

Trojan wrestlers ranked 8th in nation

Colby Community College wrestlers, currently ranked eighth in the nation, dominated the Western Wyoming Mustangs on Wednesday in the Colby High School gym. The squad, coached by David Nordhues, won the meet 32-9. Individual results are listed below with Trojan wrestlers in bold type.

Marco Tamayo, Carrolton, Texas, 125 pounds, won by fall over Richard Serna
Josh Martinez, Amarillo, Texas, 133, 11-4 decision over Ronnie Wardleigh
Mario Luna won by fall over **Jace Campbell**, Oakley, 141
Markos Serna 16-10 decision over **Kane Lovvorn**, Holton, 149

Drake Lovvorn, Holton, 157, 12-4 decision over Ross Taylor
Bryce Lewis, Minden, Neb., 165, won by fall over Jordan Schroeder
Mike McKinney, Lewisville, Texas, 174, 9-6 decision over Shawn Seppala
Dylan Braun, Hays, 184, 6-3 decision over Riley Argyle
Blake Steiert, Loveland, Colo., 197, 1-0 decision over Simas Norkus
Fabian Guerrero, Fort Lupton, Colo., 285, 11-1 decision over Carlos Saabedra

The squad will face the Northwest Kansas Technical College team in a dual on Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Colby High School gymnasium.

Colby varsity wrestlers post winning records

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The Colby High School varsity wrestling team has several outstanding wrestlers this season, which is obvious when looking at their match statistics.

Sophomore Andrew Taylor, 160 pounds, has a perfect record of 15-0 along with 32 takedowns and 6 pins.

Junior Dustin Reed at 120 pounds is undefeated so far this season with a 15-0 record. He has 17 takedowns and 8 pins in his matches.

At 138 pounds, senior Konnor Kriss has 14 wins and 1 loss, putting him at a 93 percent ratio, and has racked up 34 takedowns and

7 pins.

Junior Quade Woofter, 145 pounds, holds a 13-2 record (87 percent) and touts 22 takedowns and 6 pins.

Junior Beau Brown at 170 pounds has 13 wins and 2 losses (87 percent) with 23 takedowns and 4 pins so far this season.

At 132 pounds, senior Michael Tubbs sits at 13-2 (87 percent) and has an outstanding 35 takedowns and 9 pins.

Sophomore David Mainus, 106 pounds, holds a 12-3 record (80 percent). He has 22 takedowns and 9 pins this year.

Junior Zell Bieberle at 285 pounds has a 12-3 record (80 percent) and has taken down 9 opponents and pinned 4.

At 182 pounds, junior Troy

Quenzer sits at 9-5 (64 percent) and has accumulated 7 takedowns and 3 pins.

Senior Clayton Applehans, 195 pounds, has a record of 8-5 (62 percent) as well as 11 takedowns and 6 pins this year.

Junior Taylor O'Leary at 113 pounds sits at 8-7 (53 percent) and has 9 takedowns and 6 pins.

At 152 pounds, senior Brandon Leth has split his 14 matches (7-7) and has 6 takedowns and 1 pin.

Sophomore John Faber, 126 pounds, holds a 4-11 record (27 percent) and has 12 takedowns and 1 pin this season.

The Eagles next dual is at 9 a.m. Saturday at Salina South High School.

Broncos not reinventing offense

By Pat Graham

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ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — From armchair quarterbacks to Hall of Famers, everyone has an opinion on how to fix Tim Tebow's recent funk.

Broncos offensive coordinator Mike McCoy has heard it all, even receiving advice from his wife, but insists it's not the time or place to reinvent the offense — again. He wants to build off what has worked so well up until a recent three-game slide: A run-oriented scheme with passes sprinkled in from Tebow.

That strategy was successful during the team's six-game winning streak and McCoy thinks it can be the right formula against the Pittsburgh Steelers (12-4) in a first-round playoff game Sunday.

Provided, of course, the Broncos (8-8) can get Tebow back on track.

The unorthodox quarterback has at times looked flustered as the team floundered down the home stretch, backing into the playoffs. Broncos boss and Hall of Fame quarterback John Elway recently weighed in on the erratic play of Tebow, saying he wanted to see a more aggressive approach in the passing game.

