

National champion just 21 games away

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Well, we are now down to 21 — the number of football bowl games yet to be played, or in the process of being played today. It's all building up to the biggie, the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., on Jan. 3 when Nebraska hopes to claim the national championship with a win over Miami.

Of interest to the state of Kansas fans, will be the match-up on Saturday at the Insight.com Bowl in Phoenix pitting the 6-5 Kansas State University Wildcats against 9-3 Syracuse. Game time is 4:30 p.m. Despite the records, the 'Cats are 5-point favorites.

Here's what's left between now and Jan. 3 (all times Central):

- Today — Seattle Bowl, Georgia Tech vs. Stanford, ESPN, 3 p.m.; Independence Bowl, Shreveport, La., Iowa State vs. Alabama, ESPN, 5:30 p.m.

- Dec. 28 — Galleryfurniture.com Bowl, Houston, Texas A&M vs. Texas Christian University, ESPN, 12:30 p.m.; Music City Bowl, Nashville, Tenn., Boston College vs. Georgia, ESPN, 4 p.m.; Holiday Bowl, San Diego, Calif., Texas vs. Washington, ESPN, 2:30 p.m.
- Dec. 29 — Motor City Bowl,

Pontiac, Mich., Toledo vs. Cincinnati, ESPN, 11 a.m.; Alamo Bowl, San Antonio, Texas Tech vs. Iowa, ESPN, 2:30 p.m.; **Insight.com Bowl, Phoenix, Kansas State vs. Syracuse, ESPN2, 4:30 p.m.**

- Dec. 31 — Sun Bowl, El Paso, Texas, Washington State vs. Purdue, CBS, 11 a.m.; Humanitarian Bowl, Boise, Idaho, Louisiana Tech vs. Clemson, ESPN, 10:30 a.m.; Silican Valley Classic, Fresno State vs. Michigan State, FOX Sports, noon.; Liberty Bowl, BYU vs. Louisville, ESPN, 3 p.m.; Peach Bowl, North Carolina vs. Auburn, ESPN, 6:30 p.m..

- Jan. 1 — Outback Bowl, Tampa, Fla., Ohio State vs. South Carolina, ESPN, 10 a.m.; Cotton Bowl, Dallas, Arkansas vs. Oklahoma, Fox, 10 a.m.; Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla., Virginia Tech vs. Florida State, NBC, 11:30 a.m.; Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla., Michigan vs. Tennessee, ABC, noon; Fiesta Bowl, Tempe, Ariz., Colorado vs. Oregon, ABC, 3:30 p.m.; Sugar Bowl, New Orleans, Illinois vs. LSU, ABC, 7:30 p.m.

- Jan. 2 — Orange Bowl, Miami, Maryland vs. Florida, ABC, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 3 — Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif., Miami vs. Nebraska, ABC, 7 p.m. for the national championship.

Nuggets coach resigns after 26 years with team

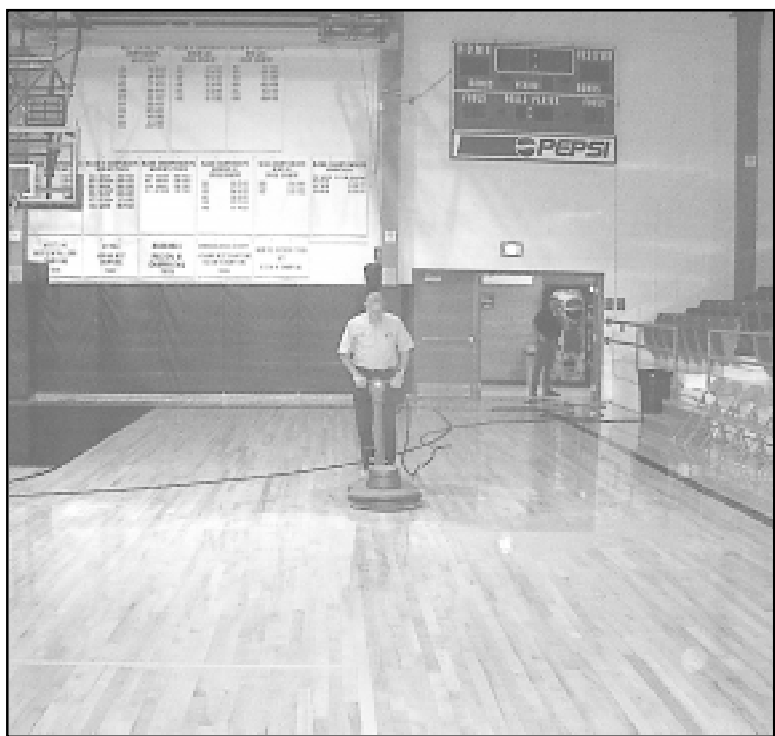
DENVER (AP)—Since 1975, Dan Issel had been synonymous with the Denver Nuggets, first as a player, then as general manager, president and — twice — as head coach.

