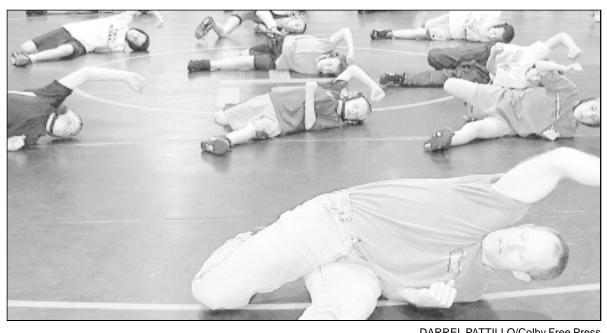
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schedule posted downtown on the

Sport Shoppe building. This is a great

reminder for all you fans. This sign will

list our winter home sports contests.

We thank the Colby CC Backers Club,

We have a big weekend ahead as we

travel to Coffeyville, Kansas for the

annual Jayhawk Shootout. It's East Vs.

West. We take on defending Region VI

champion & National runner-up

Coffeyville on Friday at 7 p.m. and

then Kansas City, KS on Sunday morn-

ing at 9 a.m. Two very difficult

ballgames. It should be very interest-

100.3 broadcast by Rich Epp

Both games can be heard on KQLS

ance for sponsoring the sign.

viding drinks for our road trips!

The Colby Wrestling Club opened its practice season Monday night at the high school. Coach Kevin Kriss said that he has around 65 kids out this year. The club opens competition in Beloit on Dec. 14. ABOVE: Kriss demonstrated the 'sit-out' maneuver to the 10 and under and 12 and under wrestlers.

It's time to see how the Trojans bounce back All the undefeated Jayhawk West

This will be an interesting week for Trojan basketball. We will see how this team responds to our first loss of the

We tasted defeat for the first time Saturday night losing at Marshalltown 85-76. We won Friday night over Ellsworth, Iowa to improve to 9-0 but could not overcome some great shooting by the host school. The game was one that we just couldn't get ourselves to do the things necessary to get a tough road win. We must get back to what we do well (REBOUND) and must go out and do those things for 40 minutes.

It was a tough night and weekend for both Justin Williams and Branden Miller. Both these young men have played much better at home. They are young kids and will adjust to playing tough on the road. Probably the most frustrated player on our team is preseason all-America candidate Dedric Spooner. 'Spoon' was triple teamed and held to just four points Saturday night. Spoon has been double and triple teamed in all 10 ball games. We must continue to find ways to free him up and he must also continue to improve on his passing.

Our tough schedule will make us tougher down the road. A year ago when I started putting this season's schedule together I wanted to have some really tough games for our team. Our thinking is this will help us when we get into the tough Jayhawk West. We have faced 5 quality Division I juco programs to date (all 5 have winning records to date). In those games we are

Some teams in our league choose a ample has played 9 games (all at home) and have faced only 1 division I juco program. Barton County on the other hand has a schedule one would say is even tougher than our schedule (per- and Thomas County Feeders. Thank



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haps why they are ranked #1 in the nation). We have 3 super tough road games on our non-conference schedule. We had the great win at #8 South Plains, a tough loss at Marshalltown 35. and next up at Coffeyville. All of these tough games will hopefully make us better prepared and tougher once we get into the league. Of course it is nice to be racking up the wins and we have been fortunate to win a few thus far.

Finally, what a challenge we have Commercial Sign, and F & M Insurahead this weekend. We must bounce back and play well just to give ourselves an opportunity at Coffeyville. We play the defending region champs on their floor Friday night. Coffeyville is coming off a terrific 34-2 season and a National runner-up finish return 6 key players from that team. This will be the toughest challenge to date for our team. I am sure our players will be looking forward to playing a great team ing! on their floor. There will be over 200 college scouts. Coffeyville has a 31 game home winning streak at stake and it will be a standing room only crowd. It will be wild and intense! It doesn't get any better than that! We will be ready. Let's just hope we play well enough! Be sure to listen!

