

Eagles take dual from 6A Top 10 Demons

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Stay classy, Colby, because there was certainly no class discrimination when the Eagles decided to finish off 6A No. 10 Dodge City Thursday night. Seniors first! Senior 182-pounder Andrew Taylor started the fun with a 4:42 pin of Jhett Ostrom. Whee! Junior Jay Ziegelmeier then flung Michael Russell to the mat to start his 1:25 pin at 195 pounds. Taylor and Ziegelmeier had turned Colby's 23-19 team deficit into a 31-23 lead.

Gotcha! Sophomore Austin Hart rolled over and stuck Jay Harshberger just seven seconds into the third period of their 220-pound showdown.

Finally, he's a freshman! One big, tough freshman in Ethan Jay who literally smothered away any victory hopes for Demons heavyweight Brennan Tate.

Jay's 1:47 planted the final six points on a 43-23 dual win. It also let everyone paying attention know the Eagles — even with nine freshmen and sophomores in their varsity lineup — are still a threat to any team challenging them.

"We did a good job of battling through some bad conditioning," coach Matt Sims said. "Obviously, we're going to be better conditioned as time goes on. But I'm pleased with the effort. That's what we have been emphasizing, and I saw a lot of good effort tonight from everyone."

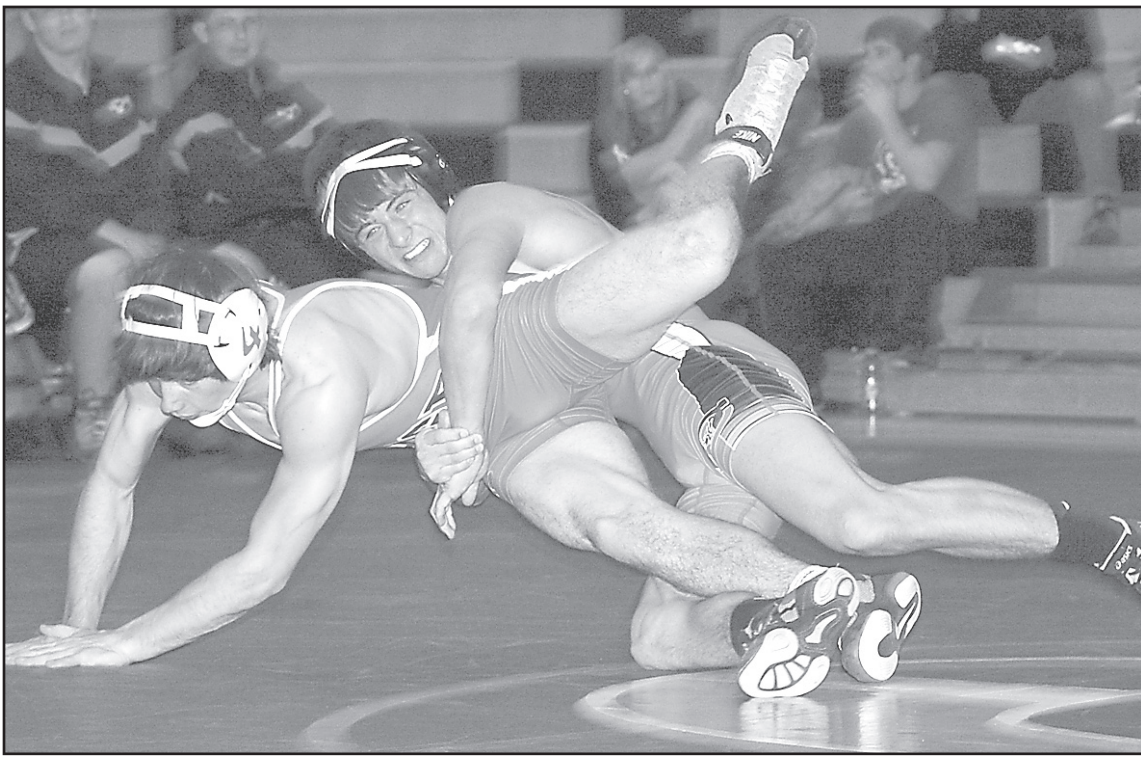
Besides crushing pins, the Eagles also proved they could capture close wins.