That relationship ended when Issel

accepted a buyout and resigned as president and coach, two weeks after he was suspended for making an insensitive ethnic remark to a spectator.

Mike Evans, the assistant coach would continue as interim coach.

Working through the break



JAY KELLEY/Colby Free Press

Ralph Fischer worked on the Colby Community Building floor during the Christmas break. The building looks empty, but practices will start again Friday and the first home game is Jan. 8 when the Colby High School Eagles will host McCook, Neb.

A typical vacation

Six days and 1,500 miles later, I'm finally off vacation. I understand what it means to need a rest from vacation now.



Jay Kelley
• Weekend Warrior

There are a lot of different teams being rooted for around my mom's house, which sometimes creates excitement. There is a lot of K-State purple and OU crimson around the house, and a couple of Jayhawk fans.

I don't think there are any tried and true Husker fans around and those of us who do root for them against Oklahoma do so very quietly.

My nephew was born during the K-State/OU game this year. My step-father had an Oklahoma sweatshirt and

cap on in the waiting room and the nurses got a little nervous when my sister-in-law's dad arrived wearing K-State purple.

Both had planned to go to the game, but had to settle for watching in on the hospital television.

One of my uncles has lived in Arkansas for nearly 10 years, but can't bring himself to root for the Razorbacks.

We did watch some games, but mostly we talked and laughed and didn't really pay attention. Maybe that's why they invented instant replay.

Come join us for a New Year's Eve Party!!

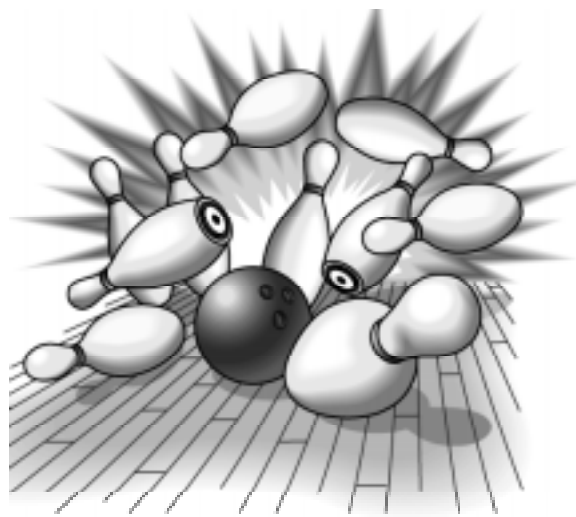
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League Results



December 17 - Firstnighters League

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
Colby Implement	20	12	25401
Head Foundation	20	12	24702
Liestler	18	14	24483
Schlick Construction	18	14	21628
Code Red	16	15	24776
Woofter Pump & Well	16	16	24722
Colby Bowl	15	17	24350
Frontier Equity	14	18	24918
Outcasts	13	19	24680
Wolfhogs	10	22	24052

High game: Robert Lee, 267
High series: Vern Schwanke, 703

December 15 - Pinbusters League

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
Colby Lumber	23	9	25218
U.C.T.	21	11	24778
Grumpy Old Men	20	12	25312
HAJOCA	20	12	24989
Colby Automotive	17	15	25062
Hutfler Construction	16.5	15.5	24270
Colby Ag	15.5	16.5	24597
Pepsi - Renegades	13	19	25168
Wark Embroidery	13	19	24482
Silver Bullets	12	20	25286
Cummins Mid-America	11	21	24168
City Slickers	10	22	24287