JOTTINGS

Trojan fans came from Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois to support our softer schedule. Hutchinson for ex- team in Marshalltown. We had over 100 fans each night. It was great to see family and friends over the holiday.

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Four Eagle wrestlers are top-ranked

By DARREL PATTILLO

Colby Free Press Four Colby Eagle wrestlers are among the top-ranked wrestlers in the state, according to preseason rankings released by the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association.

ing 4A state champion at 112 pounds, in Colorado at the Rocky Mountain p.m.

has moved up to 125 pounds and is 'Monster Match' National Wrestling ranked 1st. Senior Jesse Tibbles wrestled at the state tournament last ior this year and ranked 2nd at 152 year at 119 pounds and is currently ranked 4th. Senior Eric Luedke was at state at 140 pounds. second last year at 130 pounds and is ranked 1st this year at 145 pounds. son Friday at WaKeeney, with action Senior Danny Mainus, the defend- Luedke won a national title last month on the mats getting under way at 6:30

Tournament. Schuyler Sharpe is a junpounds. Sharpe took second last year

The Eagle wrestlers kick off the sea-

Chiefs will strive to keep momentum

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — As a the most lopsided loss in the history of can do it." reward for their 49-0 trouncing of the troubled Arizona Cardinals, the Kansas City Chiefs were excused from practice Monday.

Given the historic scope of the victory — which put them in the record book and kept them in the playoff chase the Chiefs probably deserved an expense-paid trip to Las Vegas.

But can they sustain the momentum? The week before handing the Cardinals

teams going into the past weekend fell

for the first time. Top teams in the West

currently include: Barton County (11-

1), Seward (9-1), Colby (9-1), and

Hutch (8-1). There are no undefeated

The first NJCAA regular season bas-

ketball poll was released Nov. 26th.

Barton County was ranked #1, Seward

County ranked #11 and your Colby

Community College Trojans received

Each week the NJCAA releases a top

20 poll. In addition a handful of

schools that receive strong consider-

ation are listed. This was the first time

in my four seasons that we have been

mentioned in a national poll. Obvi-

ously our next step is to crack the top

National rankings are fun and can

help motivate a team. Junior college

teams only make the national tourna-

ment by winning their respective re-

gional championship. Thus, rankings

The next home game will be a con-

ference showdown with Butler County

on Saturday Jan. 4. Game times are 2

p.m. for the women and 4 p.m. for the

men. Please note the time change.

votes along with 11 other schools.

teams on the East side.

20 rankings.

are just for fun!

FAST FORWARD

that franchise by holding them to 122 total yards, the Chiefs (6-6) gave up more than 500 yards in a demoralizing 39-32 loss to underdog Seattle.

over is confidence," Chiefs coach Dick times? We have to do it four weeks in a Vermeil said Monday.

"Confidence in the National Football League, for all the reasons, varies from week to week. You can get on a the postseason for the fifth year in a roll and gain momentum. I like to think row, the Chiefs figure they'll need to we play as though we've gained momentum all the time."

The Seattle game, which saw the defense revert to its terrible September form after seeming to make progress the three previous weeks, was on everyone's mind all last week.

"I think the carry-over is of confidence," Vermeil said. "Plus, for us, it's the erasing of the negative experience in Seattle. It's the washing it out of our defense headed back in the right direcmind and proving to ourselves that we tion.

In gaining their first shutout since 1999, the Chiefs held the Cardinals to just 22 yards in the second half.

"Now, we have to say was it a mi-"The one thing that always carries rage? Can we actually do that 2-3 row," Vermeil said. "We have to play just like that four weeks in a row."

> Striving to avoid being shut out of win their last four regular-season games and finish 10-6.

> They have St. Louis at home this week, followed by trips to AFC West rivals Denver and Oakland, and one last home game against AFC West leader San Diego.

> After the Seattle debacle, several players said there might have been a letdown after appearing to get their



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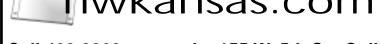
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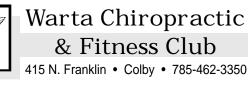
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