stayed off the mat. When the buzzer sounded to end the first period, the Garden City wrestler still hadn't been pinned.

In fact, Garcia went on to win the match 5-1, and the failed pin-fall attempt ending up being the difference between first place and second place for Colby in the annual Eagle Invitational.

Colby trailed the Buffaloes 27-31 going into the match. Garcia needed to pin his opponent or win by technical fall for Colby to finish first. He gave a great effort, but it wasn't quite enough.

Despite the loss, Colby finished 6-1 in team matches to take second out of 18 teams at the tournament. The Eagles picked up impressive victories over two tough teams, Scott City and Phillipsburg, and won their six duals by 17 points or more.

The boys completely dominated some of their opponents. They hammered Hutchinson 59-9, pounded EagleCrest High School from Centennial, Colo., 58-12, blasted Oberlin 66-6, dealt Hays a 53-14 drubbing and whipped Phillipsburg 44-19. The thumping the Eagles delivered to Phillipsburg was particularly impressive because the dual was for second place.

The Buffaloes, Eagles and Panthers had all won their six-team



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Colby High senior Ethan Stickel had a tight grip around Nolan Peters of Oberlin at the Eagle Invitational on Saturday morning

pools were wrestling against each other for the championship in the Community Building. Garden City beat both teams in the first two duals, so the Buffaloes had already won the tourney by the time Colby and Phillipsburg faced off.

Seniors Nathan Reed and Adam Weber both went undefeated for Colby. Weber was 7-0 and Nathan 5-0.

The dual between Colby and Garden City was fiercely competitive, with sophomore Konner Kriss, junior Dryden Baumfalk, and seniors Torey Taylor, Ethan

Stickel and Bob Schroeder all losing their matches by two points or less.

Schroeder's match was not without controversy. Garden States' Joey Dozier defeated Schroeder 3-1 in overtime at 145 pounds. On two occasions, Schroeder scored a takedown on his opponent but received no points because the referee ruled Dozier was out of bounds when he hit the mat.

Senior Adam Weber gave the Eagles a big lift during the dual when he pinned the Buffaloes' Mitch Bean at 215. Colby had lost

at the high school. The Eagles crushed Oberlin 66-6 in their dual. Colby took second out of 18 teams in the tournament.

four matches in a row going into that one.

Sophomore Dalton Snyder got a big 6-3 victory over his opponent at 135. The other Eagle wrestler who won his match was Nathan Reed, who pinned his opponent. Freshmen Dustin Reed, Nathan's younger brother, and Troy Quenzer won by forfeit at 103 and 160 because the Buffaloes had no one to wrestle them.

The Reed brothers both pinned their opponents to give the Eagles a early 12-0 lead against Phillipsburg. Kriss beat the Panthers' Dakota Kohler 8-5 in a competitive match at 119. Kohler took fifth at state at 119 last season.

Sophomore Michael Tubbs won his match by default at 130 after his opponent suffered a shoulder injury during the first round. Snyder and Schroeder handily defeated their opponents at 135 and 145 and Stickel beat Thomas Rachow 3-2 at 152.

Coach Matt Simms said he was pleased with the way Stickel wrestled at the tourney.

"Ethan Stickel wrestled well all weekend," said Simms. "He's

## Lady Eagles squad grinds out a 35-32 win

The Colby High varsity girls ground out a 35-32 basketball victory on Thursday at Hays High School despite shooting under 29 percent from the field.

It may have been an ugly victory, but good teams find ways to win even when there not having their best night.

The Lady Eagles led Hays 16-13 at halftime and the teams battled to a 19-19 tie in the second half. The girls trailed 24-19 at one point in the half.

Junior Kayla Hockersmith scored a team-high 11 points, shooting 4 for 7 from the field.

Junior Kelsey Shields added 6 and junior twin sisters Katherine and Katrina Kaus, and Shelby Terrell all had 5. Sophomore Morgan Bell had 3.

Colby's defense held the Lady Indians to under 39 percent shooting from the field and a little over 18 percent from three-point range. They forced Hays to commit 22 turnovers and had 11 steals. The girls hit 9 of 15 free throws.

