

Former Trojan helps Hawks win

Trojans in action

Colby Trojan A.J. Stephens, left, defended a Western Nebraska player in action earlier this year. Colby plays today and Saturday at Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington, Wyo.

From the University of Iowa
In a night of firsts, the University of Iowa wrestling team edged out Northern Iowa, 18-15, Tuesday in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

It was head coach Tom Brands' first dual victory at the Hawkeye helm and Northern Iowa's first dual wrestling meet in its new McLeod Center.

A crowd of 5,831 gathered to watch Iowa extend its winning streak in the series to 31. The Hawkeyes got wins from senior Mario Galanakis (133 pounds), redshirt freshman Ryan Morningstar (157), junior Mark Perry (165), senior Eric Luedke (174) and junior Matt Fields (Hwt.).

Luedke is a former Colby Community College wrestler.

Galanakis scored the only bonus points of the night, pinning redshirt

freshman Brett Robbins in 2:50.

Morningstar scored a takedown in sudden victory to defeat sophomore Moza Fay, 5-3, and tie the team score at 9-9 at the intermission.

Perry, who wrestled in the NWCA All-Star Dual in Dallas, Texas, Monday, scored a 3-0 win and accumulated 3:24 of riding time against senior Nick Baima.

Luedke gave Iowa a 15-9 lead - its largest of the night - with his 7-4 decision against Alex Dolly.

With the scored tied 15-15 going into the heavyweight match, Fields picked up his fourth career win over senior Tyler Rhodes and solidified the team win with a 5-0 decision.

Iowa (1-0) will host Arizona State (2-0) 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City, Iowa.



WESTERN NEBRASKA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Wrestling tryouts Monday

The second annual Colby High School wrestling Orange and Black Tryouts will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the high school.

Donations will be accepted for the Dale Samuelson Relief fund.

Border war has bowl implications

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Missouri coach Gary Pinkel insists that despite losing four of the last five games, the Tigers still have plenty to play for.

Not that they need extra motivation this week, with longtime rival Kansas visiting Faurot Field. Still, Saturday's matchup could have bowl implications for both teams.

Kansas (6-5, 3-4 Big 12) has won the last three meetings in one of college football's oldest rivalries. Pinkel knows that a win over the Jayhawks could help fans forget a disappointing second half of the season for the Tigers (7-4, 3-4), who seemed headed for big things after a 6-0 start.

"Shoot, this is a tough league," Pinkel said. "This is a difficult league to win in, we all know that. You're going to have your tough games."

Gone are Missouri's hopes of winning the Big 12 North and finishing the season with double-digit wins. Still to be determined are where the Tigers and Jayhawks will end up when bowl season comes around — if anywhere.

A bowl appearance for the Tigers would be their third in four years, a stretch unmatched since five bowls in six seasons from 1978 to 1983.

This season, the Big 12 has nine bowl-eligible teams with eight bowl tie-ins. The Tigers have been projected to go to the Alamo, Texas or Sun bowls. The Gator Bowl is also a possibility.

Quarterback Chase Daniel said the Tigers won't have bowl games on their minds against Kansas.

"We can't," he said. "If we do then we're going to get ambushed on Saturday and get embarrassed. I think in the back of all our minds it might be there, but I know for a fact that this week is truly focused on Kansas."

At one point this season, Kansas seemed a long shot for a postseason game. After a midseason string of five losses in six games — four of the losses were by seven points or less — Kansas has won its last three to become bowl-eligible. A bowl appearance this season would mark the first time in school history Kansas went to a bowl game in back-to-back years — the Jayhawks beat Houston 42-13 in the Fort Worth Bowl last season.

Coach Mark Mangino has been impressed by the way his team has come around.

"As a football coach you always want to see your team get better and play its best football at the end of the season," Mangino said.

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