



Two Eagles’ wrestlers take first

Colby squad finishes fifth in tournament

Colby High sophomore Dustin Reed and junior Konnor Kriss each took first in their weight classes at a wrestling tournament in Beloit this weekend. The team took fifth out of 22 teams with 106.5 points.

Clay Center took first with 231 and Hoxie placed second with 168. The other teams in the tournament included Abilene, Beloit, Marysville, Blue Valley Southwest, Smith Center, Salina South, Plainville, Desoto, Chanute, Minneapolis, Republic County, Oberlin, Silver Lake, Lincoln, Bennington, Hill City, Concordia and Osborne.

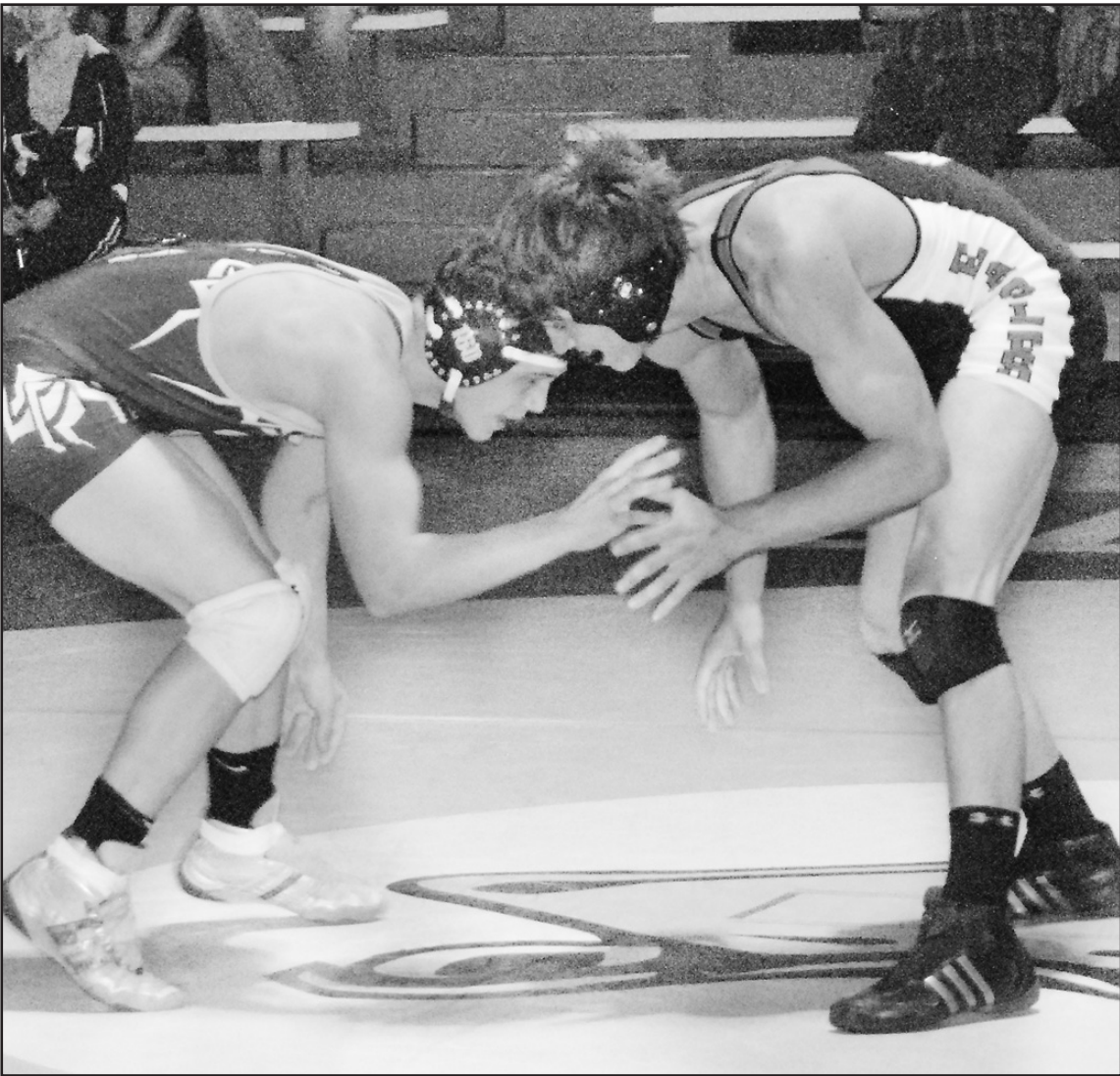
Reed, who is 26-1 in the 112-pound weight class, went 4-0 on the day. He won his final match in a 7-2 decision. He pinned two of his other opponents and won an 11-0 major decision.