One memorable match featured 152-pound junior Kyle Finley trading points and moves for all three periods with Dodge City's Dylan Servis.

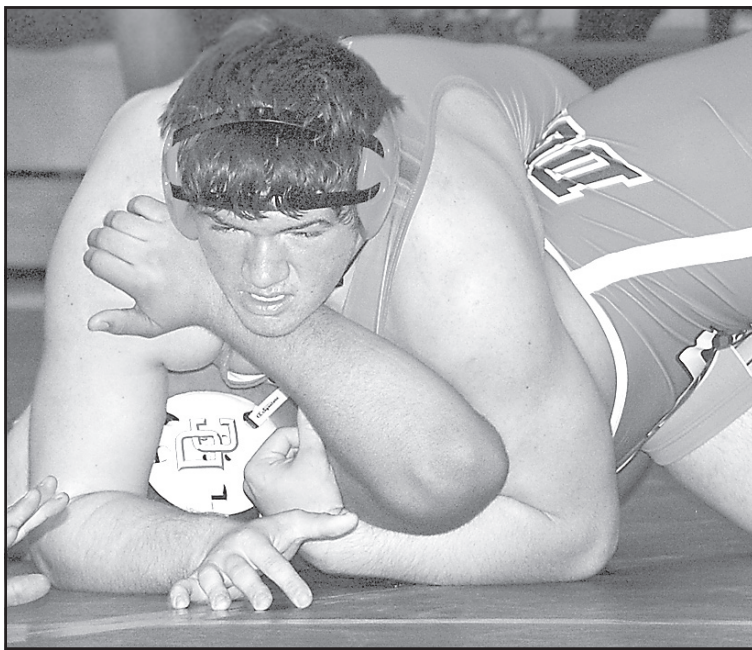
Finley fell behind 2-0, took a 7-2 lead and then saw Servis catch him again at 9-9.

An escape put Servis ahead 10-9 as the final seconds ticked away, so Finley made one final takedown move.

