

Wrestlers fall at home to Garden City

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The Colby High varsity wrestling team fell to Garden City 46-20 Thursday in a home dual at the high school.

Five Eagle wrestlers won their matches. Alex Young, 113 pounds, won over Cris Vividor 6-4 in overtime; Dustin Reed, 126, won by technical fall over Alec Castillo 17-2; Macen Shull, 138, won by forfeit; Beau Brown, 182, defeated Juan Carlos Rodriguez 6-4; and Zell Bieberle, 285, won over Montana Fuller 1-0.

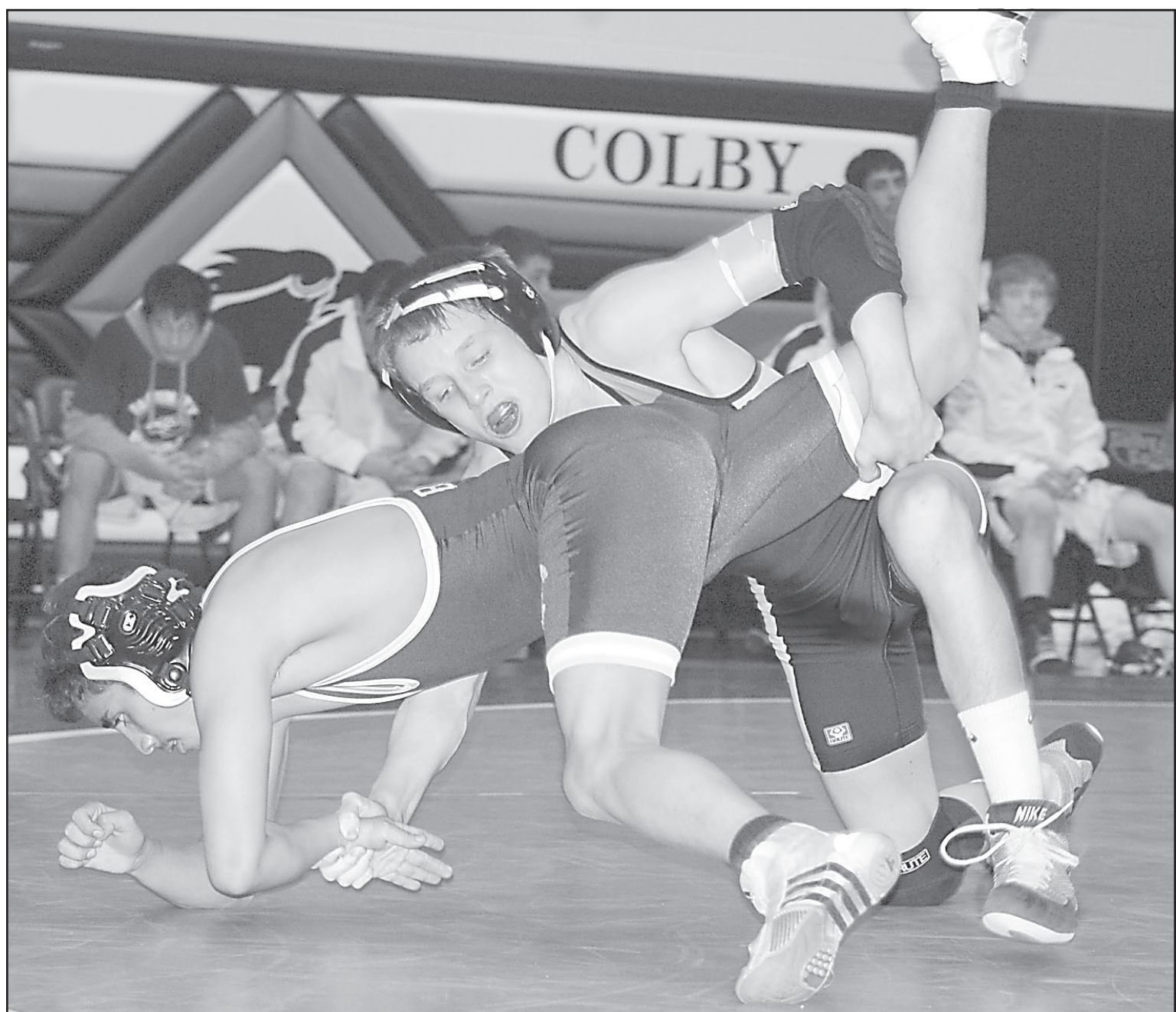
The results of the other matches: Tanner Elias, 106, lost by major decision to Mark Perez 10-1; Taylor O'Leary, 120, was pinned by Matt Urritia in 3 minutes, 26 seconds; Brett Schroeder, 132, was pinned by Tevin Brisco in 1:30; Kyle Finley, 145, was pinned by Trevor Kennedy in 1:20; Ben Matchell, 152, was pinned

