



Cormier moves onto Olympic mats Saturday

Olympic medal hopeful Daniel Cormier is in Athens, Greece getting ready to take to the wrestling mat.

His match is scheduled for Saturday, according to information provided by his former school, Colby Community College. The gold and bronze medal matches at 96 kilos (211 1/2 pounds) are among the final events of the Olympics, scheduled for 2 p.m. Athens time, (6 a.m. Colby time) on Sunday, Aug. 29.

On his website danielcormierwrestling.com, Cormier is posting a daily log.



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Highlights of the wrestling competition will air on NBC. However, most of the televised wrestling coverage during the games will air on CNBC. CNBC plans freestyle wrestling coverage from 7-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, and 4-6 a.m. and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 29 — the two days that Cormier could be in action.

Cormier won two national championships while competing for coach Steve Lampe. Lampe is in Athens to offer support and encouragement to his former charge. "He's very capable but will be more than seriously tested by the great field entered at his weight class," Lampe said. "I am confident that he will do well. Daniel is to wrestling (what) Alan Iverson is to basketball. Everything is currently in his favor to place him on the stand in Athens."

Eagles getting in shape

PATTY DECKER/Colby Free Press

(Left to right) Colby High School cross country runners Emily Sloan, Jessie Stephens, Deke Elliott and Nick Howard stretched one last time before leaving practice at the Colby baseball diamonds earlier this week. Two-thirds of this year's high school cross country team are new, said Bob Mannebach, head coach, but he's optimistic that it's going to be a good year. In total, there are 29 students out for the sport with 19 of them first-year cross country runners. "It will be a young team," he said, "however; on the girl's side we have five returning who placed second in state last year."



Broncos hope to answer questions tonight

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Broncos have struggled through three preseason games, unable to get much going on offense.

The Houston Texans were blown out last week after an impressive win in the opener.

Both teams have cause for concern, but it can all be cured with one game.

With a strategic plan in place for the first time this season and the starters expected to play at least half the game, tonight's contest should go a long way toward helping the Texans and Broncos figure out if they are really that far off.

"Whatever happens, hopefully we can be effective and get something out of it," Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer said. "It'll be good to get into the mind-set of game-planning and getting ready for the regular season."

Denver's biggest problem has

been on offense. The defense, behind new acquisitions Champ Bailey and John Lynch, has been as good as advertised, helping Denver stay close in its three preseason games. The first-team offense has been worse than expected, failing to score a touchdown and managing just 12 points in 11 preseason series.

The Broncos started to move the ball a little better last week in a 19-3 win over Seattle, Denver's first victory of the preseason, but there's still a ways to go.

The Texans are wondering which version of their team is going to show up Friday.

Houston opened the season with an impressive 19-0 victory over Dallas, then squashed any momentum with a disheartening 38-3 loss to Pittsburgh last week.

"As a unit, we went out there and pretty much laid an egg," defensive end Corey Sears said. "We've been

making our corrections and getting ready for this week to see what we can do."

Of course, it's not going to get any easier with the number of players who won't be available against the Broncos.

Andre Johnson, Houston's leading receiver as a rookie last season, won't make the trip because of a death in his family. Defensive tackle Seth Payne isn't expected to play because of a knee injury, and

defensive end Gary Walker is out with a strained groin.

Houston at least will get to see running back Domanick Davis in game action. The team's leading rusher as a rookie last season hasn't played in the preseason because of an ankle injury, but he returned to practice and is expected to play against the Broncos.

The Broncos will be trying to figure out which running back will start the regular season.

Emporia beats Hays

EMPORIA (AP) — Jake Richter ran for 87 yards and a touchdown Thursday to lead Emporia State to a 13-10 win over Fort Hays State.

Emporia State (1-0) jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead on a 34-yard Richter run, then Justin Gray added two field goals to send the Hornets into halftime with a 13-3 lead.

The second half was a defensive struggle, with the only score coming on a 16-yard run in the third

quarter by Fort Hays quarterback Reed Gottula.

Emporia State quarterback Tad Hatfield was 15-of-24 through the air for 159 yards, most of those completions going to receiver J.J. Richard, who caught eight passes for 97 yards.

Gottula led the Fort Hays State University Tigers (0-1) with 92 yards rushing, but connected on only 5-of-11 passes for 50 yards.

SportsLine

Colby Eagle football scrimmage Saturday

The Colby High School football Eagles will hold their "Video Scrimmage" on Saturday at Dennen Field at 7 p.m. Admission is one new digital video cassette tape (80 minutes or longer) per family. The Eagles are preparing to open the 2004 season on the road with the Atwood Buffaloes on Friday, Sept. 3 at 7 p.m.

• Saturday — Varsity tennis girls at WaKeeney, 8:30 a.m.

• Tuesday, Aug. 31 — Junior varsity/varsity volleyball at Norton with Osborne, 5 p.m.; Kansas State High School Activities Association supervisors' meeting at Colby High School, 7:30 p.m.

Brewster fall sports notices

• Saturday — High school varsity volleyball at Healy tourney, 9 a.m.

• Tuesday, Aug. 31 — High school varsity and junior varsity volleyball at Grinnell, 3:30 p.m.

• Friday, Sept. 3 — High school varsity football at Brewster vs. Otis Bison, 7 p.m.

Golden Plains BBQ, scrimmage today

The Golden Plains Booster Club is hosting a back to school barbecue and soap scrimmage at the high school in Rexford today. The evening will start with volleyball at 5 p.m., the barbecue at 6 p.m. followed by the scrimmage at 7 p.m. Sponsors for the event are the Golden Plains Booster Club and Rexford Lions Club.

Grade volleyball camp announced

A volleyball camp for girls grades 1 through 6 will be held at the Colby Middle School gym on Sept. 4 and 11, and Oct. 2, 9 and 16. The 4th through 6th graders will play from 9-10:30 a.m. on those dates and the 1st through 3rd graders from 10:30-11:30 a.m. For additional details,

please call coach Dustin Rorabaugh at 460-0221.

'Drive Fore Sobriety' set in September

The fourth annual "Drive Fore Sobriety" golf tournament, sponsored by the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council, will be held Sept. 11 at Sugar Hills Country Club, Goodland. Registration begins at 8 a.m. (MDT) with tee-off at 9 a.m. (MDT). If interested in becoming a hole sponsor, forming a team or making a donation, call (785) 462-6111.

Chamber golf tourney Sept. 2

The 11th annual Colby/Thomas County Chamber Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sept. 2 at the Colby Country Club with tee-off at 12:30 p.m. This is a four-person scramble (men and women). The entry fee is \$50 per person/one free entry with hole sponsorship. A buffet dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. Questions to Colby Chamber of Commerce, 460-3401.

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