

Colby College dominates at Tip-off Classic

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The Colby College Trojans continued their impressive start to the 2002-2003 basketball season during last weekend's Stephens Construction Tip-Off Classic, with wins over the junior varsity team from Kansas Wesleyan on Friday night, and a big win Saturday evening over arch-rival McCook.

In the game with Kansas Wesleyan, 11 of 13 Trojans scored in the 108-76 victory, with Justin Williams getting 19 points and 9 rebounds in 20 minutes of play. Branden Miller had 7 of the Trojans 33 assists. The Trojans turned the ball over just 8 times.

COLBY 108, KANSAS WESLEYAN JV 76

KANSAS WESLEYAN JV
Scott Brown 7-13 7-10 22; Caleb Crandell 7-15 0-0 17; Phil Beckner 6-13 1-216; Kyle Bollers 3-6 0-2 7; Tanner Nolan 2-3 2-2 6; Rod Kirschner 2-10 0-25; Nate Showman 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 28-61 10-19 76.

COLBY
Justin Williams 8-9 3-6 19; EJ Drayton 8-16 1-2 17; Dedric Spooner 6-9 1-213; Dillion Sneed 5-7 0-0 10; Branden Miller 3-7 1-1 9; Michael Wolters 3-5 1-2 8; Joseph Williams 4-10 0-0 8; Sam Jackson 3-4 0-0 7; Eric Fowlkes 3-5 0-0 7; Stuart Keltner 2-6 0-0 5; Jason VenJohn 2-2 1-2 5; Zane Davis 0-3 0-0 0; KJ Wilkens 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 47-84 8-15 108.

Kansas Wesleyan JV. 33 43 - 76
Colby..... 58 50 - 108

3-point goals-Kansas Wesleyan JV 10-29 (Phil Beckner 3-8; Caleb Crandell 3-9; Scott Brown 1-3; Rod Kirschner 1-6; Kyle Bollers 1-2; Nate Showman 1-1), Colby 6-25 (Branden Miller 2-6; Eric Fowlkes 1-2; Sam Jackson 1-1; Michael Wolters 1-3; Stuart Keltner 1-4; Zane Davis 0-3; KJ Wilkens 0-1; Joseph Williams 0-3; Dedric Spooner 0-1; EJ Drayton 0-1). Fouled out—Kansas Wesleyan JV-None, Colby-None. Rebounds-Kansas Wesleyan JV 21 (Rod Kirschner 4; Scott Brown 4; Phil Beckner 4; Kyle Bollers 4), Colby 46 (Justin Williams 9). Assists-Kansas Wesleyan JV 15 (Nate Showman 4), Colby 33 (Branden Miller 7). Total fouls-Kansas Wesleyan JV 13, Colby 18. A-603

Against McCook, on the way to an 88-67 victory, the Trojans opened up leads of 10-0 and 40-19 in the first half before McCook closed to within 14 at the break. After a McCook 8-0 spurt to start the second half cut the deficit to 6, Colby responded with a 25-8 run over the next 6 minutes to lead 67-44. Branden Miller led the way for the Trojans with 26 points and 5 assists. Justin Williams had 12 points and 12 rebounds. Four players scored in double figures for Colby.

The Trojans travel to Levelland, Texas Saturday to take on #8 ranked South Plains. Game time is 6 p.m. and All Trojan games can be heard live on KQLS and KXXX radio.

COLBY 88, MCCOOK 67

MCCOOK (2-1)
Shuan Wisdom 8-16 0-0 23; Will Taukiuvea 6-15 7-7 22; Kurtis Rice 3-9 1-2 7; Reginald Halsey 2-6 0-0 4; Michael White 1-5 1-3 4; Ray Johnson 1-1 0-3 3; Michael Kuhlen 0-4 2-2 2; Justin McAfee 1-3 0-0 2;

