

Matt Murray's goal is to top last season's 2nd place national finish

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Matt Murray is almost a household word — in the world of collegiate wrestling.

And by the time this season's over, in all probability he will be.

The University of Nebraska senior from Colby is the preseason No. 1 pick at 141 pounds in three NCAA Division I national wrestling polls.

And gaining that sort of recognition at that level spells nothing but good for the popular Colby native.

The polls naming him preseason #1 are The Amateur Wrestling News, Wrestling International News, and the Intermat/National Wrestling Coaches Association.

Murray was 24-7 as a junior and finished second in the NCAA and

the Big 12 Conference championships last season.

Murray wrestled for coach Steve Lampe at Colby Community College his freshman year, finishing at 34-4 and placed sixth in the National Junior College Athletic Association, achieving All-American status. From Colby College he transferred to the Nebraska Cornhusker program.

At Colby High School, Murray, the son of Jim and Bernice Murray, was a two-time high school state champ and compiled a 138-12 high school record.

Teamwise, the Cornhuskers are ranked No. 3 by the Amateur Wrestling News and the coaches association, and No. 4 by the Wrestling International News.

They opened their season on Friday with a home dual against Hofstra University, N.Y.

Murray might be called "amazing." Considering the fact he missed the end of the 2002 season due to a broken jaw, he didn't toss in the

towel. He returned to the mat in 2003, struggled to earn a starting spot and before the season was over, he had achieved what only 14 other Huskers had ever achieved before him: reaching the championship match.

He left fans breathless at the NCAA tourney when he climbed from No. 11 in the national rankings to No. 2 when the national showdown concluded at St. Louis.

And it shouldn't be surprising that Murray has his sights on taking the national crown this year.

Murray has watched the tape of his national championship debut in St. Louis many times over and has learned what he had done wrong. Count on him to make those wrongs right in the 2004-05 season.

When he lost the championship match to Cliff Moore of Iowa 5-2, Murray was suffering from a pulled muscle in his back, a bruised right hip, a cut and bruised face and sore shoulder.

Despite those physical limita-

tions he stayed right with the eventual champion.

Did his finish impress his teammates? Murray doesn't think so. He knows well that the other members of the team in his weight class have their eyes on that 141 lb. slot and will push him all the way in their quest to end up in the national spotlight.

In May of this year Murray had surgery on his shoulder, and that caused him to restrict his practices and weight lifting over the summer. Murray's 27-4 record last season was a sharp contrast to his 14-7 posting as a sophomore.

He was the Cornhuskers' top weight lifter last season and one of the top academically on the team. As a team, Nebraska had seven wrestlers win academic All-Big 12 honors.

Murray is majoring in mathematics education.

Colby's Matt Murray is now evolving as an overall household word.

The mind game



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Colby Trojan Valerie Jackson (#34), a 6'0" freshman from Logan, waited for a pass to come her way while a Miles City, Mont. player positions herself to thwart whatever move Jackson was anticipating. The action took place in Friday's game in the S&T Communications Ambassadors Classic in the Colby Community Building.

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Trojan basketball ladies run record to 7-0

The Colby Community College Lady Trojans made a pitch for the strength of the Jayhawk West Saturday night, as they defeated Jayhawk East contender Independence Community College in the S&T Communications/Ambassador Classic, 85-65, and advanced their record to 7-0 on the season.

From the tip the Trojans shot out to a 13-0 advantage, holding Indy scoreless through four minutes of play. But when the visitors did score, they did not stop, and went on a 9-0 run, and with just over five minutes left in the half the Pirates led by one. The Trojans didn't let that last, and held a 37-34 advantage at half.

In the second half, despite an aggressive and quick Independence team, the Lady Trojans progressively built onto their lead and won

with ease. Sophomore Jayci Stone had a tremendous night from the field, going 10-17 from the floor, 5-9 from three point range, and finishing with 25 points.

Four other Trojans were in double figures, including freshman Suzana Sormaz, who not only scored 13 points, but also dished out

eight assists, and freshman Shareka Purnell who went 4-5 from three point range and finished with 12 points. A strange note to the game — the Trojans only shot five free throws as a team, making three of them.

Beat Miles City

The Lady Trojans beat Miles City, Mont. Friday night in the Clas-

sic in easy fashion, 79-44.

Freshman Suzana Sormaz had 20 points, going 6-10 from three-point range to lead the Trojans. Sophomore Jayci Stone led the team on the glass with nine rebounds to go along with her 13 points.

