



Silver medalist Eric Luedke (right) and gold medalist Bryce Hasseman (left) were finalists at 84 kg at the Dan Kolov International in Bulgaria.

Colby Native wins medal

Eric Luedke, Colby native, has recently returned from being on tour in which he competed in three international wrestling tournaments. To begin the tour, February 8th, Luedke (Iowa City, Iowa/Gator WC) was in the finals of the Dave Schultz Memorial International in Colorado Springs, Colo., where he earned a silver medal, being defeated by Bryce Hasseman (Iowa City, Iowa/New York AC) 0-1, 1-0, 3-0 decision, whom he had beaten in earlier competition this year, at the New York Athletic Club International.

In Varna, Bulgaria on February 15th Eric won another silver medal.

He once again lost to gold medalist Bryce Hasseman in the finals at 84 kg/185 lbs.

They were two of the three United States freestyle wrestlers to win a medal on the final day of the Dan Kolov International tournament. Hasseman defeated U.S. teammate Eric Luedke in the gold-medal finals, 1-0, 3-3, 3-0. Both

U.S. wrestlers won three matches to qualify for the finals. Hasseman stopped Serdar Boke of Turkey in the semifinals, 2-1, 2-2, while Luedke beat Adrian Recorean of Romania in the semifinals, 2-0, 2-1. The other U.S. medalist was 2008 University World champion Tervel Dlagnev (Cedar Falls, Iowa/Sunkist Kids), who won a silver medal at 120 kg/264.5 lbs.

"Our guys are tough and compete hard, said Assistant National Freestyle Coach Bill Zadick. "We need to improve in a few areas, mat savvy, wrestling hard on the edge of the mat, and being stubborn."

"We must be stubborn in what we're going after and stubborn about giving up cheap points. I see a lot of good things and look forward to what's ahead for our country."

At the Ukrainian Memorial International in Kiev, Ukraine on February 21st, Luedke had two wins over Dan Palinkas (Slovakia), 4-1, 5-0 and over Igor Sin-

itsyn (Ukraine), 2-0, 5-0 and one loss to Jamal Mirzaei (Iran), 0-4, 0-1.

Eric's next competition will be in the ASICS U.S. National Championships in Las Vegas, Nevada, April 10th and 11th, which is the main qualifying tournament to compete in the World Team Trials on May 30th-31st. It was recently announced that the World Team Trials will be held in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Eric is excited they are so close to his hometown and hopes that many of the people who have encouraged and supported him and followed his wrestling career will be able to go to Council Bluffs, (by Omaha, NE) to support him in achieving his goals.

For more event information and current rankings, results, and event coverage go to themat.com. Eric formerly wrestled for Colby High School, Colby Community College and the University of Iowa. He is the son of Brian and Judy Luedke of Colby.

Colby men lose to Barton Bluejays

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The Colby Community College men's basketball team was defeated by the Barton Bluejays on Wednesday.

The Trojans trailed the Cougars 49-44 at end of the first half. Nyika Williams of Barton made an uncontested layup to increase the Cougars' lead to 64-52 with 13:31 left in the game. Freshman Shamar Acuy responded by taking it strong to the basket and scoring while being fouled. He drained the free throw to cut Barton's lead

to 66-55. Less than a minute later freshman Ethan Stover knocked down a jumper to make 66-57.

Colby's rally was curtailed as Barton regained a double digit lead. The Cougars Chip Steven knocked down two three-pointers in a short timespan to increase the Cougars lead to 85-67 with 7:04 left in the game. Later in the game Corey Bingham of Barton stole the ball from sophomore Erick Peguero in the backcourt and took it down the floor for a one-handed dunk to increase the Cougars' lead to 89-70. Barton went on to win the game 97-78.

Lady Trojans pounded by Bluejays in blowout

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The Colby Community College women's basketball team were pounded by Barton 85-57 on Wednesday night.

The Lady Cougars led Colby 32-18 with 4:19 remaining in the first half. Brooke Conley of Barton stole the ball from Tasha Waggoner and bolted down court and attempted a layup. The shot clanged off the rim, but Conley rebounded her own miss and stuck it back in to give the Lady Cougars a 46-18 halftime lead.

Sophomore Jaime Alexander rebounded a missed three-pointer by Danisha Cole and stuck it back in to make it 57-33 Barton. Alexander hit a three with 12:36 left to cut Barton's lead to 59-36. Conley drove it down the lane and made a layup while being fouled to increase the Lady Cougars' lead to 65-36.

Jasmine Gardner hit a long jumper to cut Barton's lead to 65-40. Alexander hit a three-pointer to make it 67-43 with 7:09 remaining.

The Lady Trojans just couldn't

mount any sustained runs in the second half as Barton picked up an easy win.

The loss dropped Colby's record to 9-21 on the year and 4-12 in the Jayhawk Community College West.

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K-State loses to Tigers

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — The suspense was long gone when the horn finally sounded to end Missouri's latest home-court romp.

DeMarre Carroll had 21 points and a career-best 14 rebounds, helping the Tigers run their record to 17-0 at home with a 94-74 rout over Kansas State on Wednesday night.

"That first half was probably the best we've had since I've been here," said coach Mike Anderson. "Our guys were very aggressive, and they had a lot of energy."

J.T. Tiller added 15 points, six rebounds and six assists and Leo Lyons and reserve Lawrence Bowers both had 16 points for the Tigers.

Missouri trailed by 13 points at halftime in the first meeting and led by 23 points at the break in the rematch, embarrassing a team that has lost only twice in its last 10 games.

"We got our rear ends kicked," Kansas State coach Frank Martin said.

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Bulldogs pick up win over Triplains Vikings

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The Brewster Bulldogs defeated Triplains 64-51 on Tuesday in the first round of their regional tournament.

Shane Ohlrogge scored a team-high 20 points and T.J. Preston added 15. Devan Selby had 12 points, Spencer Holm scored 10

and Seth Carpenter added 7. The Bulldogs led 25-19 at the half.

The two teams battled to a 16-16 stalemate in the third quarter. The Bulldogs outscored Triplains 23-16 in the fourth quarter and took home the victory. The win improved the team's record to 10-10. They will take on Wallace County at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at the Community Building.

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