McCoy couldn't agree more. "Without a doubt. And it's not just Tim," McCoy said. "Tim has made his mistakes, but it's not one guy. We have 11 guys on the field and we're all accountable for that, myself included. I could help him. I wish I knew certain coverage was there at times, and I'd call the

game different."

Noticeably absent from the passing attack in recent weeks have been short passes to the running backs and quick, timing routes. Completing a few of those types of throws early against Pittsburgh might bolster Tebow's confidence.

Or so the theory goes.

Tebow completed six of his first eight passes at Buffalo two weeks ago, only to finish 7 of 22 the rest of the way in a 40-14 loss that shook his confidence the following week in a 7-3 loss to Kansas City.

"It's the flow of the game," McCoy said. "We're going to do whatever we think is the best plan against a certain opponent, and sometimes those may not be quick passes. So we put the game plan in what is best for the football team."

These days, everyone around the Mile High City has thoughts on why Tebow has struggled. That's become the hot topic on talk shows.

And many point the finger at McCoy, believing his conservative play calling is the reason for an offense that's gaining yards but not scoring many points. McCoy is quick to point out that Denver had the top running game in the league this season, averaging nearly 165 yards a game. He doesn't want to stray too far from the ground game, which played a big role in getting the Broncos to the postseason for the first time since the 2005 season. They rushed for a franchise-best 2,632 yards this season.

Getting into the end zone against the Steelers will be a difficult assignment for an offense that's struggling to find its rhythm. The Steelers boasted the top defense in the league this season and have been especially good against the pass.

Not only that, but the blueprint for beating Tebow and the Broncos already has been well documented: Keep him in the pocket and dare him to beat you with his arm.

Pittsburgh defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau will have a few tricks up his sleeve as well, making this by far the most difficult defense Tebow has faced in the NFL.

"It's probably safe to say that all 11 starters have a blitz where they're the ones coming," Tebow said. "You have to be aware, and you have to know where they're coming from. Sometimes it looks like it's chaos out there, but they know where they're going and they're going there fast."

Elway had a simple suggestion for his quarterback: Go through his progressions and "pull the trigger."

Still, there's a fine line between pulling the trigger and taking undue risks. Tebow has thrown four interceptions and fumbled three times during this recent three-game slide.

In contrast, he had just three turnovers when the team reeled off six straight wins to resuscitate its season.



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Kristan Rolle went for a layup during the Colby Community College men's basketball game Wednesday at the Community Building. The Trojans beat Cloud County Community College 81-77 in their first Jayhawk West conference game.

Trojan men win at home in first conference game of year

The Colby Community College men's basketball team defeated Cloud County Community College 81-77 in its first conference matchup on Wednesday at the Community Building.

It was a rough start for the Trojans, who didn't get into double-digits until almost 10 minutes into the game and fell behind by as much as 12 points in the first half.

The men made a run in the minutes prior to halftime and entered the locker room down by just one point with a score of 36-37.

The second half was a much different story with the Trojans coming out strong and hitting 3 straight three-point shots to push their lead to as much as 13.

Cloud County fought back, cutting Colby's lead to 74-72 with two minutes remaining in the game.

"At that point, Colby came up with defensive stops, big rebounds and free throws to seal the victory," said Head Coach Dustin

Pfeifer. "We are very proud of the fact that tonight's game was a complete team effort. Our guys all bought into the game plan to help us come out on top. It is important to take care of business at home, and we started off on the right track tonight."

Vincent Dillard scored a team-high 23 points for the Trojans, hit 2 three-point shots and grabbed 5 rebounds.

Chaz Sharp had 18 points with half of them coming from 3 three-pointers.

Carson Konrade also had 3 three-point baskets and finished the game with 16 points and 3 steals.

Marty Wendel's lucky number Wednesday was 10; he had 10 rebounds and 10 points on the night.

Jamie Adams scored 7 points, Kristan Rolle had 6 points, 7 re-

bounds and 1 steal and Scott Ochs made one free throw.

The Trojans are now 13-2 overall. Their next game is at Liberal at 8 p.m. Saturday.

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