The Trojans' next action is Tuesday at Air Force Prep in Colorado Springs at 6 p.m. MST.

Prep Scoreboard

• Results of Friday's playoff games:

CLASS 6A
Olathe South 26, SM West 7
Hutchinson 38, Derby 24
CLASS 5A
Olathe North 49, Blue Valley West 35

Salina South 34, Great Bend 17
CLASS 4A
Topeka Hayden 22, Holton 7
Rose Hill 27, Ulysses 22
CLASS 3A
Silver Lake 34, Rossville 26
Conway Springs 49, Garden Plain 13
CLASS 2-1A
Pittsburg Colgan 47, Sedan 14
Smith Center 30, Claflin 8

State championships scheduled this coming weekend.

• Results of Saturday's state championships:

CLASS 8-Man Div. I
Victoria 30, Baileyville 28
CLASS 8-Man Div. II
Hanston 56, Sylvan 6

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WEEKDAYS NOVEMBER 23 - NOVEMBER 29

	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLB/ABC 4 (6)	News		Good Morning America				Mak-over	Judge Brown	The View		Millionaire	News
KSNK/NBC 3 (9)	News Cont'd		Today				Varied Programs			Live With Regis and Kelly	In the Heat of the Night	
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News		The Early Show				The 700 Club		The Price Is Right	Young-Restless		Varied
K15CG 3 (3)	BBC World	Yoga	Body Electric	Caillou	Beren. Bears	Barney-Friends	Sesame Street	Dragon Tales	Beren. Bears	Mister Rogers	Teletubies	
WGN 13 (13)	Chang-ing	Believe Voice	Happy Days	Happy Days	Hillbil-lies	Hillbil-lies	Matlock		In the Heat of the Night		Magnum, P.I.	
NICK 29 (29)	Oddpar-ents	Jimmy Neutron	Rugrats	Spon-geBob	Dora the Explorer	Varied	Miss Spider	Lazy Town	Backyar-digans	Dora the Explorer	Blue's Clues	Little Bill
FAM 30 (30)	Spider-Man	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	Varied	Living the Life	The 700 Club	Varied	Gilmore Girls		Full House	Full House
USA 31 (31)	Texas Ranger	Varied	Movie				Nash Bridges	Varied	The District		The District	
TBS 37 (37)	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Movie	Varied Programs			Daw-son's	Varied	Daw-son's	Varied	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell
TNT 38 (38)	The Pretender		Angel		Charmed		ER		ER		Judging Amy	
DSC 42 (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Assignment Discovery		Double Agents		Designer Guys	Designer Guys		Monster House
A&E 47 (47)	Varied Programs								Third Watch		City Confidential	
ESPN 49 (49)	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	Sports-Center	Varied	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Varied Programs	
HBO 7 (7)	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs								
DISN 17 (17)	Koala Brothers	The Wiggles	Higgly-town	JoJo's Circus	The Wiggles	Stanley	Rolie Polie	PB&J Otter	Out of the Box	The Wiggles	Koala Brothers	Higgly-town
MAX 21 (21)	Movie	Varied Programs					Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied	Movie	Varied

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLB/ABC 4 (6)	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital	Varied	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	The Jane Pauley Show		News	ABC Wid News
KSNK/NBC 3 (9)	News	Inside Edition	Days of our Lives		Passions		The Insider	Jeopardy!	The Ellen DeGeneres Show		News	NBC News
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News	Bold, Beautiful	World Trn	Varied	Guiding Light		Dr. Phil		Oprah Winfrey		News	CBS News
K15CG 3 (3)	Reading Rainbow	Lions	Varied Programs		Clifford-Red	Post-cards	Arthur		Maya & Miguel	Cyber-chase	Zoom	Busi-ness
WGN 13 (13)	News		Rockford Files		Magnum, P.I.		America's Funniest Home Videos		Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Home Improve.	Will & Grace
NICK 29 (29)	Backyar-digans	Lazy Town	Varied Programs		Oddpar-ents	Jimmy Neutron		Varied Programs				
FAM 30 (30)	Family Matters	Family Matters	Step by Step	Step by Step	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Full House	Full House	Gilmore Girls		7th Heaven	
USA 31 (31)	Movie	Varied Programs							JAG			
TBS 37 (37)	Cosby Show	Varied Programs			Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Varied Programs		Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
TNT 38 (38)	Judging Amy		NYPD Blue		Law & Order	Varied Programs						
DSC 42 (42)	Surprise by Design	Surprise by Design	Double Agents		Monster Garage		Varied Programs		Varied Programs		American Chopper	
A&E 47 (47)	American Justice	Varied Programs							Third Watch		City Confidential	
ESPN 49 (49)	Varied Programs				Around the Horn	Interrup-tion (Live)		SportsCenter				
HBO 7 (7)	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs										
DISN 17 (17)	JoJo's Circus	Stanley	Winnie-Pooh	House of Mouse	House of Mouse	Recess	Lilo & Stitch	Recess	Kim Possible	Proud Family	Even Stevens	Lizzie McGuire
MAX 21 (21)	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs					Movie	Varied	Varied	Movie	Varied	Varied