by Chris Alder in 5:10; Brandon Gaede, 160, was pinned by Trenton Chiddix in 4:55; Andrew Taylor, 170, lost to Anthony Gardner 10-4; Troy Quenzer, 195, fell to Sammy Reyes 3-1; and Austin Hart, 220, was pinned by Samson Aldaco in 3:15.

The varsity boys wrestle again at 6:30 tonight against Hoxie at the high school and it will be the team's senior night. The ceremony will begin at 6:30 and should only last about 10 minutes. Matches will begin after that.

Colby will then hold the Bill Voss Novice Tourney beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday at the high school.

KAYLA CORNETT/Colby Free Press
Alex Young, 113 pounds, tried to flip his opponent on his back Thursday during the Colby High varsity wrestling dual in the high school gym. The Eagles fell to Garden City 46-20.



Five more athletes qualify for nationals

The Colby Community College men's indoor track team competed at the Texas Tech Red Raider Open on Saturday.

The Trojans added five more national qualifiers at the meet and broke two school records.

The 4x400 meter relay team of Johnathan Stiles, Aaron Lecesne, Ashley Riley and Fabian Hayles set a school record with a time of 3:17.80. Jonathan Burgess set a 3,000-meter record in 8:38.66.

"Coach (Bernard) Newbold is doing a great job with our sprinters," said Coach James Ortiz. "These guys are going after all the sprint records this season."

National qualifiers at the event include Stiles, 400 meters, 49.89; Brandon Parson, 600 yards, 1:15.52; Peter Koskey, 1,000 meters, 2:34.82; and Juan Pacheco, 5,000 meters, 15:24.38.

"We got back on track and had numerous personal bests over the weekend," Ortiz said. "The pieces are coming together."

"Our focus the next two weeks is to be the best we can be for the Region VI Championships."

The next meet for the men is regionals next Friday in Lawrence. The Trojans finished in seventh place last year with 70 points, their best finish in school history.

Lady Bulldogs play close game

By Hailee Spresser
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The Golden Plains High School Lady Bulldogs edged out the host Quinter Lady Bulldogs by a count of 47-40 in a road game last week.

Golden Plains came into the Battle of the Bulldogs Jan. 22 with a 9-2 record and a hope of continuing their seven-win streak.

"We learned some things from this game. It is very important to rebound and shoot when you are open," said junior Pualita Ramirez.

"We need to learn to step into every game with a winning attitude and give it all we got until the last buzzer."

"Even though this was a very

rough and physical game, we came out on top and keep moving up."

Golden Plains began the game scoring 13 in the first quarter while holding Quinter to 10.

The Lady Bulldogs had a slow start in the first half, allowing Quinter to outscore them in the second quarter by one basket, 11-9.

Golden Plains headed to the locker room at halftime up by just one, 22-21.