Kriss won his final match 8-2 at 130. He pinned his other two opponents. Senior Andrew Flanagin finished second at 171. He got two pins and won his third match 11-10 over Jordan Ward of Abilene. Ward was the No. 1 ranked wrestler in his weight class in the Class 4A Division going into the match, coach Matt Sims said.

Flanagin lost a 3-1 decision in overtime in the finals against Smith Center’s Zach Eaton. Sims said Eaton is the No. 1 ranked wrestler in 321A (rankings for 1, 2 and 3A teams are combined in wrestling).

Senior George Smollock went 4-2 at 189. He won his first match 6-0, but lost his second 3-1. Smollock won 12-2 and 3-1 in his next two matches. He lost his next match 4-2, but took fifth after winning his final contest 9-3.

Sophomore Macen Shull went 1-2 at 125. His win was by technical fall (16-0). A technical fall occurs when someone is leading by 15 or more points. Freshman David Mainus finished fifth at



Colby High senior Andrew Flanagin got ready to lock up with his opponent during the Eagles’ dual Thursday at Norton.

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103. He pinned his first opponent before losing a 7-2 decision. Mainus won his final match to decide fifth place 7-0.

Junior Brandon Leth went 1-2 at 145. He squeezed by his first opponent 7-5 and lost his second match by fall. Leth lost his third 3-1.

Freshman Andrew Taylor went 1-2 at 160. He was pinned in his first match, won a 9-0 major decision in his second and lost his third in a 5-1 decision.

Coach Matt Sims said Leth and Taylor are continuing to improve.

Freshman Ryan Moore went 0-1 at 135. Junior Andrew Elling lost both his matches at 152 and Sophomore Kurtis Sloan went 0-2 at 215. Sophomore Zell Bieberle

lost his only match at 285.

Reed suffered his first loss this season at a dual at Norton on Thursday and the Bluejays beat the Eagles 36-19.

Reed lost to John Risewick 7-4, dropping him to 22-1 at the time. The Eagles’ other two top wrestlers, Flanagin and Kriss, also lost their respective matches. Kriss lost to Troy Bainter 7-3 and Landon Keiswetter slipped by Flanagin 1-0.

One bright spot of the dual was Mainus’ 5-4 win over Branson Addington. Sims said Addington had beaten Mainus earlier in the season. Bieberle bested Josh Asbury 3-1 in a match that went into overtime at 285.

Taylor picked up a 10-1 major

decision victory over Cole Renner and Elling beat Jared Bohl 7-2. Sloan won by forfeit.

In other action Spencer Shirk defeated Smollock 5-3 and Eli Bozarth beat Leth 1-0. Moore got pinned by Brett Terell. Sophomore Brandon Gaede was pinned by Billy Broeckelman of Norton.

The Bluejays’ Justin Waggoner won a 9-5 decision over Shull. Colby had no one to wrestle at 119.

Sims said his team keeps getting better.

Colby will hold the Great West Activities Conference league meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at the high school gym.

Colby Trojans lose two games

The Trojans men’s basketball team has dropped its last two basketball games, losing to Hutchinson on Sunday at the Community Building and suffering a road loss to Butler County Community College on Monday in El Dorado.

The Trojans lost to powerful Hutchinson 80-71 on Sunday. Colby only trailed the No. 7 ranked Blue Dragons 38-36 at the half, but Hutchinson won the second half 42-35.

The Trojans struggled from the foul line, making only 8 of 17 free throws. The Blue Dragons shot and made a lot more free throws than Colby, going 23 for 34.

Hutchinson outrebounded Colby 40-29. The Blue Dragons also made about 56 percent – 27 for 48 – of their field goals. The Trojans hit about 44 percent of their shots, going 27 for 61. They made 9 of 21 shots beyond the arc.

Colby took good care of the ball, only committing 11 turnovers to the Blue Dragons’ 17.

