



# Colby wrestlers take second at state

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The Colby High squad took nine wrestlers to the Class 4A State Wrestling Tournament on Friday and Saturday and left the Salina Bicentennial Center with one state champion and the second-place trophy.

The Eagles, who scored 96 points, have been the runner-up at state two years in a row, falling to Andale last year and Holton (104.5 points) this year.

Senior Dustin Reed, wrestling at 126 pounds, won his third state championship and finished the season with a perfect 50-0 record after his state matches. It was his fourth time in the championship match after finishing as the runner-up his freshman year.

Reed started the tourney facing Lane Rosenberg of Altamont-Labette County High School, and he pinned him in 3 minutes, 18 seconds. He pinned his next opponent, Payton Smith of Winfield, in 4:34.

His next match was a tight battle, with the winner advancing to the championship. He got by Adam Cole, Chanute, 5-4 to wrestle for the title.

Reed went up against Bryce Morgan of El Dorado for the gold, and came out with a 7-3 decision to get his 50th win and the first-place medal.

Andrew Taylor, 170, was the runner-up in his weight. In his first match, he dominated Jace McDown, Columbus, 7-1. He then won a close match with Kolby Fannewald, Mulvane, with a 4-3 decision.

Next he took on Christian Ogden, Hoyt-Royal Valley, to try to get into the championship, posting an 8-5 win. Wrestling for first place, Taylor came up against Trevor Whittaker of Lindsborg-Smoky Valley, losing

6-3 to finish second.

Zell Bieberle, 285, finished in third place. He took down Steven Degollado, Ulysses, 9-1, and pinned Brendan Neal, Perry-Lecompton High School, in 2:54. He fell to Joe Pomatto, Paola, 3-1 and went to the consolation bracket.

Bieberle beat Cooper Zeller, Holton, 4-3 in an ultimate tie breaker to wrestle for third. He came out on top of Josh Horn, Winfield, pinning him in 4 minutes to grab the third-place medal.

David Mainus, 106, came in fourth. He got off to a rocky start, losing to Emmanuel Browne, Kansas City-Summer Academy, 5-3 to move to the consolation bracket.

He improved his wrestling, pinning Bryce Ledford, Winfield, in 1:24' defeating Tucker Schreiner, Meriden-Jefferson West, 4-1; and taking down Logan McDowell, Abilene, 5-2.

Mainus crushed Levi Kester, Pittsburg, 7-2, to get into the third-place round. He faced Case Pemberton, LaCygne-Prairie View, but fell in the final period 3-2 to take fourth.

Beau Brown, 182, took sixth. He won his first match 7-4 over Dalton Weidl, Ottawa, but lost his next one 5-1 to Armando Sandoval, Ulysses.

In the consolation bracket, he overcame Evan Elston, Mulvane, 6-2, and Lee Koch, Garnett-Anderson County, 11-3. He didn't make it to the third-place match, losing to Jake Bradley, LaCygne-Prairie View, 3-2. He lost to Sandoval once again in the fifth-place match, 4-2, for sixth.

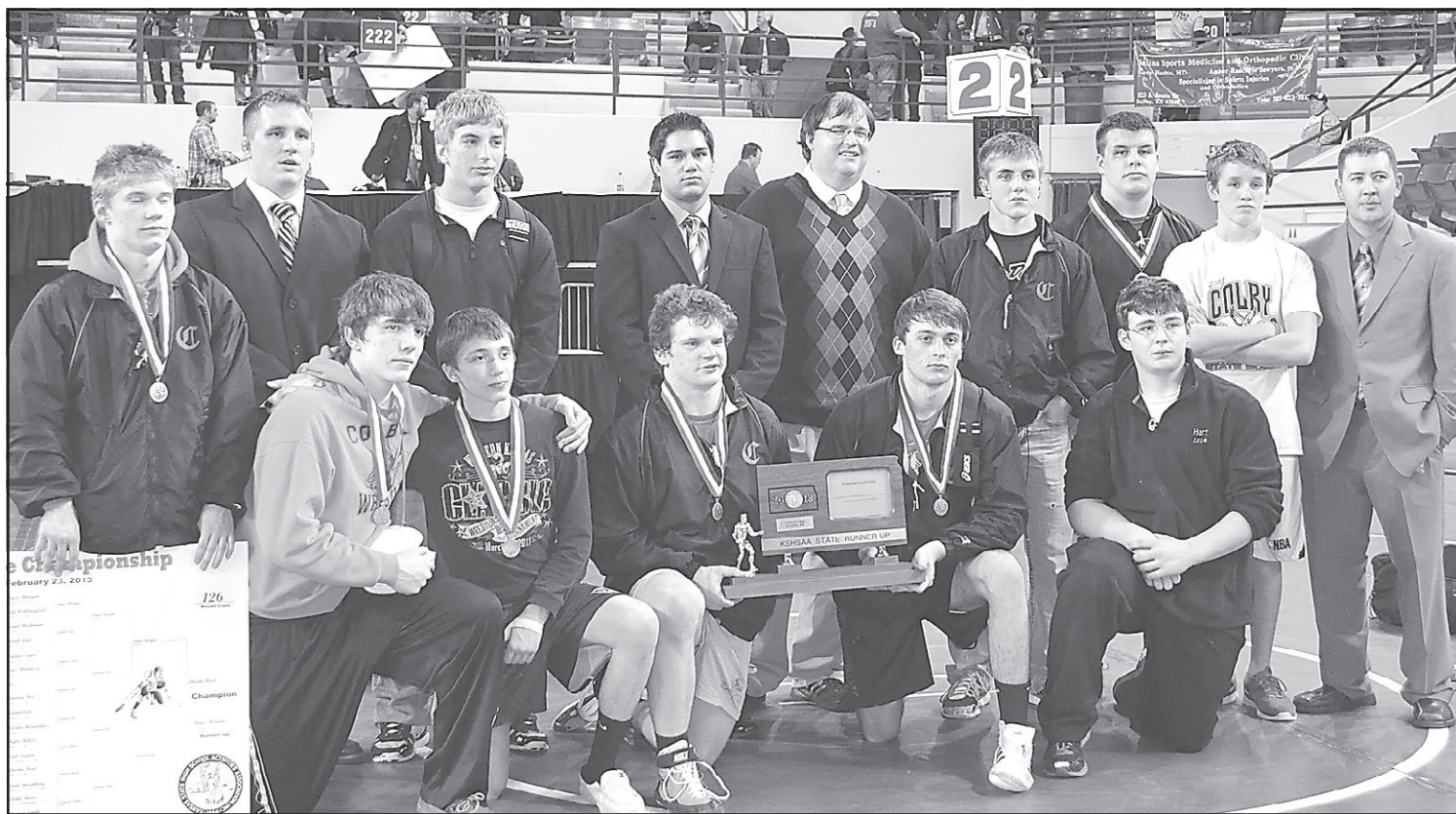
Quade Woofter, 160, also finished in sixth place. He met Quentin Spainhower, Augusta, first and crushed him 9-1. He

