Former Cowboy wrestler sets new career win record

Former Cowboy Bryce Abbey Kearney finished 4-1 and placed became the all-time career win leader in wrestling for the University of Nebraska at Kearney on Jan. 22 at the Cliff Keen National Duals held in Cleveland.

On Jan. 21, Abbey tied the previous record of 121 wins by defeating both his opponents from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and Mercyhurst College (Penn.). The old record was set by Ali Elias who earned 121 victories from 1989 to 1993

Abbey surpassed the record by winning a 5-3 decision over Dustin Tovar of the University of Nebraska at Omaha who was then ranked No. 1 in the nation at 125 pounds. He added another victory by pinning Ryan Mazzocco of the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown later that day.

The Lopers of Nebraska- Mines 22-12.

third in the NCAA Division II com- in dual meets for the season and 5petition at the National Duals. Nebraska-Omaha defeated Augustana College (S.D.) to win the championship.

Abbey replaced Tovar at No. 1 in ing his career win total to 126. the latest poll by the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association released on Jan. 26. As a team, Nebraska-Kearney moved up one spot to No. 3 with six of its wrestlers exercise science. He is now a graduamong the top eight in their weight class.

Last week, in Colorado, Abbey and the Lopers both added three No. 4-ranked University of Central more wins to their total. Last Friday Nebraska-Kearney held off a tough Adams State College team 20-19. The next day the Lopers defeated Western State College 23-18 then on Sunday made it a clean sweep by beating the Colorado School of

The Lopers are now 12-3 overall 0 in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. Abbey won all three of his matches by decision to improve to 26-7 for the season and increas-

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Bryce, the son of Mike and Lorrie Abbey of Goodland, entered the season as a senior but graduated in December earning a bachelor's in ate student working on his master's also in exercise science.

The Lopers were to have faced Oklahoma in Kearney Thursday. Their next action is on Saturday when they travel to Omaha to take on the No. 1 Mavericks of Nebraska-Omaha.

The Lopers will end the regular season Thursday, Feb. 17, against Fort Hays State University.



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Wrestling	Today, junior varsity and varsity in St. Francis, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, junior varsity tournament in Goodland, 8 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, in Goodland against Oakley, 5:30 p.m.

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