Freshman Carson Konrade had huge game, scoring a team-high 19 on 6-of-9 shooting, including making 5-of-7 three pointers. Freshmen Kevin Jefferson also had a solid game, scoring 18 on 7-of-12 shooting, including hitting 2-of-4 from beyond the arc. Sophomore Michael Morris led the team with 8 rebounds and freshman Hurley Johnson had 3 steals.

Coach Dustin Pfeifer said his the Trojan’s effort was good and their execution was above average.

“We need to step up and make some plays when plays need to be made and make some stops when stops are needed,” he said.

Poor foul shooting played a

vital role in the Trojan men’s 69-59 loss to Butler County Community College.

The Colby College team went 18 of 36 from the foul line, including missing 8 straight at one point, Pfeifer said.

“We had numerous chances to stay ahead or tie,” the coach said. “We just have to make more free throws.”

The Trojans played tough defense holding the Grizzlies to 39 percent field goal shooting, 9 percent from the three-point line. Butler County went 20 for 51 and only hit an abysmal 2-of-21 shots from beyond the arc.

“The defensive effort was good,” the coach said. “We’re going to keep battling and stay positive.”

The Trojans shot 38 percent from the field on 19 of 50 shooting. They only made 3 of 20 three pointers.

The game was tied at 32 at the half.

Colby had 21 turnovers – 14 in the first half – and Butler County 18. The Grizzlies outrebounded the Trojans 44-33. Butler County got 27 defensive rebounds to Colby’s 18. The Trojans had 8 steals, half by Johnson; and the Grizzlies 5. Johnson led the team with 11 points and Konrade and Jefferson added 10 each. Johnson went 1-of-9 from the field, but he went 9 for 13 from the free throw line. Freshman A.J. Barber and Morris both had 9. Morris also had a team-high 8 rebounds.

With the losses, Colby dropped to 10-11 and 1-6 in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference. The Trojans will play Barton County Community College tonight at 8 p.m. in Great Bend.

Girls C-team wins

The Lady Eagles girls basketball C team pounded Burlington 52-18 Tuesday in Colorado.

“The girls played very well,” coach Kacie Goetz said. “Our help defense and ball pressure showed significant signs of improvement that this team has made since the beginning of the season.”

Colby shut out the Lady Cougars 15-0 in the first quarter and led 29-6 at the half. The girls outscored their opponents 19-4 in the third and led 48-10 heading into the final quarter.

Freshman Haileigh Shull led the Lady Eagles with 13 and junior Paige Roopchan added 11. Freshmen Katie Elias finished with 6 and freshmen Haley Mengel, Kaylin Wiens, Paige Armbruster and Andrea Barton scored 4 each. Freshman Morgan Mengel, Hailey’s twin, and Madison Rogers finished with 2 each.

With the win, the girls improved to 4-3. They play at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday at Scott City High School.

Jayhawks bounce back

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) – Every time he stepped to the free throw line, Kansas forward Marcus Morris tapped the black-and-white patch with “LR” stitched into his jersey just above his heart.

It was in honor of Lisa Robinson, 37.

The mother of sophomore sixth-man Thomas Robinson died unexpectedly of an apparent heart attack late Friday night. In the three weeks previously, her father and mother had died.

Robinson wasn’t at No. 6 Kansas’ 82-78 victory over Colorado on Tuesday night, having flown home to Washington, D.C., to

be with his little sister, a second-grader.

His teammates will join him on Wednesday for the funeral the next day.

The Jayhawks overcame their grief and bounced back from their loss to Texas on Saturday – their nation’s-best 69-game homecourt winning streak was snapped by the Longhorns 12 hours after Robinson and his teammates learned of his latest family tragedy.

Kansas freshman Josh Selby scored 17 points in the first half, before turning an ankle that limited his mobility.

Lady Bulldogs wins two in tourney

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The Lady Bulldogs basketball team beat Healy and Brewster-Triplains in the Western Kansas Liberty League tournament. but they fell to No. 1 seeded Greeley County and Dighton.

Golden Plains won at Healy 48-38 in the first round of the tournament, but it lost to No. 1 seeded Greeley County 46-28 in the semifinals on Jan. 13 in Tribune.