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Colby High's Dustin Reed (left) tried to pin his opponent during the Class 4A State Wrestling Tournament at the Salina Bicentennial Center on Friday. Reed, a senior, won the state championship at 126 pounds for the third time in his high school career. The Colby wrestlers and coaches (below) had their second-place trophy after the tourney.

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The recent snowfall kept Brittany Alexander (left) and Zoe Krohn busy making a small town of snowmen with their friends Saturday afternoon – and occasionally throwing the pieces at each other.

# Another snow storm covers the area

Another snow storm blanketed Colby on Sunday, helping keep conditions on the roads slick and nasty, and more snow is expected Tuesday, though the Colby area got just a taste of this one.

The main part of the storm swept up through the Texas Panhandle, where state officials had to recall snowplows because of the blizzard. The storm moved on into southern Kansas toward Wichita and Kansas City.

The storm was blamed for at least one fatal wreck this morning and one injury accident over the weekend, though state troopers reported many slide-offs and other minor incidents on slick highways.

One person was killed this morning after a vehicle rolled on Interstate 70 just west of Goodland.

The Goodland Star News reported that emergency medical technicians, fire-rescue units and Kansas Highway Patrol troopers rushed to the accident at 7:56 a.m. near mile 13, four miles west of Goodland. A single vehicle had rolled into the median, coming to rest on its wheels.

Two people were taken to the Goodland Regional Medical Center at 8:12 a.m. Emergency responders reported they were performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation on one the patients, who was not breathing. The victim was pronounced dead shortly after arriving at the hospital at 8:25 a.m. The trooper taking the report was at the hospital this morning, and no details were available.

An accident Saturday morning sent a Denver man to the hospital after his truck struck

a guardrail at the east Oakley interchange.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that Nathan P. Williams, 25, was westbound on the Interstate on Saturday morning. He lost control of his 2001 Chevrolet Blazer at 10:41 at mile 76, just outside of Oakley. The truck struck a guardrail on the north shoulder before coming to rest in the driving lane. Williams was taken to Logan County Hospital, where no one would say what his condition was.

A trooper reported that roads in Sherman County were icy, and the Kansas Department of Transportation reports that almost all roads in northwest Kansas have remained covered with ice or packed snow since last

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# Murder suspect charged today for Colby death

William Andrew Shank, 24, Garden City, has been formally charged with murder in Thomas County District Court in connection with the Feb. 9 death of 27-year-old Teri L. Morris in Colby.

A statement from Don Brown, communications director for Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt, said Schmidt filed charges today against Shank for first-degree murder, aggravated arson and aggravated burglary.

Shank is being held in the Thomas County Jail on a \$1 million bond. First appearance before District Judge Glenn Schiffner

was set for at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

The defendant has been held here since shortly after his arrest the day of the killing near Lenora in Phillips County. He was held overnight in the Phillips County Jail and transferred to Colby the next day.

Morris was found near death in her burning home after firemen were called to put out a fire. Her 9-month-old daughter was missing but was found safe later in the day.

Brown said the attorney general's office would make no additional comment at this time.

# City Council puts bidding on hold

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Bidding for two generators and related work was put on hold by the Colby City Council Tuesday after councilmen suggested that outside engineering firms should be given a chance to look at the projects, rather than using specifications put together by a Colby electrical firm.

"We'll look at taking proposals from engineers in the near future," City Manager Tyson McCreer

said after the meeting. "I don't know if it will be at the next council meeting."

The first tabled motion would have approved the specifications for a new generator and primary power upgrade at City Hall and the second was to upgrade equipment at a new communications tower for use by city services. McCreer said that Jeff Unger of Jim's

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