

Colby High boys take third in Beloit

Three Colby Eagles wrestlers took first on Saturday at the Beloit Invitational, a big tournament in central Kansas that usually draws tough competition.

The three firsts helped Colby place third out of 17 teams with 196 points overall. Clay Center took first with 214.

Other teams in the tourney were Phillipsburg, Hoxie, Ulysses, Oakley, Abilene, Salina South, Marysville, Beloit, Minneapolis, Hill City, Smith Center, Oberlin, Stockton, Plainville, Republic County, Silver Lake, Lincoln and Concordia.

Senior Nathan Reed, sophomore Konner Kriss and freshman

Dustin Reed finished first at 103, 112 and 119 pounds. Nathan Reed is 25-2 this season, his brother is 23-2 and Kriss is 22-7.

Senior Bob Schroeder, Torey Taylor, Ethan Stickel and Adam Weber and freshman Dalton Snyder took third at 145, 160, 152, 215 and 135. Snyder is 20-7, Taylor, 21-6; Stickel, 22-7 and Weber, 21-4 and Snyder, 20-7. Senior Dalton Garcia snared fourth at 285. He is 8-8. Junior George Smollock took fifth at 189. He is 13-11.

Colby will wrestle in the Northwest Kansas League tournament at 9 a.m. Saturday in St. Francis.

Kansas Jayhawks senior hammers rival Missouri

LAWRENCE (AP) — Battling a lingering illness and distraught as his grandmother battled a terminal illness, Cole Aldrich hasn't been the same fun-loving goof-ball he had been during first two months of the season.

His lungs and his mind finally clear, the big fella is starting to enjoy himself again.

Aldrich dominated Missouri inside with 12 points, 16 rebounds and seven blocked shots, helping No. 2 Kansas run over the rival Tigers 84-65 Monday night.

"Over the last few games, I'm starting to get back into the groove where I was last year," said Aldrich, who tied Danny Manning for fifth on KU's all-time list with 200 blocks. "I'm just having fun again."

Kansas (19-1, 5-0 Big 12) dominated inside and hounded Missouri defensively to turn the Border Showdown into a beatdown.

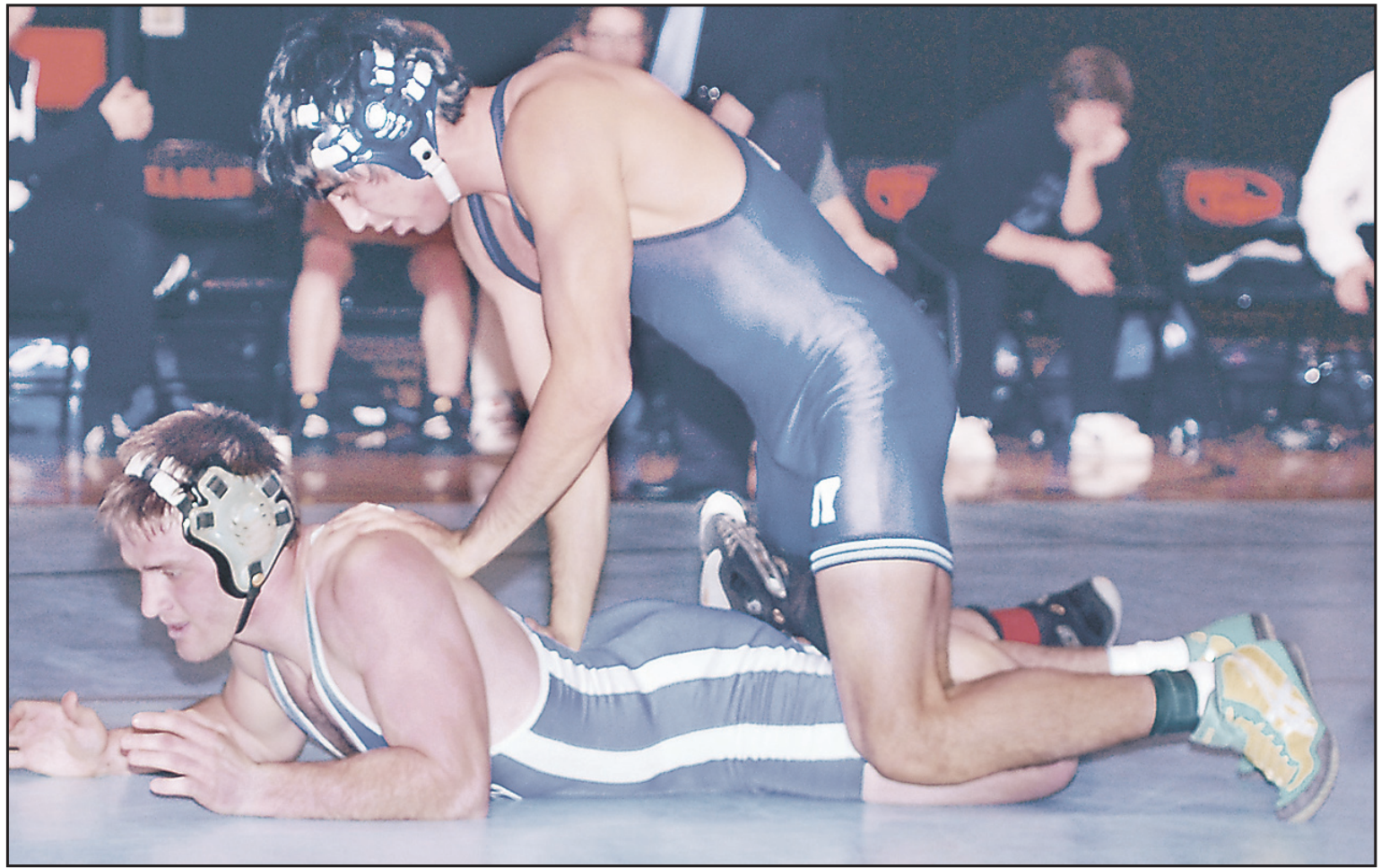
Marcus Morris scored 11 of his 17 points to help Kansas build a 20-point lead by halftime and twin brother Markieff Morris grabbed 11 rebounds for the Jayhawks, who haven't lost to Missouri at

