



Eagles pound rival Goodland

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Confidence is important to every athlete, no matter what sport they play. No matter how talented an athlete is, he will have trouble if he lacks confidence.

Colby High freshmen Macen Shull's and Quade Woofter's performances on Friday night should give the young wrestlers renewed confidence in their ability to compete at the varsity level. Both won their matches to help Colby win a dual at Goodland 45-17.

"They did a good job of wrestling tough," said Coach Matt Sims.

Shull beat the Cowboys' Corey Davis 5-2 in the 119-pound class and Woofter pinned Jeff House of Goodland in the second period at 130.

Shull scored a takedown to take a 2-0 lead. Later, Davis got a reverse to tie the match, but Shull responded by with an escape and a reverse of his own to pick up a 5-2 win. The Woofter-House match was knotted at 2 when Woofter pinned his opponent.

Shull initially was not going to be wrestling in the dual, but the Eagles' coaches decided to let sophomore Dalton Snyder take the night off. Sims said Snyder had a deep bone bruise in his leg and the coaches wanted to give it

more time to heal. With Snyder not able to wrestle at 135, the coaches had to make some changes in the lineup.

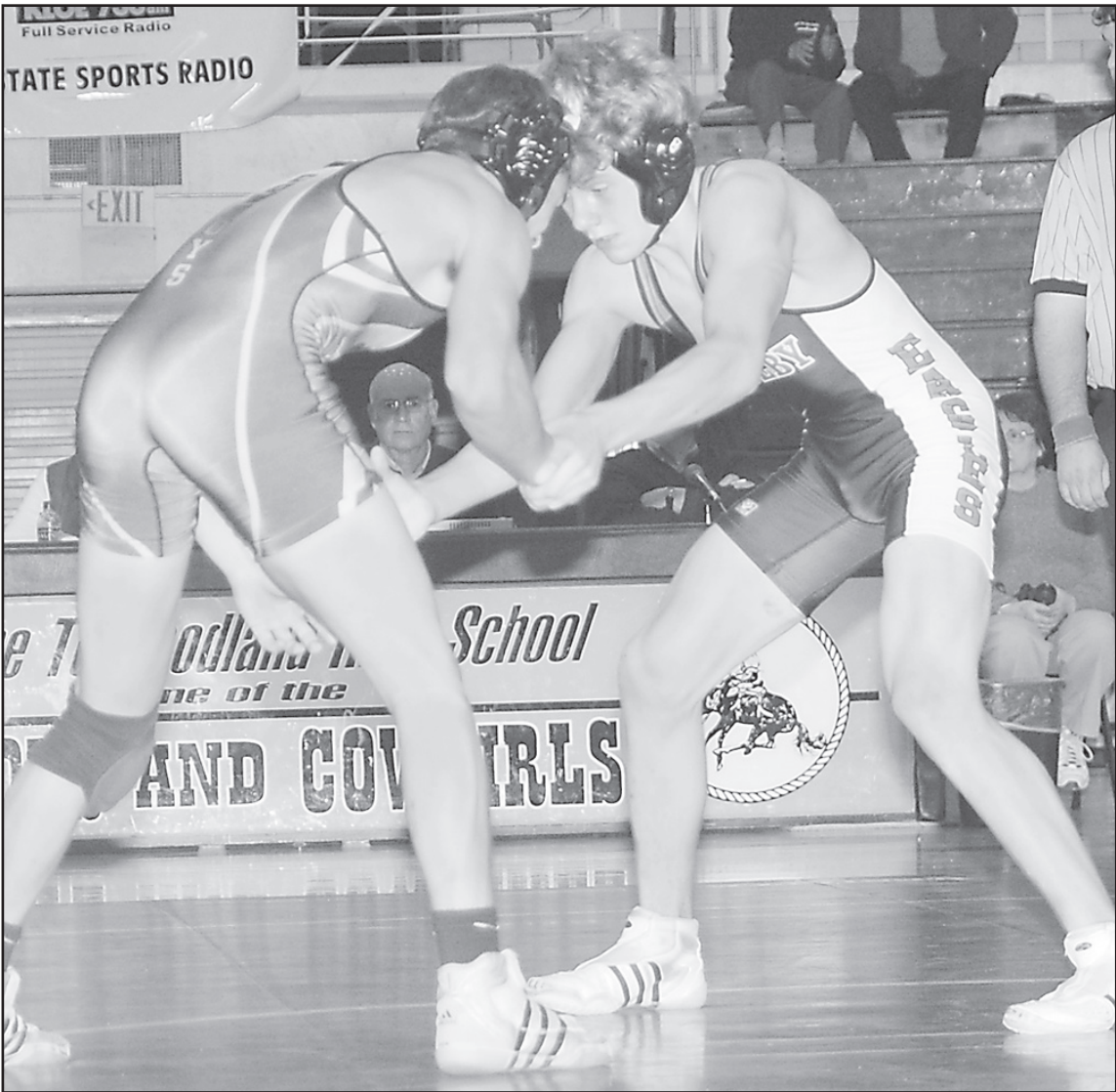
Since Shull wrestled at 119, sophomore Konnor Kriss had to wrestle up a weight at 125. Kriss got two takedowns on the Cowboys' Seth Miller to take a 4-1 lead at the end of the first period. He got an escape and a takedown in the second to extend his lead to 7-1. Miller scored a point off an escape to cut Kriss' lead to 7-2, but Kriss went on to win the match 9-3.

