

## Long way down there



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Colby High School wrestler Lincoln McClure picks up fellow wrestler Trenton Powell, seemingly with ease, during a recent practice session. The first wrestling action of the new season for the

Eagles is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 5 at the high school gym against WaKeeney and Burlington, Colo. Action is expected to begin at 6 p.m.

# Trojans now 8-0 after 111-41 win

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The weather outside was frightful...but in the Colby Community Building it was delightful.

That best describes conditions Saturday night as the #7-nationally ranked Colby Community College men's basketball Trojans picked up their 8th win of the new season by completely overwhelming the Sterling College JV, 111-41.

The Trojans take their luggage, bus and 8-0 record to cold Wyoming to compete in the Casper Thanksgiving Classic later in the week. Colby will go up against Westchester, N.Y. in the opener on Thursday.

Meanwhile, back in the Community Building...

The Trojans were sluggish early on vs. Sterling, posting leads of only a point or two, but then like Mother Nature's punishment on the outside went on a punishing 36-7 run on the

inside and climaxing that burst of excitement with a half-time buzzer-ending 50-18 lead.

Snow was beginning to accumulate a little on the outside, while on the inside the Trojans continued to accumulate points at a greater amount, outscoring the visitors in the second half, 61-23.

That all adds up to the 111-41 triumph.

The Trojans connected on 16 3-pointers — a season's high, and unlike many games in the past, the whistles in the mouths of referees weren't as pronounced with only six fouls in the entire game — three in each half.

Six Trojans scored in double figures: Justin Williams with 17 points, Nate Lindberg with 15 (a career high), K.J. Wilkens, E.J. Drayton and Andrais Thornton, each with 12, and Sam Jackson with 10. Wilkins, incidentally, had four 3-pointers.

## Jayhawks bowl-eligible following 36-7 victory

LAWRENCE (AP) — There is something mighty satisfying about working hard to reach a goal and then getting there.

Just ask Danny Lewis, a senior offensive lineman for Kansas. For the first time since 1995, the end of the regular season may not spell the end of the entire season for the Jayhawks.

"Three years of frustration and all the hard work, and you finally see the fruits of all your labor," Lewis said. "I wouldn't have traded it for anything."

Technically, nothing yet is guaranteed. But a 36-7 victory over hapless, punchless Iowa State Cyclones on Saturday lifted Mark Mangino's second Kansas team to 6-6 overall and 3-5 in the Big 12. It's not the sort of record Oklahoma would envy this year. It is, however, enough to make the Jayhawks bowl-eligible for the first time since they beat UCLA in the Aloha Bowl eight years ago.

For Iowa State (2-9, 0-7), the season has been a disaster. The Cy-

clones opened with victories over Northern Iowa and Ohio. Now they've lost nine in a row. They finish the year this week at Missouri.

"It's definitely disappointing when you come down to a game like this and expect to compete and you don't," said senior defensive tackle Jordan Carstens. "We had a pretty good start and we just need to try to build on that."

Most speculation seemed centered on the Tangerine Bowl as a likely destination for the Jayhawks. Nothing is yet official, and Mangino refused to get specific, he did talk as though he knew somebody somewhere wanted his team.

"We're confident we're going to get an invitation," Mangino said. "But seeing is believing. You've got to get the invitation in your hand and they're got to say it's a done deal. So we're not going to be presumptuous, but I'm pretty confident it's going to happen."

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# Wildcats claim Big 12 North title

MANHATTAN (AP) — Six straight victories after a three-game losing streak made No. 14 Kansas State the Big 12 North champion for the third time in the conference's eight-year history.

But their comeback won't be complete, the Wildcats said, until

they drop that "North" part for the first time. "This feels great," defensive end Andrew Shull said after Kansas State clinched the division with Saturday night's 24-14 win over Missouri. "But we're not done yet." Kansas State (10-3, 6-2 Big 12), which moved up five spots

## Chiefs get 10th victory

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Phillip Buchanon again helped the Kansas City Chiefs beat an AFC West rival.

That was good news for the Chiefs — and bad for Buchanon, the Oakland Raiders' second-year punt returner and cornerback.

His unsportsmanlike conduct penalty for taking off his helmet after a long punt return forced Oakland to settle for a tying field goal late in the fourth quarter Sunday and enabled the Chiefs to win 27-24 on Morten Andersen's 35-yard field goal with 4 seconds left.

The loss dropped the defending AFC champions to 3-8, while the Chiefs (10-1) can clinch the AFC West title next week if they beat San Diego and Denver loses to Oakland.

Andersen's game-winning kick — the 35th of his career — was set up by Marc Boerigter's 16-yard catch on fourth-and-14 when Buchanon didn't cover the Chiefs' wide receiver close enough.

Buchanon, whose muffed punt led to a Chiefs touchdown in Kansas City's 17-10 win in October, had little to say about either of his mistakes.

"It was a tough game to lose. I didn't do enough for us to win," he said with a shrug. "That's how it happens."

The Chiefs almost didn't do enough to win, either, blowing leads

of 14-0 and 21-7.

Jerry Rice's unprecedented 1,500th career reception, a 47-yard touchdown pass from Rick Mirer, got Oakland to within three.

when the latest rankings by The Associated Press were issued Sunday, will meet No. 1 Oklahoma for the Big 12 title on Dec. 6 in Kansas City, Mo. "We watch television. We don't live in caves. We're not fools," center Nick Leckey said. "We know the reality of Oklahoma, how they're undefeated and how everybody's talking about them for a national championship. What we've got to do is focus on ourselves and get ready for them."

The two teams met in the 2000 championship game, also at Arrowhead Stadium, and Oklahoma won 27-24 on its way to a national title.

"This football team will be a tremendous underdog. I'm sure of that," Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said. "But I don't think it has ever been our intent to just show up."

With a win over the Wildcats, Missouri (7-4, 3-4) would have needed only to beat Iowa State — winless in the Big 12 this season — in its regular-season finale to earn a share of the North title and play in the championship game.

Instead, the Tigers dropped to 0-4 in Big 12 road games and lost for the 11th straight time against the Wildcats.

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