

Orange & Black Classic begins in two locations

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It's underway!

The 19th annual Orange & Black Classic, considered one of the finest high school basketball tournaments in the state, got underway today in two locations—the Colby Community Building and the Colby High School gymnasium.

Favorable weather is expected to play a role in the number of fans following their teams from various locations in and out of the state.

In addition to the home-standing Colby Eagles, other teams are (from Kansas) Beloit, Ulysses, Wichita South, Liberal, Goodland and Scott City. The lone out-of-stater comes from Nebraska—McCook.

Today action includes the fol-

lowing: **Boys' Bracket**

3:30 p.m. — Ulysses-Wichita South, high school gym

5:15 p.m. — Liberal-Goodland, Community Building

7:00 p.m. — McCook-Scott City, high school gym

8:45 p.m. — Colby-Beloit, Community Building

Girls' Bracket

3:30 p.m. — Scott City-Beloit, Community Building

5:15 p.m. — McCook-Ulysses, high school gym

7:00 p.m. — Colby-Wichita South, Community Building

8:45 p.m. — Goodland-Liberal, high school gym

Friday's Schedule

Boys' Bracket — Winner of Liberal-Goodland game plays the winner of McCook-Scott City game at

5:15 in the Community Building; the losers play at 5:15 in the high school gym. Winner of the Colby-Beloit game plays the winner of the Ulysses-Wichita South game at 8:45 in the Community Building; the losers play at 8:45 in the high school gym. **Girls' Bracket** — The winner of the McCook-Ulysses game plays the winner of the Goodland-Liberal game at 3:30 in the Community Building; the losers play at 3:30 in the high school gym. The winner of the Colby-Wichita South game plays the winner of the Scott City-Beloit game at 7:00 in the Community Building; the losers play at 7:00 in the high school gym.

Saturday's Schedule

Boys' Bracket — 7th-place

game at 12 noon, Community Building; 4th-place game at 2:00 in the high school gym; 3rd-place game at 4:00 in the Community Building; and the championship game at 8:00 in the Community Building. **Girls' Bracket** — 7th-place game at 12 noon, high school gym; 4th-place game at 2:00, Community Building; 3rd-place game at 4:00, high school gym; and championship game at 6:00, Community Building.

Additional information about the tourney, brackets and photos appeared in Wednesday's *Colby Free Press*.

Paul Wintz, of Colby, was the school's activity director when the Orange & Black Classic had its debut in the mid-1980s.

SportsLine

Colby activities

- Today, Friday and Saturday — 19th Annual Orange & Black Basketball Classic, Colby Community Building and Colby High School gym.
- Today — JV/V wrestling at Atwood, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday — Varsity wrestling at Beloit tourney, 3 p.m.
- Saturday — JV wrestling at Hill City tourney, 9 a.m.; varsity wrestling at Beloit tourney, 9:30 a.m.

Golden Plains activities

- Today — Junior high basketball at Sharon Springs, 4 p.m.
- Friday — High school basketball vs. Triplains at Rexford, 6:30 and 8 p.m. —

Brewster activities

- Today, Friday, Saturday — High School basketball boys in Tournament of Champions at Dodge City

Triplains activities

- Friday — High school basketball at Golden Plains (Rexford), 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Colby College

- Friday — Indoor track at Nebraska Invitational, Lincoln, 3 p.m.
- Saturday — Indoor track at Nebraska Invitational, Lincoln, 3 p.m.
- Sunday — Women's/men's basketball vs. Pratt, Colby Community Building, 2 and 4 p.m.

Three wrestlers earn honors at Minnesota Open

By LES BROWN

Free Press Contributor

The Colby Community College wrestling team traveled to Worthington, Minn. last weekend to compete in the Worthington Open. Three wrestlers earned individual honors at the event.

Eric Luedke won the 157-pound championship, Muzaffar Abdurakhmanov earned championship honors at 165 and C.B. Dollaway was crowned the champion at 184 pounds.