Michael Tubbs also had to wrestle in a heavier weight class than he was accustomed to, at 135 instead of 130. But the sophomore adapted class and eeked out a 1-0 win over Chris Bustillos of Goodland. Tubbs' point came off an escape in the second period. Sims said Kriss and Tubbs both wrestled good matches.

The dual also featured senior Ethan Stickel and junior George Smollock avenging past losses. Stickel beat the Cowboys' Lorenzo Delgado 4-2 at 152. Delgado had beaten Stickel in their two previous encounters.

Smollock pinned Riley Ohara of Goodland in the second round. Sims said Smollock had been wrestling Oharah since the seventh grade and Oharah had come out on top in most of the matches.

"George is getting better week



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Colby High sophomore Konner Kriss and Seth Miller of Goodland locked up on Friday during a dual on Friday at Goodland.

by week," the coach said.

Senior Bob Schroeder defeated the Cowboys' Sloan Ruhs in a 4-2 decision at 145. Senior Torey Taylor dominated Laine Herl of Goodland 10-2 at 160 and senior Adam Weber hammered the Cow-

boys' Tyler Fisher 13-3 at 215.

Senior Nathan Reed won a 10-3 decision at 112 and his brother Dustin Reed won by forfeit at 103 because Goodland didn't have anyone for him to wrestle.

Junior Clayton Applehans was pinned by the Cowboys' Paul Starr at 171 and Jay Cotter of Goodland won by fall over Colby senior Nathan Quagliano at 285.

The boys will wrestle again at 6 p.m. Thursday at Garden City.

Trojans lose big at Seward

The Colby Community College women were overwhelmed by the powerful, nationally ranked Seward County Community College team on Saturday.

The No. 9 Lady Saints pounded the Lady Trojans 91-38 in a road game in Liberal.

The Lady Trojans fell behind 48-17 by halftime. Seward out-scored Colby 43-21 in the second half and cruised to an easy win.

Freshman Hannah Thornton had a team-high 12 points for Colby on six of 11 shooting. Sophomore Danisha Cole and freshman Tamara Williams both put up six.

The Lady Saints' Kendra Spresser led her team with 23 points and Morgan Skomal of Seward added 16.

With the loss, Colby dropped to 3-22 overall and 1-10 in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference West Division. The Lady Trojans will play at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Dodge City.

Jayhawks pull ahead for No. 55

LAWRENCE (AP) — The noise in Allen Fieldhouse saved some Kansas players a little embarrassment Saturday night.

Nobody could overhear coach Bill Self chewing them out.

Whatever Self told them, it worked. Trailing Nebraska by four points in the opening minutes of the second half, the No. 1 ranked Jayhawks took their coach's words to heart and went on a 16-1 tear, finishing with a 75-64 victory for their 55th in a row at home.

"He knows how to get you going," senior guard Sherron Collins said with a grin. "He challenged us and we responded. It wasn't no milk and cookies."

Collins was the first to act, hitting a quick 3-pointer that sliced Nebraska's surprising lead to one point. Cole Aldrich contributed six points in the next few minutes and the Jayhawks soon found themselves with a comfortable 19-point edge while sweeping the Huskers for the sixth year in a row.