home since 1999. Tyrel Reed was 4 for 4 from 3-point range and had a career-high 14 points to help extend the nation's longest home winning streak to 54 games.

The rout started with Aldrich. The junior has steadily gotten better with each game since his grandmother, Ann, died in Minnesota on Jan. 15. He had 10 points while still grieving against Baylor, then a double-double in a convincing road win over Iowa State on Saturday.

Against Missouri, the athletic 6-foot-10 center used his pterodactyl-like wing span to score at the rim and harass Missouri all night. He was seemingly everywhere in the first half, grabbing 12 rebounds — most in a half for KU since Wayne Simien in 2003 — blocking five shots, and even wiping up his sweat from the floor after diving for a loose ball.

"He's got a freer mind now," Kansas coach Bill Self said. The Tigers needed a good shooting night to end a 10-game losing streak in Lawrence and didn't get it. Missouri had trouble getting shots off inside against Aldrich.



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Sophomore Trojans wrestler and former national champion Bekzod Abdurakhmanov gained control over Pratt's Tracer Hudson during a dual on Tuesday at Colby High School.

Trojans' wrestlers win dual by five

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Key pins by 2009 national champion Ganbayar Sanjaa and Patrick Fletcher helped the Colby Community College wrestling team pick up a comeback victory over Pratt on Tuesday at the Community Building.

At one point in the dual, Colby was down 11-3, but the Trojans ended up winning 28-23.

Coach Steve Lampe said Fletcher pinned Austin Hamm of Pratt at 285 pounds after doing a move called "the twister." He said a twister is when you spin an opponent so they end up in a pinning position.

Colby fell behind 6-0 at the beginning of the dual when freshman Cody Wark was pinned by

the Beavers' Jesse Barber at 125. Freshman Brent Luedke won his match over Pratt's Devin Bingham 8-1 at 133. Luedke got a takedown to take a 2-0 lead in the first period, then he got a reverse to go up 4-0. He got three more points in the third round and picked up a win.

Freshman Jerad Schroeder dominated the Beavers' Chris Wright 12-1 at 149 and Bekzod Abdurakhmanov won his match at 157 by a technical fall over Pratt's Tracer Hudson. Lampe said Schroeder had only beaten Wright by an eyelash, 4-2, in their match at the meet at Pratt last Tuesday.

Lampe called Abdurakhmanov "a wrestling machine." "This guy goes out and scores points," he said.

Sophomore Nick Kriss trounced Tyler Downs of Pratt 13-3 at

197. Kriss got a takedown in the first round to go up 2-0, then got Downs' shoulder exposed for a five count to earn a 5-0 lead. He got Downs' shoulders exposed for a two count to go up 7-0 before the end of the first round.

Downs got a takedown in the second round to cut the lead to 7-2. The two wrestlers exchanged escapes to make it 8-3. Kriss got three more points before the round ended. Kriss got Downs' shoulder exposed for a 3 count to make it 13-3 in the third round.

"Nick Kriss was fabulous," said Lampe.

He said Kriss had lost his last two matches against Downs, but now has a 4-2 career record against him.

Freshman Luis Camacho lost by technical fall to Ramon Willis of Pratt at 141, and the Beavers'

Travis Budke pinned sophomore James Hirsch at 165.

Lampe said Schroeder and Kriss really stepped up in the dual.

The Trojans will wrestle in the brand new Kansas Cup tournament on Sunday at Kansas Newman University in Wichita. Other teams at the event will be Baker University from Baldwin City, Labette County, Pratt and Neosho County Community College from Chanute.

The West Central Regional will be held in Colby on Saturday, Feb. 13.

"The regional sports some of the best team's and individuals," said Lampe. "We are still a force, as all of our best 'point getters' in regard to national competition are still with us, and we will be ready to go when all the marbles are on the table."

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