Luedke earned his second tournament championship of the season after posting a 3-0 record on the day.

Coach Steve Lampe commented, "Luedke's continued improvement has him on track to become a high level national place winner and, perhaps, even a national champion. He has perfected an intense approach which seems to wear on his opponents throughout the course of a match."

Abdurakhmanov earned his third tournament championship of the season. Lampe said Abdurakhmanov "looked outstanding in each match and put on a dazzling display from the neutral position as he scored 33 takedowns in just three matches."

His two victories by technical fall and one by pin earned Abdurakhmanov the tournament's outstanding wrestler award.

Dollaway cruised to his fourth tournament championship of the year after posting a 2-0 record on the day. Following Dollaway's impressive performance, Lampe said, "Dollaway continues to dominate every opponent." Lampe's comments are supported by Dollaway's track record of success. Dollaway has not lost a match since Nov. 15 and his 10 most recent matches have included four falls and four technical falls.

Tony Lombardi and Ed Jaramillo each advanced deep into the tournament too, but fell just short of earning medals.

Lombardi posted a 3-2 record on the day and Jaramillo went 2-2. Also competing for the Trojans were Buster Johnson, Jim Gebauer, Kyle Patton, A.J. Wenger, Drue Herl, Terry Verdun, Ryan Zweygardt and Zach Luedke.

Next action for the Colby Community College Trojans will be on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 when they travel to Powell, Wyo. to take part in the Northwest Wyoming Apodaca Duals.

Former Colby athlete figures in national title

Grandparents still live in area

The Butler County Grizzlies captured the National Junior College Athletic Association football championship with a 14-10 victory over the Dixie State Rebels of Utah in the Rotary Bowl to climax a perfect 12-0 season.

The game was played at St. George, Utah and it was the Grizzlies' second national title in four years.

Of special interest to local sports fans, is that J.C. Zahradnik, formerly of Colby, was a special team's player as well as defensive end on this year's Butler County (El Dorado) team.

Zahradnik is the grandson of Ernie and Rosalee Seemann, who live in Levant, and Dale and Iva Lee Stephens, who live in Goodland.

Golden Plains now 7-5

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs slipped past the Healy Eagles, 41-30, Tuesday night in Western Kansas Liberty League action.

Darcie Spresler led the Bulldogs with 10 points and 14 rebounds. Niki Spresler also scored 10 points.

Golden Plains jumped out to a 14-0 lead after one quarter, and played steady the rest of the way. The Bulldogs shot a cool 34 percent (20-59) from the field, while limiting Healy to just 27 percent (12-44) from the floor. Golden Plains dominated the glass by a margin of 37-24 and forced 18 turnovers while committing only 15 turnovers.

With the win, Golden Plains improves their season mark to 7-5 and

3-0 in the conference. Next u will be the Triplains Lady Vikings who invade Rexford Friday night.

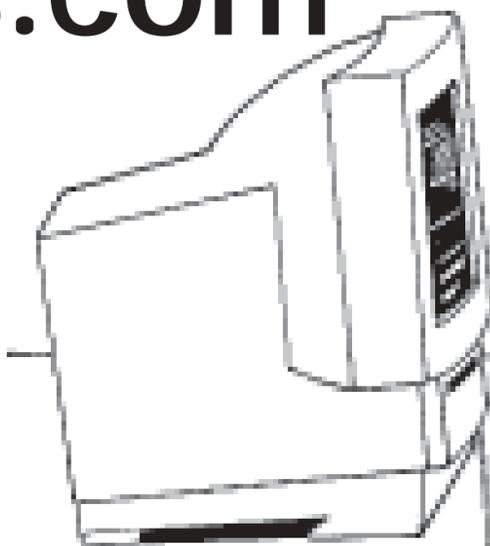
The girls' game starts at 6:30 and the boys follow around 8:00.

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