

24 wrestlers qualify for state tourney

The Colby Kids Wrestling Club took 35 wrestlers to the district championship Saturday in WaKeeney, where they would need to place within the top four of their weight class to advance to the state tournament.

Twenty-four from the Colby team did just that.

Individual results follow.

In the 8 and under category, Tyler Voss, 67 pounds, Hagan Booi, 95, and Declan Ryan, 125, all took first place.

In the 10 under group, Rathe Aschenbrenner, 64, and Tucker Branum, 100, first.

In the 12 under, Braiden Lynn, 64, and Ethan Jay, 240, first; Lucas Taylor, 165, second; and Rex Branum, 100, third.

In the 14 under category, Ernie Leija, 80, and Tate Carney, 90, first; Brook Zeigelmeier, 115, Matthew Peiper, 140, Ben Matchell, 150, and Austin Hart, 175, second; and Tanner Elias, 95, Brady Holzmeister, 120, Brennan Zeigelmeier, 125, and Justin Leth, 150, third.

In the high school group, Dustin Reed, 126, Konnor Kriss, 145, and Beau Brown, 182, first; and Andrew Taylor, 170, second.



Rex Branum (top) at 100 pounds, wrestled Saturday at the Colby Kids Wrestling Club district tournament in WaKeeney. He took third in the 12-and-under category to qualify for the state tournament. HOLLY LYNN/Colby Kids Wrestling Club

Recreation Department gears up for new session

The Colby Recreation Department will be starting its spring session of classes, beginning Monday, April 2, just in time to get in shape for the summer.

Active Yoga will run on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. or Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m.

Yoga Sweat will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:45 to 6:30 a.m., and Boot Camp will run Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:45 to 6:30 a.m.

Bethanie Williams is the instructor for all of these classes.

The department will be holding a new Tennis Camp with instructor Ray Schindler. Clinics will be held on Saturdays, April 7 and 14; cost is \$15 for ages 5 and up.

Clinics are held at the tennis courts in Fike Park. Bring your own racquet; balls are provided.

For kids ages 5 to 11, clinics will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Ages 12 to 19 will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon and 20 years and older will

be from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Sign up at the department office in the Community Building by Thursday, April 5.

"I guess we hit the spring break where everyone actually went somewhere," said Recreation Director Stacy Lee.

Lee said she will be mailing out refunds beginning Tuesday.

For information or to register for any of these events, call Lee at 460-4440.

Jets, Broncos complete trade for popular Denver quarterback

By Dennis Waszak Jr.

NEW YORK — Tim Tebow is coming to New York. Really.

After a big false start, the New York Jets pulled off a Tebow-like comeback Wednesday night, getting the quarterback who turned the Denver Broncos from an also-ran into a playoff team last season and became the NFL's most talked-about player — for a fourth- and sixth-round draft pick.

Now, Tebowmania is opening on Broadway.

And, there's sure to be plenty of drama — just as there was from the moment the Jets pulled off the deal. Or thought they did, that is.

"I'm thankful they stuck with me through this whole crazy process," Tebow said during a call late Wednesday night.

Eight hours after initially agreeing to a trade, the teams completed it after it was hung up when the

Jets balked at repaying Denver more than \$5 million for a salary advance due Tebow. The two sides agreed to split that cost, and Jets general manager Mike Tannenbaum said the team was "comfortable with the compensation."

He said there was a disagreement about how to handle the salary advance after Denver received the papers.

So the Jets waited and waited — and looked as if they had botched the big deal. Despite ultimately pulling off the trade, it's just another bizarre moment for the Jets, a team that has had its share of them over the years, conjuring memories of Bill Belichick's hiring as coach and his resignation one day later.

The deal also raised questions about the Jets' commitment to Mark Sanchez, who received a \$40.5 million contract extension, with \$20.5 million guaranteed,

earlier this month.

During a call late Wednesday night, Tannenbaum repeatedly referred to Sanchez as "our guy" and the team's unquestioned starting quarterback.

But the Jets have opened themselves — and Sanchez — to what could be a season of added criticism from restless fans who are sure to call for Tebow to play at the first sign of struggles.

Bulldogs junior varsity finishes season at home

By Judy Rogers

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The Golden Plains junior varsity boys basketball team finished its season on its home floor against the Northern Valley Huskies.

The Bulldogs started off the game Feb. 24 falling behind 7-17, with first-quarter points coming from Joseph Koerperich, Chance Hoeting and Camron Spresser.

They doubled their score in the second quarter by putting in 14 points as Koerperich continued to score along with Benny Martinez. Hoeting, Grant Spresser and Camron Spresser each scored a bucket to close their deficit to 21-29 by the half.

In the second half, it took most of the quarter before a three by Grant Spresser increased the home team's score. A steal and bucket from Hoeting closed the gap to 9 points for the Bulldogs. Another quick bucket came from Camron Spresser before the quarter ended.

Scoring just 7 in the third, and trailing 43-28, the fourth quarter required the boys to step up their pace.

Hoeting started the quarter with a quick basket, then added a free throw as the Huskies matched buckets. With the clock ticking down, Tomas Ferncak put in a basket before the Huskies pulled ahead to lead by 20, 53-33. Determined to finish

with pride, the Bulldogs added points with a three from Hoeting, another bucket from Ferencak and 2 points from Tom Koubek. Kain Schiltz finished off the Bulldog offense with a free throw. The Huskies managed one last basket to win the game 55-41.

Hoeting finished the game with 11 points as Koerperich put in 8. Camron Spresser put in 6 and Grant Spresser 5. Other points came from Martinez 4, Ferncak 4, Koubek 2 and Schiltz 1.

"It was good that everyone had a chance to play as a team in this last home game," Hoeting said.

The junior varsity boys finished their season with a 4-9 record including a win in the first game of the season and three in January. With four seniors graduating, several of them will be required to step up to varsity next year.

Koubek will be returning to Germany next year.

"It was great to experience American sports," he said. "I especially enjoyed basketball because it is a fast sport."

"They need to improve on their passing to reduce turnovers," said Zach Spresser.

Tristan Schwarz said he felt they needed to shoot more and box out. Schiltz summarized their feelings when he said, "We need to improve all aspects of the game."

Grant Spresser concluded, "We are going to have to step it up for next year."

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