

Trojan men get two wins at Seward Classic

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The Colby Trojan men's basketball team played in the Seward Classic over the weekend in Liberal, beating Newman University 111-67, and Bacone College 91-40.

Against Newman, EJ Drayton lead 5 players in double figures with 21 points, and added 12 rebounds. Michael Wolters came off the bench to score 20, including hitting 6 of 7 from beyond the arc.

The Trojans dominated the boards 65-25, and held the Newman JV to 31% shooting, while connecting on 55% of their shots.

Colby 111, Newman University 67
NEWMAN UNIVERSITY
Pat Edwards 5-12 5-6 17; Josh Farmer 3-7 0-2 8; Brandon Ford 2-3 1-2 7; Bryan Wooten 2-9 3-6 7; Paul Holding 3-7 1-2 7; Phil Mics 3-8 0-0 7; Kevin Blick 3-16 0-0 6; Matt Johnson 1-42-24; Jason Wilson 1-30-0 3; Derek Birk 0-1 1-1 1; Tim Belsan 0-1 0-0 0; Taylor McGill 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 23-74 13-21 67.

COLBY (11-2)
EJ Drayton 10-17 1-1 21; Michael Wolters 7-8 0-0 20; Brandon Miller 6-11 0-0 14; Dedric Spooner 5-9 2-2 12; Eric Fowlkes 5-6 0-0 10; Stuart Keltner 3-8 1-1 7; Dillion Sneed 3-4 1-2 7; Justin Williams 3-9 0-2 6; Zane Davis 2-3 0-0 5; Sam Jackson 2-4 0-0 4; Joseph Williams 1-2 0-0 3; KJ Wilkens 1-5 0-0 2; Jason VenJohn 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 48-87 5-8 111.

Newman University.. 34 33 - 67
Colby..... 49 62 - 111
3-point goals-Newman University 8-32 (Josh Farmer 2-4; Brandon Ford 2-2; Pat Edwards 2-6; Phil Mics 1-3; Jason Wilson 1-1; Derek Birk 0-1; Taylor McGill 0-2; Matt Johnson 0-2; Kevin Blick 0-10; Bryan Wooten 0-1), Colby 10-26 (Michael Wolters 6-7; Brandon Miller 2-6; Zane Davis 1-2; Joseph Williams 1-1; Sam Jackson 0-2; KJ Wilkens 0-4; Stuart Keltner 0-2; Eric Fowlkes 0-1; EJ Drayton 0-1). Fouled out—Newman University—None, Colby—None.

Rebounds-Newman University 25 (Pat Edwards 7), Colby 65 (Justin Williams 15). Assists-Newman University

15 (Josh Farmer 5), Colby 29 (Joseph Williams 7). Total fouls-Newman University 15, Colby 17. A-100

Colby 91, Bacone College 40

On Saturday, against Bacone College, EJ Drayton recorded the second ever triple double in Trojan history scoring 22 points, grabbing 12 rebounds and adding 10 assists. Justin Williams had 12 points and 11 rebounds, and Brandon Miller hit 7 3's enroute to 22 points. Colby is now 12-2, its best start under Brian Ostermann.

The Trojans are off until Jan. 4 when they open conference play with a home game against Butler County. Game time is set for 4 p.m. at the Community Building.

Colby 91, Bacone College 40
BACONE COLLEGE
AJ Pearson 6-13 4-6 20; Perry Jackson 3-14 0-0 9; David Smelzer 2-11 0-0 4; Quinton Henderson 1-42-24; Anthony Smith 1-8 0-0 3; Martin Berryhill 0-30-00; Tanner Livingston 0-2 0-0 0; Dustin Hubler 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 13-56 6-8 40.

COLBY (12-2)
EJ Drayton 9-14 4-6 22; Brandon Miller 7-15 1-2 22; Justin Williams 6-9 0-0 12; Zane Davis 3-5 0-0 9; Dillion Sneed 1-2 4-8 6; Dedric Spooner 2-2 1-2 5; Eric Fowlkes 2-9 0-0 5; Sam Jackson 2-5 0-0 4; Joseph Williams 1-5 2-2 4; Jason VenJohn 1-3 0-0 2; Michael Wolters 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 34-71 12-20 91.

Bacone College..... 21 19 - 40
Colby..... 48 43 - 91
3-point goals-Bacone College 8-33 (AJ Pearson 4-7; Perry Jackson 3-7; Anthony Smith 1-7; Martin Berryhill 0-2; Tanner Livingston 0-1; Quinton Henderson 0-2; David Smelzer 0-7), Colby 11-27 (Brandon Miller 7-12; Zane Davis 3-5; Eric Fowlkes 1-5; Sam Jackson 0-2; Joseph Williams 0-1; Michael Wolters 0-1; EJ Drayton 0-1). Fouled out—Bacone College—None, Colby—None.