"Him jumping on us was something we needed," said Collins. "He's a good motivator and that's what he did. He motivated us."

Jorge Brian Diaz scored four points in the 10-2 run and wound up with 20 for the Huskers.

"The key plays that had to be made in the ballgame. Kansas made them," said Nebraska coach Doc Sadler.

Colby boys team thumps Decatur in contest on road

The Colby High Eagles' seem to have finally hit their stride as the regular season draws to a close.

The team extended its winning streak to three games on Friday when the boys thumped Decatur Community High School 56-47 in Oberlin.

The Eagles shot a scorching 55 percent on 21-for-38 shooting. Coach Jon McKee said his team was able to get some good ball movement on offense that led to them getting easy shots. Colby also dominated the boards, out-rebounding the Red Devils 38-18.

The Eagles' defense was solid, holding Decatur to about 35 percent from the field.

Colby jumped out to an early lead in the first half, but the Red Devils fought back and managed to tie the game at 25 by half time. Sophomore Braden Sager and seniors Corbin Stephens, Chaz Winger and Kale Amberger all had to spend some extra time on

the bench in the first half due to foul problems.

The Eagles were able to distance themselves from the Red Devils midway through the fourth and went on to win 56-47.

Stephens had a team-high 19 points on 6-of-9 shooting and 2 for 4 beyond the arc. Winger went 4 fo 5 and finished with 12. Senior Braden McKee and junior Spencer Tubbs had 8 each. McKee was a monster on the boards, grabbing 13 rebounds, 12 on defense. Senior Ryley Haas had 7 points and Amberger 2.

With the win, the team improved to 5-9. The boys will play Garden City at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Community Building.



Wildcats beat Cyclones by 4

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Kansas State's Denis Clemente pulled off a seemingly impossible feat on Saturday. He fell onto the same Iowa State fan twice in one game.

The first time, Clemente said he asked the woman for some popcorn and a Coke. The second time, he jokingly wondered where it was.

The way Clemente was shooting, the Wildcats star should have been allowed to enjoy the snack.

Clemente scored a season-high 30 points, including 6-of-8 shooting from 3-point range, and No. 10 Kansas State beat Iowa State 79-75 on Saturday for its fourth straight road win.

Curtis Kelly and Jacob Pullen added 15 points each for the Wildcats, who also extended their winning streak over the Cyclones to eight games dating to 2006.

They did it behind Clemente, who has hit 11 3s in his last two games — both road wins.

"Denis shoots five million shots a day," Kansas State coach Frank Martin said. "He's got

unbelievable pride and an unbelievable work ethic."

Kansas State (19-4, 6-3 Big 12) opened the second half with a 17-4 run, turning a six-point deficit into a 48-39 lead in less than 5 minutes. Iowa State got as close as 60-56 before an 8-0 run by the Wildcats secured the victory.

Craig Brackins had a season-high 29 points and 12 rebounds for Iowa State, which lost for the fifth time in six games. The Cyclones have dropped 19 straight against ranked opponents.

"We just have lapses in concentration, that are really short lapses, but they can be devastating," Iowa State coach Greg McDermott said.

Iowa State threw a bit of a late scare into the Wildcats, though, hitting four 3s in the final 1:01 to crawl back within 79-75. The Cyclones then got the ball back with under 10 seconds left, but two 3-point attempts missed the mark and time ran out on what little chance they had for a comeback.

Iowa State fell behind by as many as 11 points before pulling

within four with 5:50 left. But freshman Rodney McGruder found Kelly for a jumper off a turnover by Brackins, and Clemente's 3 put Kansas State back ahead 68-56.

Kansas State turned to its specialty — creating easy baskets off turnovers — to grab a comfortable lead early in the second half.

Clemente keyed the spurt with two pull-up 3s from the top of the key, giving Kansas State a 41-39 lead. Jamar Samuels and Wally Judge then converted steals into transition dunks, pushing the lead to nine with 15:04 left.

The Wildcats scored 15 points off turnovers in the second half. — after getting just one bucket off Iowa State miscues in the first half.

"It's what we do. We really get into teams and really make them uncomfortable," Pullen said.

After opening Big 12 play with a road loss at Missouri, the Wildcats have now beaten Colorado, No. 20 Baylor, Nebraska and Iowa State in succession on the road.

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