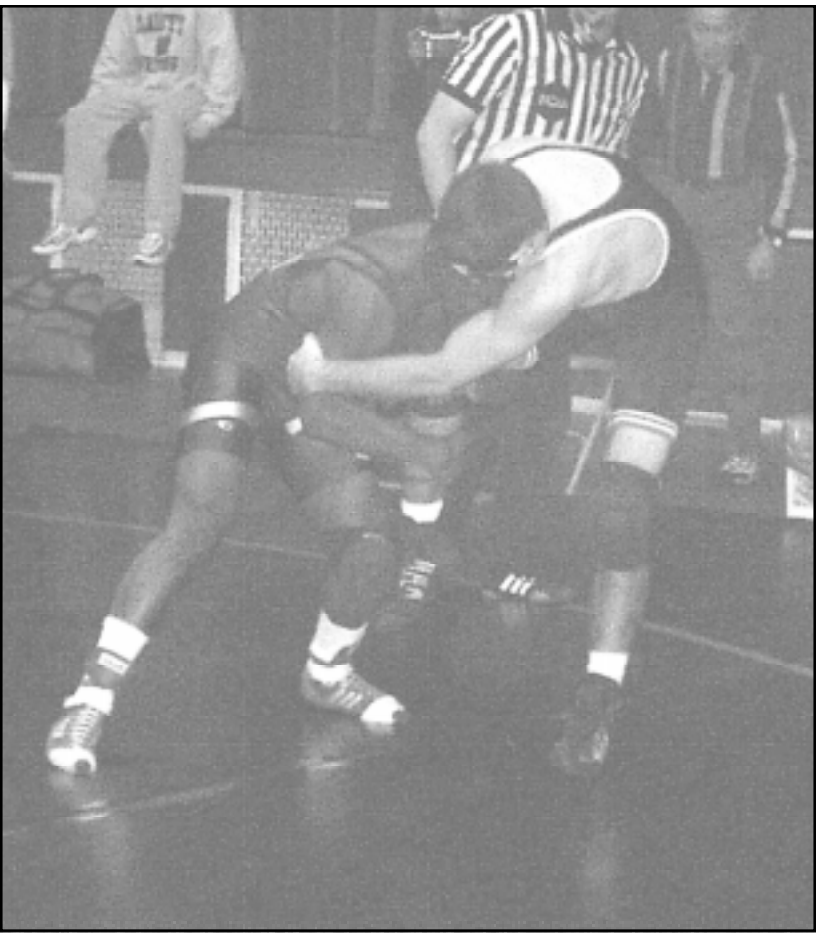


Tournament of Champions returns to Colby



JAY KELLEY/Colby Free Press

O. T. Johnson has his opponent under control for the Colby Community College Trojans at the Roofmasters/Woofter Construction Tournament of Champions at the Colby Community Building this morning. The tournament will run this evening and continue tomorrow at 10 a.m.

By JAY KELLEY

Colby Free Press

The Colby Community College Wrestling Tournament of Champions is known for top quality competition and this year's edition should be no exception.

The tournament, sponsored by Roofmasters Roofing and Woofter Construction, features 12 schools, with seven finishing in the top 10 of their respective divisions.

Host Colby is ranked seventh this season, after an eighth place finish at the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I tournament last season.

Nationally ranked wrestlers are Oberlin's Bryan Miller, ranked fifth at 133-pounds and Colby native Matt

Murray, second at 141;

Neosho County Community College is the 2000 champion and are coming off a year of suspension.

The team is currently ranked first, and features a packed house, including: Kevin Artis, fifth at 125; Bogdan Cuifulescu, first at 141; Patrick Williams, first at 149; Chris Stith, second at 157; J.J. Holmes, first at 157; Dan Lunga, first at 197; and Dean Taylor, first at 285.

Iowa Central Community College, Fort Dodge, Iowa, finished second in the NJCAA Tournament last season and are currently ranked third. They feature Tim Springs, ranked third nationally at 157-pounds; Brennon Chyma, ranked sixth at 174; Willie Parks, second at 184; Criston Beitz,

fourth at 197; and Cain Velasquez, third at 285.

Ellsworth Community College, Iowa Falls, Iowa, finished fourth last season and are ranked eighth this year. They feature Bart Mehlert, third at 149; Jason Reicks, fourth at 184; and Erik Jones, fifth at 285.

Lassen Community College, Susanville, Calif., finished fifth last season, where they are ranked this year. They feature Joey Bracamonte, ranked sixth at 157.

Northwest College, Powell, Wyo., finished sixth last season and are currently in that spot.