Rebounds-Bacone College 29 (Dustin Hubler 7), Colby 57 (EJ Drayton 12). Assists-Bacone College 5 (Martin Berryhill 2), Colby 32 (EJ Drayton 10). Total fouls-Bacone College 14, Colby 11. A-150.

Not playing with a full deck

There's a secret guy course of instruction that we all go through in our early years. It's called 'How to be a Pack Rat.' I graduated with honors from this class.

I just finished my thesis for my masters degree in pack-ratting. My thesis was entitled 'I Still Have Everything I've Ever Acquired.'

The other day I was looking through the junk drawer (not the primary junk drawer—one of the backups) for one of those things you plug into your phone jack so you can have two phone lines. Not having much luck there, I diverted to one of my emergency coffee cans, which as a rule only have round things thrown into them. You know, like screws, batteries, and Canadian pennies. Well, to make a short story a wee bit longer for purposes of publication, I found something which has me puzzled, to say the least. I mean, I have stuff that takes me a bit to remember facts about, like the dinosaur bone that my friends insist is really just a cow's leg bone. I know I had a good reason for hanging on to it, but I can't think of what it was.

Anyway, I'm digging in this coffee can for a phone adapter which, by the way, turned out to be in the bottom of my other toolbox.

You know what I found? Eight Jacks and four Jokers. Playing cards. The problem is, I have absolutely no idea where they came from. I don't even recall putting them in the coffee can,

and if there's one thing every dedicated pack-rat is good at, it's recalling where a particular item came from.

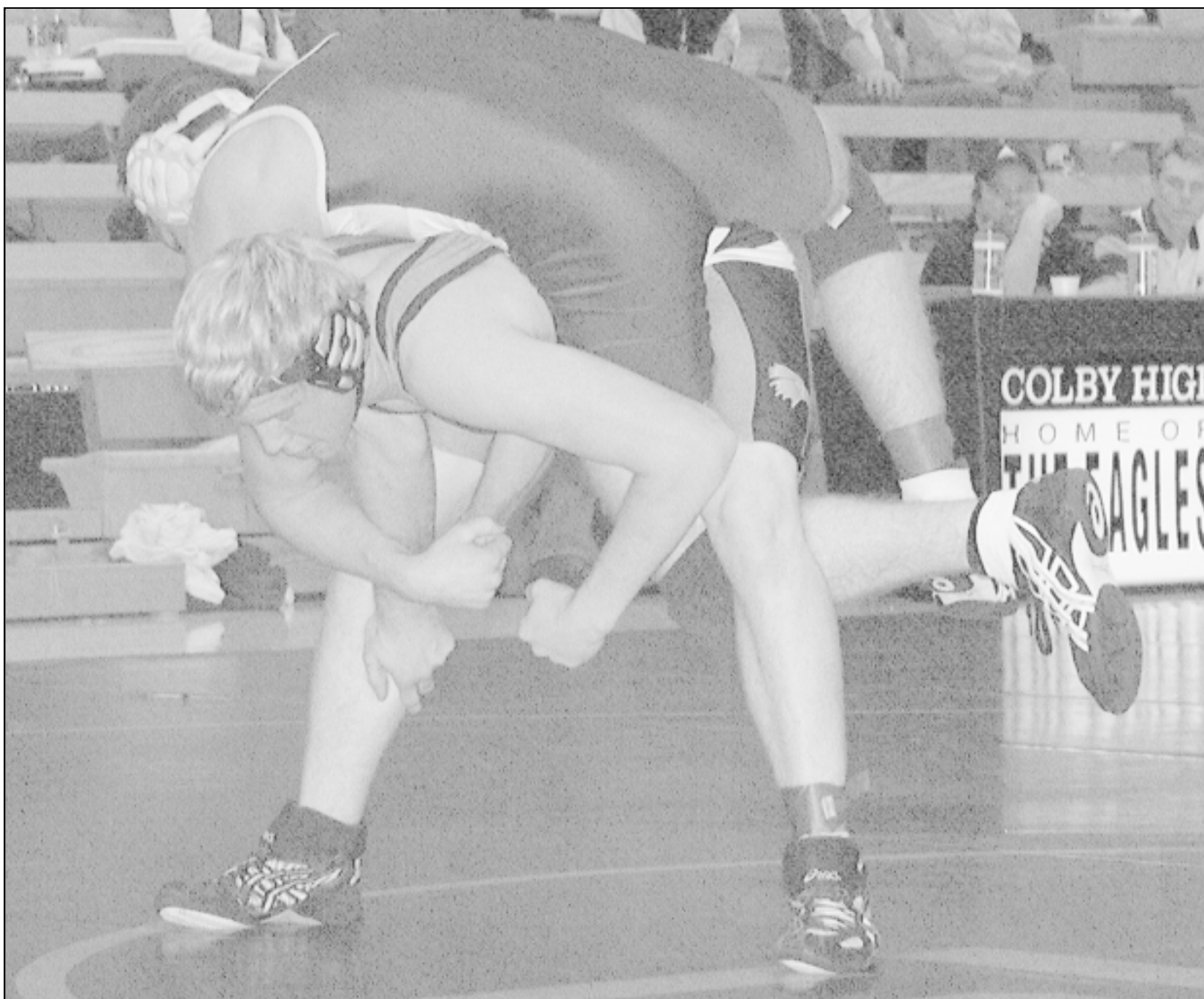
Where would I get eight Jacks and four Jokers from? Obviously, they came from two decks of cards. Where are those cards now? Did I buy 12 playing cards at a garage sale? And if I could be persuaded to purchase 12 playing cards and not remember doing it, what else have I been duped into buying?