The Lady Bulldogs came out in the third quarter ready and determined to put it to Quinter. Golden Plains put in 13 points. With steady defense, the Lady Bulldogs only allowed Quinter 6 to end the third quarter 35-27.

Although Quinter outscored Golden Plains by 1 in the fourth quarter, it wasn't enough to pull ahead.

Golden Plains crept their way through to win 47-40.

Jordan Christensen scored 18 points along with Angela Ritter 12, MiKayla Lobato 6, Hailee Spresser 5 and Kylie Jones, Kami Miller and Pualita Ramirez 2 each.

The Lady Bulldogs played their last matchup of the week on Jan. 25 against the 3-9 Northern Valley Lady Huskies at home.

After traveling to Cheylin on Jan. 29, Logan on Feb. 1 and Hill City on Tuesday, the Lady Bulldogs will play at home tonight against Healy.

Junior varsity dominates round robin action at home

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The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs dominated in a round robin basketball event held at the high school in Rexford on Jan. 26. The girls played two games – one against Brewster-Triplains and one against Logan – adding two more wins to their outstanding season record.

"It was fun to play two full games in one day," said sophomore Rachael Ritter.

The girls remain undefeated, 7-0, after this event.

Starting off a full day of basketball excitement, Ritter scored 6 points in the first quarter as she and her teammates held the Lady Titans to 1. Taylor Todd and Kynndra Rush each added 4 points in the second to give the Lady Bulldogs a 14-5 lead at the half.

The Lady Titans were deter-

mined in the third as they added 11 points to their side of the board, allowing Todd to score twice more and Tayler Petersen and Brianna Stoll to add to the Lady Bulldogs 23-16 lead going into the fourth. The Lady Bulldogs continued to hustle and play hard as they held the Lady Titans to 2 and added 5 more to the 28-18 final score.

After the boys game against the Titans, the ladies were back on the floor to compete with the Lady Trojans from Logan. Junior Pualita Ramirez set the pace in this game with a quick 2 followed by 4 points from Rush. Madison Walz played strong underneath, putting in 9 points during the first quarter. Additional shots from Ramirez, Petersen and Todd gave the Lady Bulldogs a 20-6 lead by the end of the first.

The Lady Trojans came back in the second to add 9 more points to their side of the scoreboard, but the Lady Bulldogs were not to be stopped as they made 7 of their 9

free throws in this quarter to widen their lead to 33-15 at halftime. The Lady Trojans were not about to give up or give in as they rallied in the second half to put in 13 more points in both the third and fourth quarters as the Lady Bulldogs slowed their pace, adding 8 in the third and 11 in the fourth. Fortunately for the Lady 'Dogs, their aggressive first half lead allowed them to hold on for the 52-41 victory.

Freshman Rush led the Lady Bulldogs with 18 points. Walz contributed another 14 along with Ramirez 8, Petersen 6, Todd 5 and Ana Bermudez 1.

"We are more prepared for when we sub in on varsity. This experience helps us step up for varsity play in future seasons," said Ritter.

The girls will go on the road to Quinter, Logan and Hill City before facing the Triplains-Brewster Lady Titans again on Tuesday.

Judge delays hearing in KU ticket case

WICHITA (AP) – A judge has delayed a hearing for a former University of Kansas athletics consultant seeking a shorter sentence for his role in a ticket-scalping conspiracy.

U.S. District Judge Monti Belot on Thursday put off until Feb. 19 the hearing for Thomas Ray Blubaugh.

Blubaugh is serving a 46-month sentence for conspiracy to defraud the United States. He is the husband of Charlette Blubaugh, former ticket director

for Kansas athletics.

Belot also granted a prosecution request for copies of files from Blubaugh's previous attorney. The judge said Blubaugh waived attorney-client privilege when he claimed attorney Stephen Robinson did a poor job on his case. Robinson is expected to testify.

The Blubaughs were among seven people convicted in a \$2 million scheme involving the theft and sale of Jayhawk athletic tickets.

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