They feature Kyle Kilgore, ranked third at 125; Loren Hutchins, fourth at 149; Gabe Harry, fourth at 174; and Layne Stewart, second at 285.

Labette County Community College, Parsons, finished 11th last season and are currently ranked 10th.

Meramec Community College, St. Louis, finished 13th last season.

Western Wyoming Community College, Rock Springs, finished 16th last season.

They feature Pat Garcia, fourth at 133; and Elgin McCurdy, fifth at 165.

Lincoln College, Lincoln, Ill., finished 17th last season and feature Josh Collins, ranked sixth at 125-pounds.

Ridgewater College, Willmar, Minn., finished fifth in the Division III tournament last year and are ranked fifth this season.

They feature Jake Elgin, fifth at 174; and Lukas Pohlmeier, second at 197.

Minnesota West Community and Technical College, Worthington, Minn., finished sixth in the Division III tournament and are ranked sixth this year. They feature Bryan Coudin, ranked third at 165-pounds.

The tournament started at 10 a.m. today and will continue on Saturday at 10 a.m.

League announces tourney schedule

Here is the schedule for the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament. Monday and Tuesday games will be played at Wallace County High School in Sharon Springs. Friday and Saturday, games will be played at the Colby Community Building and Colby High School gym. The winners of the earlier games will continue with the tournament and the losers will be in pool play at the high school gym.

Monday, Jan. 7

Girls play at 6 p.m.

Triplains vs. Brewster in the north gym.

Cheylin vs. Healy in the south gym.

Boys play at 7:30 p.m.

Brewster vs. Healy in the north gym.

Wallace County vs. Triplains in the south gym.

Tuesday, Jan. 8

Girls

Golden Plains vs. Weskan at 3 p.m. in the south gym.

Grinnell vs. Jennings at 3 p.m. in the north gym.

Greeley County vs. Triplains or Brewster at 6 p.m. in the south gym.

Wallace County vs. Cheylin or Healy at 6 p.m. in the north gym.

Boys

Grinnell vs. Cheylin at 4:30 p.m. in the south gym.

Jennings vs. Golden Plains at 4:30 p.m. in the north gym.

Greeley County vs. Brewster or Healy at 7:30 p.m. in the south gym.

Weskan vs. Wallace County or Triplains at 7:30 p.m. in the north gym.

Final AP Poll

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press final college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, final records, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Miami (72)	12-0	1,800	1
2. Oregon	11-1	1,726	2
3. Florida	10-2	1,611	5
4. Tennessee	11-2	1,581	8
5. Texas	11-2	1,374	9
6. Oklahoma	11-2	1,373	10
7. LSU	10-3	1,350	12
8. Nebraska	11-2	1,348	4
9. Colorado	10-3	1,335	3
10. Washington St.	10-2	1,074	13
11. Maryland	10-2	1,065	6
12. Illinois	10-2	1,045	7
13. South Carolina	9-3	975	14
14. Syracuse	10-3	856	18
15. Florida St.	8-4	686	24

16. Stanford	9-3	673	11
17. Louisville	11-2	621	23
18. Virginia Tech	8-4	437	15
19. Washington	8-4	414	21
20. Michigan	8-4	325	17
21. Boston College	8-4	318	—
22. Georgia	8-4	277	16
23. Toledo	10-2	237	25
24. Georgia Tech	8-5	178	—
25. BYU	12-2	144	19

Others receiving votes: Marshall 117, Fresno St. 104, Hawaii 95, Ohio St. 59, North Carolina 56, Texas A&M 41, Michigan St. 37, Arkansas 31, Clemson 9, Utah 9, Mississippi 6, Alabama 4, Pittsburgh 4, UCLA 4, Iowa 1.

Area Schedule

Friday, Jan. 4

Colby High School varsity wrestling at the Liberal Tournament at 2 p.m.

C-team girls and boys basketball at Goodland at 4:45 p.m. CST

Varsity and junior varsity girls and boys basketball in Goodland at 6 p.m. CST

Golden Plains High School varsity and junior varsity girls and boys basketball hosts Weskan at Rexford at 6:30 p.m.

Colby Community College wrestling Tournament of Champions at 10 a.m. at the Colby Community

Building.

Saturday, Jan. 5

Colby High School varsity wrestling continues at the Liberal Tournament at 10 a.m.

Colby Community College Tournament of Champions wrestling tournament continues at 10 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 7

Western Kansas Liberty League Basketball tournament at Wallace County High School in Sharon Springs with Brewster, Golden Plains and Triplains High School teams.

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