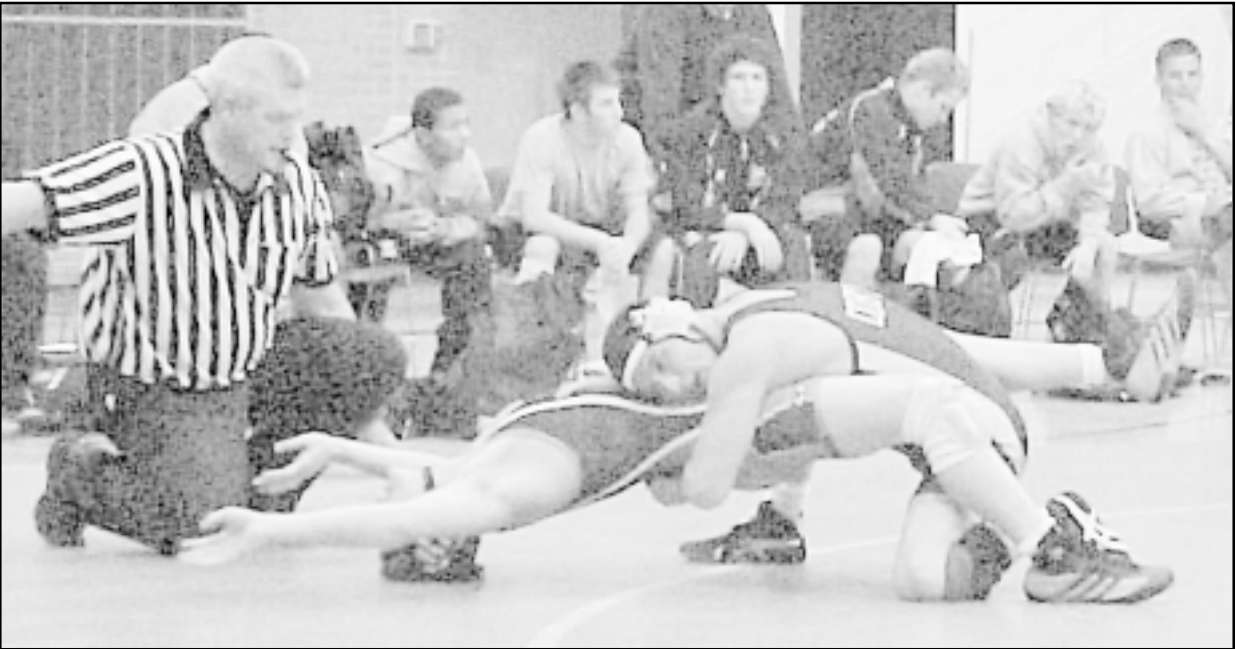
Drew Bivens 0-1 0-0 0; DeRoyce Loyd 0-1 0-0 0; Jack Lutzeier 0-3 0-1 0. Totals 22-64 11-18 67.

COLBY (3-0)
Branden Miller 8-13 4-5 26; EJ Drayton 5-7 6-9 16; Justin Williams 5-7 2-5 12; Eric Fowlkes 4-6 1-2 10; Dedric Spooner 3-10 2-5 8; Dillion Sneed 3-7 0-0 6; Stuart Keltner 1-5 0-0 3; Sam Jackson 1-1 0-0 3; Jason VenJohn 1-1 0-0 2; Joseph Williams 1-3 0-1 2; Zane Davis 0-2 0-0 0; Michael Wolters 0-10 0-0. Totals 32-63 15-27 88.

McCook..... 28 39 - 67
Colby..... 42 46 - 88

3-point goals-McCook 12-29 (Shuan Wisdom 7-12; Will Taukiuvea 3-9; Ray Johnson 1-1; Michael White 1-3; Jack Lutzeier 0-1; Michael Kuhlen 0-1; Reginald Halsey 0-1; Kurtis Rice 0-1), Colby 9-19 (Branden Miller 6-8; Stuart Keltner 1-5; Eric Fowlkes 1-1; Sam Jackson 1-1; Joseph Williams 0-1; Zane Davis 0-2; Michael Wolters 0-1). Fouled out—McCook-None, Colby-None. Rebounds-McCook 25 (Kurtis Rice 6), Colby 42 (Justin Williams 12).

Assists-McCook 8 (Kurtis Rice 2; Will Taukiuvea 2), Colby 18 (Branden Miller 5). Total fouls-McCook 22, Colby 16. A-953



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Colby Commuity College's Hurshid Holdorov worked for back points en route to a 13-6 win over Neosho County Community College's Dean Surrency. Colby won the dual by a score of 31-11

But Colby began to take control of the match when 133-pounder Erkin Tadzhimetov (sophomore, Tashkent, Uzbekistan) scored a 12-2 major decision over Brian Zinkan.

Colby's two returning NJCAA All-Americans then followed suit with two more major decisions. Bryan Miller (sophomore, Oberlin) scored a 16-3 win over Mulvane native Kyle Breese at 141 pounds and O.T. Johnson (sophomore, Winston-Salem, N.C.) won 12-4 over Paul Mayfield at 149 pounds. Johnson's win propelled Colby to a 12-11 lead in the team standings, which was a lead that would not be relinquished.