With the win, the Lady Eagles improved their record to 2-2. They will play St. Francis at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Community Building.

## Tough third-quarter defense helps Bulldogs secure a victory

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The Brewster High Bulldogs won the first round of the annual Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster last Monday, beating the visiting Rawlins County Buffaloes 64-48.

The 'Dawgs improved on the offensive end, putting up 19 points to the Buff's 13 at the end of the first quarter. The spread remained the same at halftime, as both teams scored 9 points in the second period, making the score 28-22 in favor of the Bulldogs.

The home teams' defense

stepped up in the third, holding the Buffaloes to only 5 points. The 'Dawgs scored 15, giving them a commanding 43-27 lead going into the fourth. Both teams scored 21 points in the fourth, and the Bulldogs maintained their lead and picked up the victory.

The Bulldogs' leading scorer was senior Ryan Allen, who posted a career-high 20 points, including four three-pointers. Senior Devan Selby added an impres-

sive 19, senior Erik Roeder had 10, and senior Spencer Holm had 8. Rounding out the scoring for Brewster was senior Troy Albers with 3 and freshman Daymond Hanley with 4.

The rest of shootout results will be featured in a story that will run later this week.

Brewster's next game will be at 8 p.m. on Tuesday at Winona. They will play again at 8 p.m. Friday against Healy at Brewster.

## Kansas State hammers UNLV 95-80

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Every time Jacob Pullen saw the rim, he figured his shot was going in.

Talk about a nice feeling to have.

Pullen hit seven 3-pointers and scored a game-high 28 points, and Kansas State pounded No. 18 UNLV 95-80 on Saturday night for the Wildcats' sixth straight win.

Pullen finished 7 of 10 from beyond the arc and 10 of 16 from the field, as the Wildcats shot 57 percent for the game. They were 15 of 23 from beyond the arc while building their lead to 88-65 with about 6 minutes left.

"Every time I caught, I saw the rim and I thought it was going in," said Pullen, who was four points shy of his career high. "I was laughing because (UNLV's Oscar Bellfield) said, 'Damn.' I would have said the same thing if the other team was doing that to

us. They were playing good. Fortunately, the ball was bouncing in for us."

Denis Clemente added 22 points and nine assists for Kansas State (9-1), Jamar Samuels had 14 points and Curtis Kelly scored 13.

The Wildcats led most of the first half thanks to their 7-of-12 rate from 3-point range. They jumped to a 10-4 lead before the Rebels briefly took their only lead

of the half at 18-16.

Martavious Irving's 3-pointer with 10:25 left in the first half put Kansas State on top, and except for one tie, the Wildcats led the rest of the way.

Kansas State built a 42-34 advantage at halftime on Pullen's layup at the buzzer, and the lead never dropped below eight in the second half.

wrestling smart."

Taylor and junior Andrew Flanagin were victorious at 160 and 171 respectively. Weber made quick work of his opponent, pinning him in the first round at 215.

"Some of the kids on the team look up to him, and they should," Simms said. "He's a hard worker."

The Eagles beat a tough Scott City team 41-24 on Friday at the high school gym. The victory was a real team effort, with several wrestlers scoring key victories over talented opponents.

Nathan Reed won his match by technical fall. The score was 25-10 in the third period when the match was called. If a wrestler is winning by 15 or more points, it's considered a technical fall.

Baumfalk ground out a 7-2 victory at 125.

"Dryden doesn't back down from anyone," said Simms.

Tubbs and Snyder both pinned their opponents at 130 and 135.

Colby had lost two straight matches before Stickel wrestled his opponent at 152. He managed to score two points on two escapes to eek out a 2-1 win. His opponent, Morgan Numrich, finished fourth in state at 145 in 2008.

Taylor and Flanagin both pinned their opponents at 160 and 171 and Weber got by his opponent 8-7 in a real battle at 215. Garcia won 3-1 at 185 in the final match of the dual.

This week, Colby will take on St. Francis in a dual at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Colby High School.

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