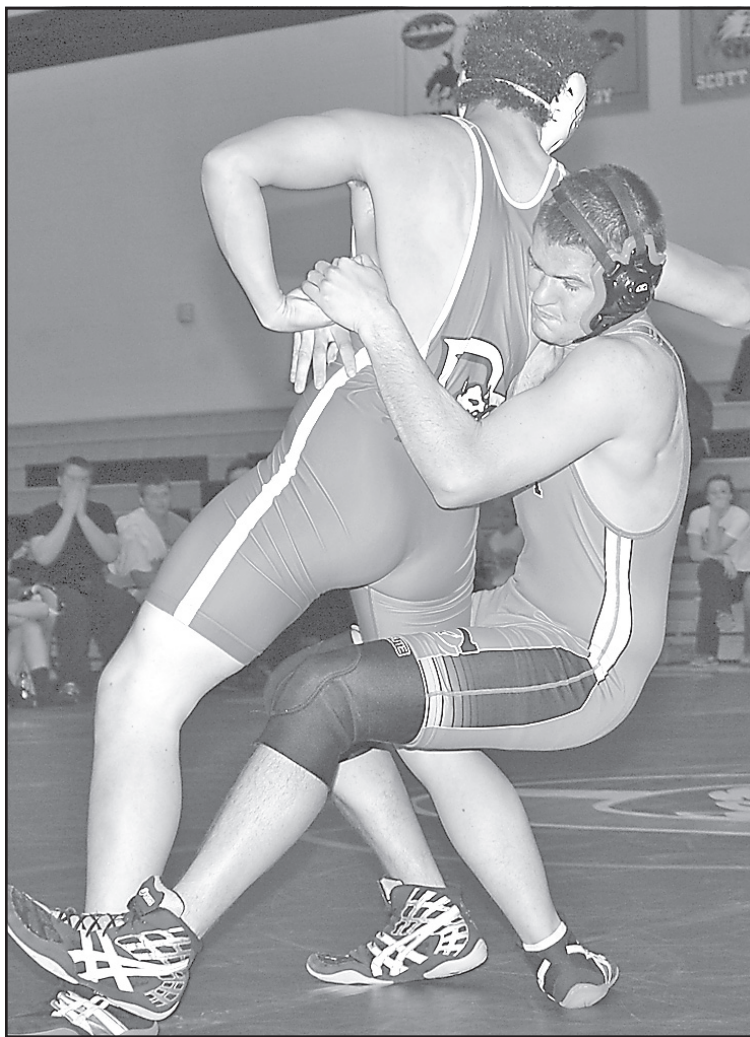
The buzzer sounded and Servis



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Colby High freshman Tanner Elias, above, put the pressure on Dodge City's Clay Weil, considered one of the top 126-pounders in Class 6A. Meanwhile, freshman classmate Ethan Jay, right, draws close to a pin of heavyweight foe Brennan Tate which also clinched the 43-23 dual victory for Colby Thursday evening.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Colby High junior Jay Ziegelmeier pulled Dodge City's Michael Russell down to the mat before finishing a 1:25 pin in their 195-pound match Thursday night.



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Colby High sophomore Austin Hart rolled over and stuck Jay Harshberger just seven seconds into the third period of their 220-pound showdown Thursday night.

pinned Landon Blackburn in :38
120: David Mainus, Colby, lost 6-4 to Jaquan Graves
126: Tanner Elias, Colby, was pinned by Clay Weil in 4:22
132: Alex Young, Colby, lost 9-0 to Jaden McRoberts
138: Travis Finley, Colby, won 12-7 over Tylor Garcia
145: Brady Holzmeister, Colby, lost 11-3 to Nick Killion
152: Kyle Finley, Colby, won 11-10 over Dylan Servis
160: Matthew Pieper, Colby, won 3-1 over Zachary Cook
171: Connor Edmundson, Colby, was pinned by Cole Trent in 1:30
182: Andrew Taylor, Colby, pinned Jhett Ostrom in 4:42
195: Jay Ziegelmeier, Colby, pinned Michael Russell in 1:25
220: Austin Hart, Colby, pinned Jacob Harshberger in 4:07
285: Ethan Jay, Colby, pinned Brennan Tate in 1:47

Great Bend girls get win over Eagles

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Panthers aren't leading to any panic attacks for new Colby coach Ryan Becker.

Sure, he would love a better season debut from his Eagle girls Thursday afternoon, because shootouts are always more fun with shots actually being taken.

"I counted 32 turnovers according to our stats," Becker remarked after Colby's 58-48 loss to the Great Bend Panthers. "We convert half of those into shots, we're probably up in this game."

Indeed. Despite a flurry of miscues against full-court Panther pressure, the Eagles caught Great Bend 35-35 through three quarters.

Junior Shaila Giebler scored two big baskets during that period as she delivered eight second-half

points.

However, the Panthers also suddenly found their shooting touch — especially top scorer McKenna Mauler.

Mauler carved Colby's zone defense with a pair of three-point daggers, and Morgan Harwood sliced another through the nets during Great Bend's 23-point fourth quarter.

"We can be angry (about not winning), but at the same time realize we completed against a team with eight top players returning," Becker said. "It's game one. We'll be okay. We just need to come back tomorrow with a look in our eye about getting better."

Despite foul trouble, senior Haileigh Shull's nine points paced Colby (unofficially) while sophomore Brenly Terrell added seven.

Junior Hannah Strange scored six, Brooklyn Bange netted four and Brielle McKee netted two.

home early and use that home crowd," Sims concluded. "They do a great job."

Complete varsity results Thursday evening. Colby victories ap-

pear in bold type:

Colby 43, Dodge City 23
106: Ernie Leija, Colby, won 12-3 over Collin Clark
113: Tate Carney, Colby,

Panther comeback ruins Colby opener

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Once they clean up a foul smell from the free-throw, Colby High's varsity boys should be celebrating some basketball wins this winter.

Unfortunately, a four-for-14 effort at free-throw line doomed the Eagles against Great Bend in Thursday's Hays Shootout tournament opener.

