

Surrounded



Chadron State University photo.

Beau Sheets of Colby found himself surrounded by defenders from New Mexico Highlands after catching a pass during Chadron State College's 48-0 triumph on Saturday. Sheets caught two passes for 39 yards, including a 19-yard touchdown. He has also returned nine kickoffs for 316 yards to rank among the nation's leaders. He is now a junior at Chadron State and is the son of Scott and Vicki Sheets of Marienthal, formerly of Colby.

Colby wrestlers named as Academic All-Americans

Colby High School wrestler Adam Smith and Colby Community College wrestler Matt Murray earned All-American honors in the National High School Coaches Association's 100-member Academic All-American Wrestling Team for 2001.

Murray, a senior at Colby last season, and Smith both were chosen based on a combination of grade point average, class rank, test scores, other academic honors and wrestling accomplishments.

Matt Murray was a two-time state champion with a 36-0 record at 135 pounds for coach Mitch Beims at Colby High School. He finished sixth in the National High School Seniors Wrestling Championships at 130 pounds and had a high school career record of 127-11.

Matt earned a 3.96 grade point average and graduated number two in a class of 107. He is the son of Jim and Bernice Murray of Colby.

Smith is a senior at Colby High School. He was one of eleven state qualifiers for the Colby wrestling team



M. Murray



A. Smith

that won the Class 4A State Championship last season. He finished sixth in the 215 pound class at the state tournament. He holds a 3.84 grade point average and stands number two in a class of 91.

The 100 members of the 2001 All-Academic Team include 75 graduating

seniors, 23 juniors, three sophomores, and two freshmen, and come from 40 states.

They hold an average grade-point average of 3.86 (on a 4.0-point scale) - 26 hold 4.0 averages and seven either graduated or stand number one in their graduating class.

The leading states in representation were Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, with five each. Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, and Wyoming had four each.

The team also included 43 state champions, including 12 two-time champions and four three-time champions with perfect records.

"This is an outstanding accomplishment for both Matt and Adam," according to Colby High School wrestling coach Mitch Beims. "To succeed in the classroom and on the mat is a rare feat throughout our nation."

Stock seat team ties for first

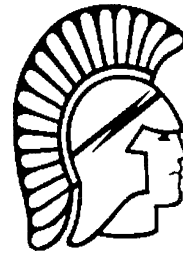
CARLSBAD, N.M. — Colby Community College tied for high point team with their host New Mexico State University in the stock seat division at the horse show held Oct. 19-21 in Carlsbad.

Andi Dosek, Oceanside, Calif., received 12 points in hunt seat flat with a second on Friday and first on Saturday. Megan Pridey, Salina, placed first in beginning walk trot on Saturday, bringing her total points to 20.

Neil Hopson, Phillipsburg, pointed up to Intermediate II with a third place on Saturday and first on Sunday. Katie Strifler, Westmoreland, received another first place in Intermediate I to bring her total points to 16.

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Leon Boyea, Leavenworth, had the best weekend receiving 14 points for his two first place finishes on Saturday and Sunday in Advanced I. He also pointed up to Ad-



vanced II. Other team members are: Jessica Brown, Hoxie; Amanda Dodd, Oakley; Jo Epp, Newton; Johnne Jacobs, Sublette; Danielle Jones, Colby; Andrew Krier, Osborne; Sarah Pippenger, Clay Center; Amy Rice, St. Francis; Amanda Olbricht, Newton; Michelle Vaughn, Columbus, Neb.; and Staci Welch, Colby.

Trojans ready for season's start

The 2001-2002 Trojans are anxious for the real games to begin. We host the Western Sprinklers Tip-Off Classic this weekend and I hope the fans are as excited as we are about beginning the season!

We did complete our scrimmage schedule this past weekend. During October we utilized all four dates allowed by National Junior College Athletic Association rules to scrimmage. We scrimmaged nine games in those four dates and we had a record of 6-3 in those scrimmages.

In the past two years our records for scrimmages were 2-5 in 1999 and 2-4 last season. Although records for the scrimmages do not count, the scrimmages themselves can give an indication of strengths and weaknesses.

We are very excited about the potential of our ball club. We have a team that can be very explosive on offense and a team that plays much harder on the defensive end compared to the past two seasons.

There are several players to watch this season. I will mention our out of state group this week.

First, watch the progress of point guard Keyon Williams. Keyon is very similar to former Barton County star Eric Bush. Bush was the league Most Valuable Player as a freshman and also had a great year last season. He is now at the University of Alabama-Birmingham playing against the Louisvilles and Cincinnati of the world.

Keyon is very explosive and is a scoring point guard. He is very different from Lou Chapman. Keyon is more like an Allen Iverson type. Keyon must improve on his decisions. When to go score and when to make sure others are involved. His development is going to be a key to our success in the Jayhawk.

Second, watch the play of Eric Fowlkes. Eric may be our best overall basketball player. Eric plays very hard, can really defend, he is very athletic (like Larry House) and can score. What makes him special is his understand-



Power Sports

• Brian Ostermann

ing of the game. He makes great decision and nearly always finds the open man.

Also, take a look at both forwards. Pierre Tucker and Donte Hammond. Pierre "Tony" is a blue-collar player. He will rebound! Donte is perhaps our most talented player. Donte must continue to push himself and play hard at all times. Once he understands this fully he will be special.

Dedric Spooner (who is injured and may miss some early ball games) will anchor our inside game. "Spoon" is going to be a force in the middle. He is a very good shot blocker and also has some good low post scoring moves. In addition, Dedric has a nice touch out to 15 feet.

Lastly, everyone is going to love Billy Williams. Billy is our hardest worker and toughest defender. We can count on a great effort every night with Billy.

We are doing a special promotion this weekend with the tip-off classic. Western Sprinklers, the Colby Community College men's basketball program, and the college athletic department are going to donate half of all money from this weekend's ticket sales to our local American Red Cross.

We are charging just \$2 for all tickets and ask that you check out your Colby Trojans and support the local Red Cross.

Let's make it a great weekend.

Jottings

• The NJCAA Division One Men's Basketball preseason poll was released. Barton County is ranked sixth and Seward County is ranked 27th. Also, from the Jayhawk West Butler

County is receiving votes.

• The opening of our season is just around the corner. Nov. 2-3 we host the

Western Sprinklers Tip-Off Classic.

• The Ambassador Classic will be Nov. 16-17 for the men and Nov. 15-17 for the women. Once again our sponsor will be Thomas County Insurance. The Colby Ambassadors have been and will be out in force the next two weeks.

• Rich Epp has his sports talk radio show. Be sure to check it out. It airs Monday's from 4-5 p.m. on KQLS 100.3 FM.

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Basketball At-A-Glance

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Trail Blazers traded journeyman center Will Perdue to the Clippers for the rights to 1996 draft pick Doron Sheffer.

The Clippers immediately waived the 36-year-old Perdue, who has played 13 seasons, averaging 4.7 points and 4.9 rebounds. He played just 58 minutes in his only season with the Blazers, averaging 1.1 points and 1.4 rebounds.

Perdue had his best years in Chicago as part of the supporting cast to Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen on the Bulls' first three championship teams. Perdue also won a title with the San Antonio Spurs in 1999.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Derrick McKey, a 14-year NBA veteran, was waived by the Pacers. McKey played the past eight years with Indiana, averaging 8.5 points a game.

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