Do you see the problem here? The questions could go on forever! Somewhere out there are two decks of cards with no Jacks or Jokers. Did I invent some new great card game that doesn't require Jacks or Jokers?

Even as I write this column I am getting agitated. There is a mystery involved here; of this I am convinced. Getting to the bottom of it will consume...

Whoa! I was just digging in the box at the back of my closet. Look what I found!

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Eagle wrestler Schuyler Sharpe had no problem carrying Casey Sanger of Hays around the mat Friday night during Colby's dual with the Indians. Sharpe beat Sanger 4-0.

Colby takes fourth at Eagle Invitational tourney

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The Colby Eagle wrestling team compiled a 6-1 dual record at this weekend's Eagle Invitational wrestling tournament, losing only to Concordia on the way to a fourth-place finish.

"I thought we wrestled real well," said head wrestling coach Mitch Beims. "We did as good as we could do against some really tough competition."

The Eagles have three injured wrestlers; Drue Herl at 160, Brent Deibert at heavyweight, and Danny Mainus at 125. Beims expects Herl and Deibert back after Christmas. The news isn't so good for Mainus.

"If Danny does get to wrestle again this year, it will be late in the season," Beims said. "We're hoping to have him back, but we'll have to wait and see."

Eric Luedke was the outstanding wrestler in Colby's pool, going 7-0 at 152 pounds. Schuyler Sharpe also

went 7-0 at 160 pounds. Tucker Olsen went 6-1 at 171 pounds and Jesse Tibbles went 6-1 at 130 pounds.

"I'm pretty happy with the way everybody wrestled," said Beims. "I'm especially happy with the way our two freshmen (Taylor Finley at 119, and Cole Garcia at 135) wrestled. They really stepped up."

Hoxie was the overall winner at the tournament. Colby came out of pool competition 4-1, beating Atwood 66-14, Hays 42-17, Plainville 61-12

The Eagles lost a close match to 3rd-place Concordia 38-27, then beat Santa Fe Trail 46-25. In the championships round, Colby defeated Scott City 40-28, then beat Oakley 33-27 to clinch fourth.

The Eagles next competition is Thursday night at the high school against Oakley, with matches getting underway at 6:30 p.m. The varsity and junior varsity finish up the first half of the season Friday in a dual with Burlington at the high school.



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Broncos hold on against Chiefs

DENVER (AP) — Even after waking up with the flu Sunday morning, Clinton Portis wasn't about to miss this game.

Portis, who experienced big games in his college days at the University of Miami, knew his Denver Broncos were in a must-win mode against the Kansas City Chiefs, and he played accordingly.

Portis tied a franchise record with four touchdowns as the Broncos held off the Chiefs 31-24 Sunday to keep their playoff hopes alive.

Portis scored on runs of 51 and 3 yards in the first half. He added a 1-yard TD run in the third quarter before turning a short pass into a dazzling 66-yard scoring play that put Denver ahead 28-7.

"I know he's got speed, but I didn't know he had all those moves," quarterback Brian Griese said.

Portis faked his way past safety Shaunard Harts in the left flat, raced down the sideline, then juke past two more defenders before outlegging another to the end zone.

"I was one-on-one with a linebacker, and I wasn't going to let a linebacker tackle me in the open field," Portis said. "I just tried to pick up extra yardage. Shannon (Sharpe) had a great block downfield. I saw Rod (Smith) coming across the field, and I cut back.

"I had no idea I was going to break it."

After that play, Portis returned to the sideline and told the coaching staff for the first time that he was ill. "I had nothing left, and I almost threw up coming off the field," he said. "I told the coaches. They asked if I could go back in, and I told them to put Mike (Anderson) in because I didn't have anything left."

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