High game: Vern Schwanke, 279
High series: John White, 670

December 11 - Early Bird Ladies League

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
Sharon's Hallmark	39	21	34897
Jean's Rollers	34	26	34425
Vans Merry Four	33	27	34385
Bowlerettes	30	30	34511
Total Image	29.5	30.5	34822
Pitter Pats	27.5	32.5	34577
Northwest Vacuum	27	33	35235

High game: Cathy Wieland, 180
High series: Dee Hovda, 479

December 19 - Powderpuff League

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
Garst Seeds	45	19	37579
McCarty Dairy	36	28	37194
Lucky Strikes	32	32	37430
Cornerstone Ag	31	33	37337
J.L. Graphics	31	33	37187
Colby Bowl	27	37	36924
College Girls	24	40	20478
Coors	22	42	25364

High game: Carol Mick, 190
High series: Carol Mick, 541

December 5 - Ladies Nite Out League

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
City Limits	34.5	25.5	34861
Van's Buffers	34	26	35142
Strike-outs	32	28	35326
Brooks, Inc.	32	28	33168
Overtime Liquor	31	29	34690
Cersovsky Farms	31	29	32459
Taco John's	30	30	35450
Straight-Line	29	31	34986
Colby Bowl	28.5	31.5	34890

Maggie's Chicks 28 32 34285
Lobo Liquor 25 35 35095
Who-Nos 25 35 34614

High game: Linda Joyce, 254
High series: Linda Joyce, 648

December 6 - King Pin League

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
Cheney Repair	16	8	18727
Colby Automotive	16	8	18433
T.J.'s Tire Repair	15	9	18648
Colby Bowl	15	9	18600
Wolf Lawn Care	13	11	18183
5 Pony Men	12	12	18525
Donation Station	9	15	18483
Trish's Steakhouse	9	15	15130
McCarty Dairy	3	21	17985
The Unknowns	0	24	0

High game: Dan Peck, 233
High series: Charles Schwanke, 614

November 16 - Ten Pin League

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
Village Laundromat	37	19	40994
Jay's Lawn Service	34	22	41212
Colby Bowl	34	22	40893
Cersovsky Insurance	26	30	40290

Citizens Medical Center	26	30	40290
Cal Williams, Attorney	25	31	40306
Hurt Enterprises	23	33	40466
Comfort Inn	21	35	40113
Prairie Senior	19	37	34245

High game: Rebecca Koel, 225
High series: Bobbi Blackhart, 548

December 9 - King and Queen I League

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
Brewer-Schwanke	18	10	16415
Norman-Gallentine	17	11	16313
Decker-Marshall	16	12	16800
Williams-Moore	16	12	16738
White-Funk	16	12	16683
Wolf-Leavitt	16	12	16413
Kern-McCarty	15	13	16270
Lee-Benson	15	13	16111
Barton-Donley	13	15	16075
Iola's	11	17	16379
Guill-Brush	11	17	16363
Harrison-Kimberly	9	19	7025

High male game: Terry Funk, 232
High male series: Ralph Wolf, 623
High female game: Rhonda White, 198
High female series: Rhonda White, 464

December 15 - Senior Strikers League

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
J-J Oil	39	1	24124
Farmers & Merchants	24	16	22943
Gold Bank	19	21	20924
Comfort Inn	16	24	20699
Hurt Enterprises	12	28	13800
Colby Bowl	10	30	22636

High male game: Alex Marshall, 510
High female game: Layla Woodall, 124
High female series: Laya Woodall, 338

December 15 - Junior Strikers League

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
F & M Insurance	21	9	18947
Dillons	20	10	19101
Kersenbrock's kids	15	15	18957
Design Wizard	14	16	18884
First National Bank	14	16	18884

High male game: Seth Bredemeier, 109
High male series: Seth Bredemeier, 188
High female game: Brenna Jones, 101
High female series: Brenna Jones, 177

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