Muzzafer Abdurakhmanov (fresh-

man, Tashkent, Uzbekistan) picked up another major decision for Colby with his 14-5 win over Blane Sanderford at 157 pounds. And Colby's Hurshid Holdorov (freshman, Tashkent, Uzbekistan) won a 13-6 decision over Dean Surrency to bring the team score to 19-11 after completion of the 165-pound match.

Then, in the evening's marquee match-up, Colby's Alibek Pardakulov (sophomore, Djizak, Uzbekistan) squared off against Neosho's Danny Sanders in the 174-pound match. Sanders was a 2002 regional champion and qualified for last year's NJCAA national tournament. Pardakulov fought off several ferocious offensive

attacks by Sanders before throwing Sanders to his back for a first period pin.

Colby's C.B. Dollaway (freshman, Mt. Gilead, Ohio) then added an exclamation point to the team's win with his first period pin over Jesse Sydebothem at 184 pounds.

Lampe indicated he was "happy with his team's mental preparedness as we were not at all intimidated by Neosho's crowd, theatrics or reputation". Lampe went on to say that "while we wrestled well and should be pleased, we did see a number of areas in which improvement will be necessary before we can evolve into a true championship contender."

Trojans start season 3-0



Brian Ostermann

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The 2002-2003 Colby Community College Trojans expected a 3-0 start to our season and we accomplished that over the weekend. I am not sure we can repeat last season's 6-0 start en route to an 11-3 non-conference mark. Our schedule is very tough especially our immediate outlook. We face three power schools from 3 different regions of the country. This Saturday we take on South Plains, Texas from the always-tough west Texas region (South Plains is currently ranked #8 in the nation). We return home to face Casper, Wyo., (Region IX power) and Marshalltown, Iowa (IA/MO region) on Nov. 15 and 16. This type schedule would be similar to Kansas (KU) taking on Kentucky, Wyoming, and Iowa in succession. Three very tough ball games. We (like KU) expect to play well. We must in order to position ourselves for victory.

I really think the fans are going to like this year's team. I like this team. We have a good mix of returnees and newcomers. It will be key for the newcomers to develop as the season goes along. The freshman will be critical to our post-season hopes. Our sophomores of course will remain the heart and soul of the team. I am confident they will provide the leadership necessary to keep the ship straight when we encounter the rough waters.

I really appreciate the support of our fans and sponsors. We hope to provide everyone with a season to remember.

We now head into the meat of our non-conference schedule. It's a time when our team really needs to come together. We need to build and im-

prove from one week to the next. We are not only playing for today but also playing for February and March. I encourage everyone to enjoy the journey. Be sure to listen to the game thanks to Rich Epp (100.3 FM) on Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

JOTTINGS

The official Jayhawk coaches' poll was released and it looks like this: 1. Barton County 2. Seward County 3. Colby Community College Trojans 4. Dodge City 5. Hutch 6. Garden City 7. Butler 8. Cloud 9. Pratt

South Plains was ranked #8 in the NJCAA official pre-season poll.

The 'Stephens Construction' All-Classic team was: Justin Williams, E.J. Drayton, K.J. Wilkens, Dedric Spooner, Michael Wolters, Joe Williams, Branden Miller, Eric Fowlkes, Zane Davis, Stu Keltner, Jason Ven John, Dillion Sneed, and Sam Jackson. All members of the Colby Trojans. The Trojans won 3 games by an average of 38 points. This was a TEAM effort!

On Saturday (Nov. 9) we travel to Levelland, Texas to take on 8th ranked South Plains.

Be sure the check out this web site: <http://www.highlandcc.edu/sports/regionvi-bb/bbstnd.html>

The 'S & T Communications' Ambassador Classic is Nov. 14 through Nov. 16.

The men begin play on the 15th and the women play the 14th. The men will take on Casper, Wyo., and Marshalltown, Iowa.

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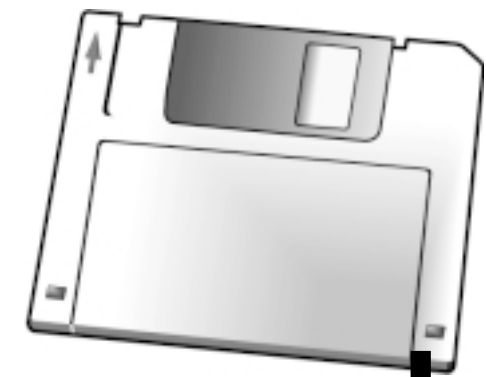
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