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 23

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLB/ABC 4 (6)	(5:59) News	Ent. Tonight	My Wife and Kids	George Lopez	Accord-ing-Jim	Rodny (N) (CC)	NYPD Blue	I Like Ike (N) (FA) (CC)	Nws (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Jon Cryer, Chingy.
KSNK/NBC 3 (9)	News	Wheel of Fortune	The Biggest Loser (N) (CC)	Scrubs (N) (CC)			Law & Order: SVU		Nws (CC)	The Tonight Show (N) (CC)	Late-Night (N)	Late-Night (N)
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	Nws (CC)	Friends (CC)	NCIS Call of Silence (N) (CC)	The Amazing Race (N) (CC)			Judging Amy Order and Chaos (N) (CC)		Nws (CC)	Late Show Kevin Spacey. (N) (CC)	Late-Late	
K15CG 3 (3)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nova Dogs and More Dogs		Pres. Conversations		Frontline (N) (CC)	BBC World	That's My Boy	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		
WGN 13 (13)	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	Movie: Spacballs (1987) Mel Brooks' big-budget sendup of science-fiction movies.		WGN Nws at Nine (CC)	Bccker (CC)	Bccker (CC)	Bccker (CC)	Home Delivery (N)			
NICK 29 (29)	Jimmy Neutron	Oddpar-ents	Spon-geBob	Ne'd's School	Father-hood (N)	Full House	Frs-h Prince	Cosby Show	Rose-ann	Rose-ann	Frs-h Prince	Frs-h Prince
FAM 30 (30)	Smallville Fever (CC)		Movie: Problem Child ★ 1/2 (1990, Comedy) John Ritter, Michael Oliver.		Whose Line? Whose Line? (CC)		The 700 Club (CC)		Nc-ver-land	Family Matters		
USA 31 (31)	JAG Imposter (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		Movie: All About the Benjamins ★★ (2002, Comedy) Ice Cube, Mike Myers. (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		The District Sacrifices (CC)			
TBS 37 (37)	Ray-mond	Ray-mond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	He's a Lady Winner selected. (N)		Movie: Bridget Jones's Diary ★★★ (2001, Comedy) Renee Zellweger. (CC)			
TNT 38 (38)	Law & Order: Deceit (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order: Terminal (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order: Ego (CC) (DVS)		Charme'd (CC)		Law & Order: Mayhem (CC) (DVS)		The X-Files Elegy (CC)	
DSC 42 (42)	Monster Nation Butler blimp. (N)		Dr. G: Medical Examiner		Destroyer: Forged in Steel (N)		Wing Nuts A Wing and a Prayer (CC)		Dr. G: Medical Examiner		Destroyer: Forged in Steel	
A&E 47 (47)	American Justice: The Monster Inside		Biography (CC)		Cold Case Files		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Crossing Jordan Secrets & Lies (CC)		Biography Otis Toole (CC)	
ESPN 49 (49)	College Basketball: Maui Invitational Semifinal -- Teams TBA, Maui, Hawaii.		College Basketball: Maui Invitational Semifinal -- Teams TBA, Maui, Hawaii. (Live) (CC)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		Outside-Lines					
HBO 7 (7)	(5:00) Movie: Le Divorce ★★ (2003)		Movie: Once Upon a Time in Mexico ★★ 1/2 (2003, Action) Antonio Banderas.		Real Sports Cecil Fielder. (N) (CC)		The Wire Slapstick (CC)		Real Sex Xtra		Movie: Old Schl	
DISN 17 (17)	Sister, Sister	That's Rave-n	Movie: The Emperor's New Groove ★★★ (2000, Comedy)		Whis-kers		Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	Even Stevens	Boy Mts. World	Proud Family	That's Rave-n
MAX 21 (21)	(5:15) Movie: Love Don't Cost a Thing		Movie: My Archite-ct ★★★ (2003) The life and work of architect Louis Kahn. (CC)		Movie: 48 HRS. ★★★ (1982, Comedy-Drama) Nick Nolte.				Thrills (CC)		Movie: Forbidden (2001) Renee Rea.	

