

It's 'Popcorn Night'



Brian Ostermann

● Keeping in Touch

Your 7th ranked Colby Trojan swept three games over the weekend in the S & T Communications/Ambassador Classic at the Colby Community Building. We had a tremendous crowd Friday night (1,100+) and with all that was taking place Saturday we also had a nice crowd (1,000+). Your support it much needed and appreciated by all of our players.

On Thursday we handed a 45-point crushing on Central Nebraska. Friday was a showdown of top 20 teams and we controlled the game from start to finish and defeated #13 South Plains, Texas 72-52. Saturday we took on a 5-1 New Mexico team. They raced to a 14-point lead on us in the first 10 minutes. Our players responded and we out scored them by 34 points over the next 20 minutes of the game and cruised to a 14-point victory. Our record stands at 7-0.

Saturday is our final home game of the first semester and game time is set for 8 p.m. Come on out and see the Trojans play. At Saturday's game free popcorn will be given away as this will be "popcorn night at the CCB!"

The first regular season junior college poll will be released next week. The Trojans are expected to remain in the top 7 and have a chance to move into the top 5. We hit the road once again for Thanksgiving, as we will play three games at the Casper, WY classic. We will face Westchester, N.Y., Casper, Wyo., and Pima, Ariz.

Jottings
The Trojan men are 7-0 and currently ranked 7th in the nation!

Every Monday at noon you are invited to listen to the Colby Trojan coaches talk about their seasons. Lunch is on the campus of Colby Community College and

costs just \$5. Coach Lampe will talk wrestling, coach Stephens will fill us in on the Lady Trojans and I will inform you on the men's team. Go Trojans!

Trojans tough at home the past three seasons 2001-2002 = 10-4 (Losses by 1,1,3,1) 2002-2003 = 14-2 (Losses by 3,8) 2003-2004 = 5-0 (0Losses) current home streak = 11.

Home Record vs. Non-Conference teams 2001-2002 = 5-1, 2002-2003 = 7-0, 2003-2004 = 5-0 Total 17-1

Final non-Conference home game is this Saturday at 8 p.m. The first Jayhawk West home game is Wednesday Jan. 7 vs. Garden City.

Trojan basketball would like to thank Stephens Construction, the Colby Ambassadors, and S&T Communication for sponsoring our two basketball Classics

We could not be successful without the support of all our fans and sponsors. Our business sponsors this year will be: Stephens Construction, S & T Communications, Western Sprinklers, Pepsi of Colby, Culligan of Colby, McDonald's of Colby, Taco John's of Colby, Thomas County Feeders, and Gambino's.

Records
Jayhawk West Records 11-17-03, non-conf.

1. Colby CC (#7 in NJCAA) 7-0
2. Hutchinson CC (#26 IN NJCAA) 6-0
3. Garden City CC 6-1
4. Dodge City CC 6-1
5. Barton County 4-2
6. Butler County 4-2
7. Seward County (#RV in NJCAA) 3-2
8. Pratt CC 3-2
9. Cloud County 4-3

Trojan wrestlers win three medals

By **LES BROWN**

Free Press Correspondent

The Colby Trojan wrestling team brought home three medals from the University of Wyoming's Cowboy Open over the weekend at Laramie. This prestigious event was attended by schools representing NCAA Division I, NCAA Division II, NCAA Division III, NAIA and NJCAA schools. Each weight class had an open division bracket and an under 20-age group for freshman and sophomores.

The Trojans were paced by 165-pound sophomore Muzaffar Abdurakhmanov, who placed second in the open division. The Tashkent, Uzbekistan native finished the day 4-1 and posted a fall, a technical fall and two other convincing decisions before losing 10-4 in the championship finals to Levi Provost of the University of Wyoming. Provost is a two-time champion at the Cowboy Open and the varsity wrestler for the University of Wyoming.

Also competing in the open division for the Trojans were C.B. Dollaway (184-pound sophomore, Mt. Gilead, Ohio) and Zach Luedke (174-pound freshman, Colby).

Dollaway advanced to the championship semi-finals in his bracket before losing to the University of Wyoming's Sam Wendland by an 8-7 decision. Dollaway then lost his next match to be eliminated from the tournament. He compiled a 2-2 record on the day.

Meanwhile, Luedke won his first match of the tournament before losing to 2-time NCAA Division II All-American Brody Olson. Brody is now an assistant coach for the University of Northern Colorado. Luedke posted a 1-2 record on the day.

The balance of the roster competed in the under-20 division of the tournament.

The Trojans were led in this age division by Elliot Darden (125-pound freshman, Greensboro, N.C.) and Eric Luedke (157-pound freshman, Colby). Each earned third-place honors in the event.

Darden lost his first match of the day before rattling off four straight wins. This win streak included a 16-14 win over Jason Harrington of Montana State University-North-

A must situation for the Wildcats

MANHATTAN (AP) — Kansas State will have to wait until after the season to savor one of the most emotional victories in Bill Snyder's 15-year tenure.

That is, if the 19th-ranked Wildcats want to play in the Big 12 title game for the first time since 2000.

Their 38-9 win at No. 23 Nebraska, the game that snapped a 17-game road losing streak to the Cornhuskers, won't matter if the Wildcats slip up this week in their regular-season finale against Missouri.

If the resurgent Tigers win, they will all but lock up the Big 12 North title — and pay Kansas State back for two straight years of knocking them out of bowl eligibility.

ern in the consolation finals. Harrington had beaten Darden by a 9-5 decision in the first round of the tournament.

Meanwhile, Luedke advanced to the championship semi-finals via two falls and an injury default before dropping a 2-1 decision to Cort Peterson of Western Wyoming. Peterson is ranked 5th at the weight class in the NJCAA preseason poll. Luedke bounced back to win his next two matches to win the consolation side of the bracket. Luedke was 5-1 on the day.

The third Colby High School product on the roster, Drue Herl (149-pound freshman), posted a 2-2 record on the day after scoring two pins over wrestlers from Fort Hays State University.

Rounding out the Trojans who competed at the event, along with the record on the day, were A.J. Wenger, 0-2 (141-pound freshman, Bellville, Ohio); Trent Kincanon, 0-2 (174-pound freshman, Amarillo, Texas); Maine Ardrey, 1-2 (197-pound freshman, Engelwood, Colo.); and Sam Karash, 2-2 (285-pound freshman, Grant, Neb.).

Next action for the Trojans will be on Saturday at the Kaufman-Brand Open in Omaha.

This event also boasts of representation from some of the best NCAA DI, NCAA DII, NCAA DIII, NAIA and NJCAA colleges and university in the Midwest.

SportsLine

Colby activities

- Thursday — 7th/8th boys' basketball with Oakley, 4:30 p.m., in the elementary gym, in the following order 7A/7th 5th quarter/8A/8B half of game.
- Monday (Nov. 24) — 7th/8th boys' basketball with Quinter, in the elementary gym, 4:30 p.m.

Brewster activities

- Friday and Saturday — Junior High basketball tourney at home, 3 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. on Saturday.

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Golden Plains activities

- Friday and Saturday — Junior High basketball tourney at Brewster, 3 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Colby College activities

- Thursday — Reception for wrestling coach Steve Lampe in the Fire-side Lounge in the Student Union, 3 p.m. Public is encouraged to attend.
- Saturday — Wrestlers in the Kaufman-Brand Open at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

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