Trojan men ready to race at nationals

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The Colby Community College men's cross country team is ready to compete with its best seven runners at the National Junior College Athletic Association Cross Country Championships on Saturday in Hobbs, N.M.

"We're excited about it," Head Coach James Ortiz said. "I think the guys are ready to reedem themselves after a bad region meet."

At the Kansas Junior College Cross Country Region VI Championships in Garden City, the Trojans had two runners finish in the top 10, but the team as a whole took third place. First place went to Garden City Community College and second went to Johnson County Community College.

chance at nationals considering and is now No. 25 and Hutchinson Colby's regional finish.

fine," he said. "As bad as our retop 25 for week 9. The rest of the gion meet was, we barely got beat teams competing are unranked. by Johnson County, now the No. 4 team."

The national rankings for week nine came out Tuesday, and many of the teams competing at nationing in the top 10, I think that says als, including Colby, are in a different spot.

Garden City was ranked No. 1 2 spot this week. Colby was No. sophomores and they have to perspots to No. 9 heading into nationals. Johnson County was previously No. 8, but after beating Colby at regionals, they jumped up to they will be just fine. the No. 4 spot. Butler Community College was No. 17 and now sits some hardware," he said. at No. 21, Allen County Commu-

Ortiz said his team has a good nity College was ranked No. 21 Community College was No. 22 "I really think we're gonna do last week, but it dropped out of the

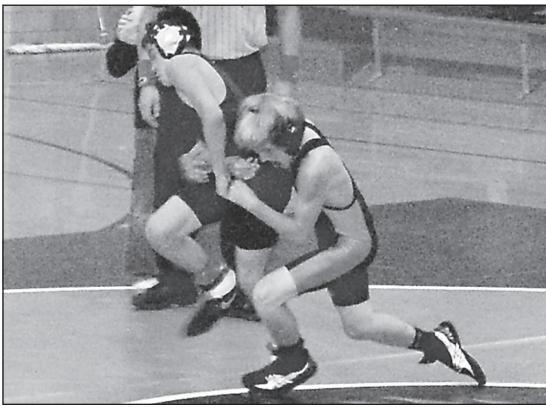
> Ortiz said he is not too worried about having dropped in the rankings this week.

"Having a bad day and still bea lot about our team," he said. "We just gotta hope for a normal day. That's the hard thing about junior last week, but dropped to the No. college, you've got freshmen and 4 in week eight, but dropped five form on a national level. You never know what's going to happen."

> Still, Ortiz said that as long as the Trojans have a normal day,

"Hopefully we can bring home

Taking it to the mat



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A Colby Middle School wrestler took down a Grant Junior High (Goodland) wrestler Monday at the Colby Grade School gym.

Boxing great Joe Frazier dies after cancer fight

By Dan Gelston and Tim Dahlberg

AP Sports Writers

PHILADELPHIA – Joe Frazier needed the night of his career to knock down "The Greatest." Frazier knocked Muhammad

Ali down in the 15th round and became the first man to beat him in the Fight of the Century at Madison Square Garden in March 1971, the first in a trilogy of bouts that have gone down as boxing's most fabled fights.

"That was the greatest thing that

It was his biggest night, one that would never come again.

The relentless, undersized heavyweight ruled the division as trying to fight his way out of Ali's

Frazier, who died Monday night after a brief battle with liver cancer at the age of 67, will forever be associated with Ali. No one in boxing would ever dream of anointing Ali as The Greatest unless he, too, was linked to Smokin' Joe.

with respect and admiration," Ali

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said in a statement. "My sympathy ago remained fresh in Frazier's

They fought three times, twice in the heart of New York City and once in the morning in a steamy arena in the Thrilla in Manila the ciated Press. Philippines. They went 41 rounds together. Neither gave an inch and Ali, said he was saddened by Fraboth gave it their all.

In their last fight in Manila in 1975, they traded punches with a guy. A decent guy. A man of his fervor that seemed unimaginable among heavyweights. Frazier gave almost as good as he got for age. I can't say enough about 14 rounds, then had to be held Joe." ever happened in my life," Frazier back by trainer Eddie Futch as he unable to see.

"Closest thing to dying that I know of," Ali said afterward.

champion, then spent a lifetime zier out of the ring as he was inside it. He called him a gorilla, and mocked him as an Uncle Tom. But he respected him as a fighter, especially after Frazier won a decision to defend his heavyweight title against the then-unbeaten Ali in a fight that was so big Frank Sinatra was shooting pictures at ringside and both fighters earned "I will always remember Joe an astonishing \$2.5 million.

The night at the Garden 40 years

career and relationship with Ali a few months before he died.

not mentioned," he told The Asso-

Bob Arum, who once promoted zier's passing. "He was such an inspirational

word," Arum said. "I'm torn up by Joe dying at this relatively young

Frazier's death was announced tried to go out for the final round, in a statement by his family, who asked to be able to grieve privately and said they would announce "our father's homecoming cel-Ali was as merciless with Fra- ebration" as soon as possible.

Manny Pacquiao learned of it graphs in the lobby of the MGM goes out to his family and loved mind as he talked about his life, shortly after he arrived in Las Vegas for his fight Saturday night with Juan Manuel Marquez. Like "I can't go nowhere where it's Frazier in his prime, Pacquiao has a powerful left hook that he has used in his remarkable run to star-

> and the sport lost a great ambassador," Pacquiao said.

Don King, who promoted the Thrilla in Manila, was described by a spokesman as too upset to talk about Frazier's death.

Though slowed in his later years and his speech slurred by the toll a top amateur for several years, of punches taken in the ring, Frazier was still active on the autograph circuit in the months before he died. In September he went to fighting in the final bout with an Las Vegas, where he signed auto- injured left thumb.

Grand shortly before Floyd Mayweather Jr.'s fight against Victor An old friend, Gene Kilroy, vis-

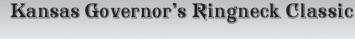
ited with him and watched Frazier work the crowd.

"He was so nice to everybody," "Boxing lost a great champion, Kilroy said. "He would say to each of them, 'Joe Frazier, sharp as a razor, what's your name?""

> 12, 1944, Frazier took up boxing early after watching weekly fights on the black and white television on his family's small farm. He was fighter to win a gold medal in the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo despite

bered as one of the greatest fighters of all time and a real man." Arum told the AP in a telephone interview Monday night. "He's a guy that stood up for himself. He didn't compromise and always gave 100 percent in the ring. There was never a fight in the ring where Joe didn't give 100 percent."

After turning pro in 1965, Fra-Born in Beaufort, S.C., on Jan zier quickly became known for his punching power, stopping his first 11 opponents. Within three years he was fighting world-class opposition and, in 1970, beat Ellis to win the heavyweight title that and became the only American he would hold for more than two



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