The Great Bend Panthers buried 20 free throws (32 attempts), and that advantage teamed with a 17-6 fourth quarter sealed their 59-53 comeback win.

"We played hard and we played fast, which are two of our main goals," new Colby head coach Kevin Brown said. "If we do that, we're going to get some wins. But toward the end, we stopped rebounding and they (Great Bend) started getting to all the loose balls, it seemed."

The Eagles (0-1) led for more than two quarters after senior Adam Giersch's fast-break basket broke a 14-14 tie. Teammate Cameron Brown also raced downcourt and delivered an assist to Giersch.

Just seconds later, Ashton Russ' three-point swisher — Colby's only triple of this opener — put

the Eagles ahead 19-14 to finish that opening quarter.

Colby's leads ranged from five to nine points through those next two periods. Driving baskets from senior Luke Cox, Brown and Giersch followed by a Brown free throw created the largest Eagle advantage of 44-35.

The margin was still 51-44 midway through quarter four, but Great Bend (1-0) suddenly grabbed momentum and finished on a 15-2 surge.

Colby's only basket during that final stretch was a Cox baseline bank shot making it 53-52. Sophomore Chandler Comfort found

Cox with another good pass.

The Panthers then reeled off seven unanswered closing points. Foul trouble and rebounding issues clearly hurt Colby down the stretch.

Unofficially, senior Marc Bremenkamp's 14 points paced the Eagles while Brown added 13. Others hitting shots were Comfort (eight points), Russ (seven), Giersch (six), Cox (four) and freshman Donte Whitfield (one point).

The Eagles begin consolation tourney play today (4:45 p.m.) against Hays Thomas More Prep. Watch for results on Monday.

Titans, Crusaders will play Sagebrush

The 2013 Brewster Sagebrush Shootout tips off Tuesday with 16 teams (eight boys, eight girls) participating.

A glance at the complete tournament schedule with all games being played in Brewster High School's gymnasiums.

Boys

Tuesday — Heartland Christian vs. Stratton, 3 p.m. (north gym); Triplains-Brewster vs. Logan, 3 p.m. (south gym); Stockton vs. St. Francis, 6 p.m. (north gym); Weskan vs. Healy, 6 p.m. (south gym).

Friday — Championship semifinals, 6 p.m. Heartland-Stratton winner vs. Weskan-Healy winner (south gym); Triplains-Brewster-Logan winner vs. Stockton-St. Francis winner (north gym). Losers of openers play 4:30 p.m. consolation semifinals in same gyms.

Saturday — Seventh-place game, 3:30 p.m. (north gym); fifth-place game, 3:30 p.m. (south

gym) and third-place game, 5:30 p.m. (north gym). Championship game is 5:30 p.m. in north gymnasium.

Girls

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Saturday — Seventh-place game, 2 p.m. (north gym); fifth-place game, 2 p.m. (south gym) and third-place game, 7:30 p.m. (north gym). Championship game is 7:30 p.m. in south gymnasium.

Chiefs' defense has faith for final stretch

The Kansas City Star

The stats have been ugly recently, but it's the losses that have bothered Chiefs linebacker Derrick Johnson.

So when he learned that the Chiefs' once-vaunted defense — you know, the one that was dominant during their 9-0 start this season has allowed over 400 yards in four consecutive games, Johnson was, well, somewhat taken aback.

"That's surprising," Johnson said.

The Chiefs allowed a season-high 535 yards to the Broncos on Sunday, their second-worst total in the past 20 seasons, according to ESPN Stats and Information.

So what gives? For one, without offering excuses, Johnson pointed to the fact that the Chiefs have faced a Denver team regarded as an offensive juggernaut.

The Washington Redskins — Sunday's opponent — are not.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
WILLARD E. SCOTT, deceased

Case No. 13 PR 35

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THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS
CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Richard C. Scott, one of the heirs-at-law of Willard E. Scott, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of an undivided one-fourth (1/4th) mineral interest in and to the following described real estate situated in Thomas County, Kansas:

Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Nine (9) South, Range Thirty-four (34) West of the 6th P.M., Thomas County, Kansas.

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of his death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 30, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in the City of Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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