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Colby's Levi Younkin, left, faced off with Neosho's Ray Ramirez during the national qualifying match last weekend at Neosho Community College in Chanute. Younkin, a Trojan sophomore, qualified for nationals. He was one of eight Colby will send to nationals Feb. 23-24 in Rochester, Minn.

Trojans qualify a school record seven freshmen for nationals

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Colby Community College wrestling coach Steve Lampe is getting out of his economy car in preparation for the national tournament.

The Colby Community College wrestling team qualified eight wrestlers for the national meet because of its success at the regional tournament held in Chanute last weekend at Neosho Community College.

"At one time during regionals, I thought I would be taking a Volkswagen to nationals," Lampe said.

Colby placed fifth at the meet, but somehow ended up qualifying eight wrestlers to nationals. Lampe said his team struggled early on and expected just a couple of wrestlers to

qualify.

"It was a very odd meet," he said. "We placed fifth but had the second highest number of qualifiers."

The six-team regional consisted of Colby Trojans, Labette Community College, Northwest Wyoming, Western Wyoming, Pratt and Neosho. Lampe said the region is tough because the teams are so familiar with each other.

"We had a horrible draw. It was tough to make points in the first round. The semi-final round was tough too. We made no points at all. Everybody was running away from us."

Colby still had enough wrestlers and time to qualify.

"I told them, 'The way you guys are wrestling, I don't think you want to go,'" Lampe said.

The top four in each weight class advanced to nationals.

Qualifiers for the Trojans were: Akmal Adilov (125 pounds, third place)

Tyler Baker (133, third place) Levi Younkin (141, fourth place) Lyubomir Kumbarov (149, fourth place)

Cole Garcia (157, fourth place) Scott Miller (174, fourth place) Chris Sutton-Kearn (184, first place)

Naota Saga (197, fourth place).

Lampe said this is the most number of freshmen he has ever taken to nationals. In years past, that number has been four. Younkin is the only sophomore.

Lampe said the extra benefit having so many freshmen go to nationals is the experience they get will be a boost to next year's team.

The national tournament is Feb. 23-24, in Rochester, Minn.

Trojan men, women fall behind in second half at Dodge City

The Dodge City Conquistadors may have allowed the Colby Trojans to stay with them in the first half Saturday in Dodge City, but they showed what they can do in the second half with a 85-63 for their 20th win of the season.

It took some time for the Conquistadors to pick up the intensity of their game as they allowed Colby to dictate the pace in the first half that ended with a 31-24 lead for Dodge City.

"I thought that Colby controlled the tempo of the game in the first half and that slowed down the style of play to their favor and allowed them to keep the game close," said Dodge City head coach Brian Hoberecht.

The second half was a different game as Dodge City outscored

Colby 54-39.

Camilo Londondo led Colby with 23 points. He was 4-8 from the three-point line. Shedric Cole scored 11. Irvan Meyers added nine points.

Colby is 1-10 in conference play and 5-2 overall.

Colby plays Butler County Wednesday in Colby, after the women's game.

Women

The Colby Community College women's basketball team lost 71-67 Saturday at Dodge City Community College.

Colby led in the second half, but a late surge of offense helped Dodge City deliver a comeback win. Dodge City had 31-30 halftime lead over the Trojans.

Jamie Schroeder led five players

in double figures with 17 points. Schroeder also had seven rebounds. Erin Goodhue contributed 13 points on 5-10 shooting from the floor.

Jacci Tinkel and Sandra Sormaz each had 11 points and Vanja Zelenovic had 10 points. Colby was 8-17 from the three-point line in the first half.

The Lady Trojans host Butler County on 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Community Building.

The Lady Trojans, 9-16 overall, 5-6 in the conference, will look to remain in the top four in the West Division of the Jayhawk Conference.

If they finish in the top four, the Lady Trojans will host a first-round conference game.

Dodge City Globe contributed to this story.

Colby wrestlers end dual season undefeated

Colby High wrestlers finished their dual season undefeated after winning 43-18 Friday at Garden City.

Colby competes at the regional meet Friday and Saturday at Pratt.

The last time Colby went undefeated in duals was 2001.

103 pounds: Nathan Reed, 7-0 over J. Martinez.

112: Cody Wark lost by fall to A. Hernandez.

119: Trenton Powell won by fall over M. Blackburn.

125: Brent Luedke won 10-6 over J. Dozier.

130: Hunter Olsen lost 8-2 to M. Arellano.

135: Darren Sporing lost 10-3 to E. Ervin.

140: Garrett Zweygardt lost 3-2 in overtime to J. Quintanar.

145: Jared Flanagan won 15-5 over M. Garrison.

152: Eric Jurek lost 5-3 in overtime to A. Martinez.

160: Brek Arnberger won by fall over T. Patterson.

171: Tanner Kriss won by fall over C. Rapp

189: Treat Bugbee won 1-0 over M. Bean.

215: Nick Kriss won by fall over M. Juarez.

285: Taylor Brown won by fall over C. Wilson.

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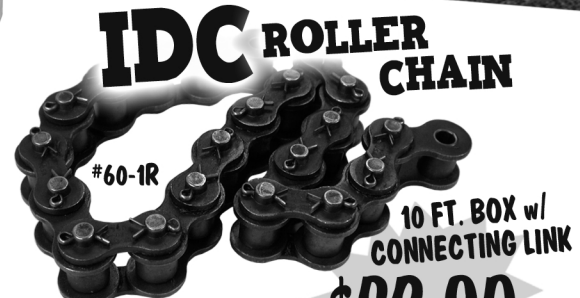


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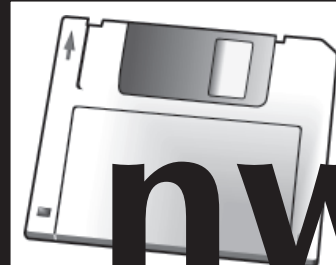


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