After the third tip, the game was underway with Angela Ritter in control of the ball for the Lady Bulldogs. Greeley County stole the ball only to turn it back over to Golden Plains. After several more turnovers by both teams, Melissa Ritter got the first bucket. The Lady Jackrabbits went on a 7-0 run before Jacy Moss pumped in a three-pointer that narrowed the gap to 7-5. The Bulldogs ended the first quarter trailing 11-9.

The Lady Jackrabbits built up a 26-15 lead by halftime. The ‘Rabbits continued to play relentless defense throughout the third, holding the Lady ‘Dogs to a single basket by Hailee Spresser and two free throws by Moss. The ‘Rabbits scored 12 in the quarter and led

38-19 at the end of the third. The Lady Bulldogs managed to add another 9 points in the fourth, but Greeley County prevailed 46-28.

Kylie Jones and Jordan Christensen led the Bulldogs with 8 points each and Melissa Ritter added 5. Moss finished with 4, Angela Ritter, 3; and Spresser, 2.

The girls crushed Brewster/Triplains 42-13 in the semifinal round of the tournament on Friday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse in Goodland.

In a game controlled by the Lady Bulldogs from start to finish, Jones had the only points of the game for the first five minutes before the Lady Titans put any points on the board. She and Angela Ritter continued to post buckets throughout the first quarter. A bucket by Moss combined with strong defense helped Golden Plains attain a 9-5 lead at the end of the quarter. Ritter and Jones continued to dominate the boards and the Lady ‘Dogs extended their lead to 22-9 by half.

Golden Plains went on a 6-0 run at the beginning of the third before Brewster/Triplains made a free-throw. The Lady ‘Dogs scored another 12 points before the Lady ‘Titans made a bucket and a free throw. The ‘Dogs pushed hard and led 42-13 at the end of the third quarter. The Lady Titans managed to

add another 5 points in the fourth and took home their third win of the year with a final score of 52-18.

Jones led the Bulldogs with 13 points along with 12 from Christensen. Angela Ritter put in 9 and Melissa Ritter chipped in 8. Other scorers include Moss, 4; Spresser, MiKayla Lobato and Paulita Ramirez, 2 each.

The Lady Bulldogs took on the Lady Hornets at Dighton on April 15 in the consolation championship game.

The Lady Hornets quickly took over and put in the first 2 points of the game only to have it quickly answered with a bucket from Christensen. Then Dighton went on a 6-0 run before Melissa Ritter put in a couple of free throws to put the Lady ‘Dogs back in the game. The Lady Hornets led 15-7 by end of the quarter. The Bulldogs trailed 33-17 at halftime.

The Lady Bulldogs continued to struggle in the third, only adding 7 to their score while the Lady Hornets extended their lead to 44-24. Golden Plains scored 16 points in the fourth, despite missing some easy shots. The girls trailed Dighton 58-40 when the final buzzer sounded.

Melissa Ritter put in 10 points and Christensen and Moss had 9 each.

Boys C-team picks up two victories on the road

The Colby High boys basketball C team is riding the wave of a two-game winning streak after losing six of its first seven.

The Eagles beat Cheylin 65-59 at Bird City and crushed Burlington 80-45 in Colorado.

Coach Brent Brooks said the game against Cheylin on Jan. 18 went back and forth until about midway through the third quarter when Colby pulled ahead. He said the boys got some stops on defense, took care of the ball and fought through some foul trouble on their way to a victory.

Freshman Michael Schiferl had a team-high 15 points and freshman Spencer Barnes added 13. Freshman Connor Schwanke finished with 10, freshman Chase Hartwell, 8; freshman Luke Cox, 6; and freshman Reed Stephens, 5.

Colby beat Burlington by 35 points on Tuesday in a game that

was originally supposed to take place Jan. 10, but had to be canceled due to bad weather.

“Everybody played pretty good,” Brooks said.

Stephens had a monster game, scoring 30 points and knocking down seven three-pointers.

Cox finished with 12 and

Bremenkamp added 10. Other scorers included sophomore Daniel Myers, 9; Hartwell and Schiferl, 4 each; and freshmen Steven Gaede and Kaden Staab, 2 each.

“We’re improving a lot,” the coach said.

Brooks said his team is giving

great effort and getting more comfortable on offense.

With the wins, the Eagles improved to 3-6.

They play at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday at the Scott City Elementary School gym.

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