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 24

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLB/ABC 4 (6)	(5:59) News	Ent. Tonight	The Bachelor (Season Finale) (N) (CC)				The Bachelor After the Final Rose (CC)		Nws (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)	
KSNK/NBC 3 (9)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Tim McGraw: Here and Now (N) (CC)		The West Wing: The Dover Test (N) (CC)		Law & Order: All in the Family (N) (CC)		Nws (CC)	The Tonight Show (N) (CC)	Late-Night (N)	Late-Night (N)
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	Nws (CC)	Friends (CC)	60 Minutes (CC)		King of Queens	Cen-ter-Univ	CSI: NY (N) (CC)		Nws (CC)	Late Show (N) (CC)	Late-Late	
K15CG 3 (3)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Secrets of the Dead Tragedy at the Pole (DVS)		Regency House Party (N) (CC)		Back to the Floor		BBC World	Two's Cmpany	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
WGN 13 (13)	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	Movie: FX ★★★ (1986) Agents hire a special-effects expert to fake a mob hit.		WGN Nws at Nine (CC)		Bccker (CC)	Bccker (CC)	Home Delivery (N)			
NICK 29 (29)	U-Pick Live	U-Pick Live	U-Pick Live	U-Pick Live	Full House	Full House	Frs-h Prince	Cosby Show	Rose-ann	Rose-ann	Frs-h Prince	Frs-h Prince
FAM 30 (30)	Smallville Rosetta (CC)		Movie: Stuart Little ★★★ (1999) Human parents adopt a mouse into their family.		Whose Line? Whose Line? (CC)		The 700 Club (CC)		Family Matters	Family Matters		
USA 31 (31)	JAG Clipped Wings (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Monk Mr. Monk Goes to the Asylum	
TBS 37 (37)	Ray-mond	Ray-mond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	He's a Lady Winner selected.		Movie: The Wedding Singer	
TNT 38 (38)	Law & Order: Family Business		Law & Order: Foul Play (CC) (DVS)		Movie: The Wool Cap ★★ (2004) A troubled mute befriends an abandoned girl.		Movie: The Wool Cap ★★ (2004) A troubled mute befriends an abandoned girl.		Movie: The Wool Cap ★★ (2004) A troubled mute befriends an abandoned girl.		Movie: The Wedding Singer	
DSC 42 (42)	Monster Nation (N)		Alexander: The Great: Unsolved		MythBusters: Myths Revisited (CC)		Gre: at Biker Build-Off		Alexander: The Great: Unsolved		MythBusters: Myths Revisited (CC)	
A&E 47 (47)	American Justice: Love Triangle (CC)		American Justice: Love Triangle (CC)		Family Plots	Airline	Biography: Carroll O'Connor		Crossing Jordan Secrets & Lies (CC)		American Justice: Love Triangle (CC)	
ESPN 49 (49)	NBA Basketball: Detroit Pistons at Cleveland Cavaliers. Gund Arena. (Live) (CC)		College Basketball: Maui Invitational Final -- Teams TBA, Maui, Hawaii. (Live) (CC)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		Outside-Lines					
HBO 7 (7)	(5:30) Movie: Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World ★★ 1/2 (2003)		The Wire Slapstick (CC)		Family Bonds		Movie: Aileen: Life and Death of a Serial Killer ★★★ (2003)					
DISN 17 (17)	Sister, Sister	That's Rave-n	Movie: The Lion King 1 1/2 ★★★ (2004, Adventure) (CC)		Movie: The Lion King 1 1/2 ★★★ (2004, Adventure) (CC)		Even Stevens	Boy Mts. World	Proud Family	Proud Family	That's Rave-n	
MAX 21 (21)	(5:00) Movie: X2: X-Men United (2003)		Movie: Maria de to the Mob ★★★ (1988, Comedy) Michelle Pfeiffer.		Movie: Stuck on You (2003) Conjoined twins star on a TV show with Cher. (CC)				B.st Sex Ever		Movie	