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Bulldogs Landon Truetken (66) and Jesse Miller wrapped up Logan's Cody Hillburn Tuesday night during Golden Plains' Bi-district matchup with the Trojans in Rexford. Logan held on to beat Golden Plains 28-22.

# Logan upsets Golden Plains, 28-22

By DARREL PATTILLO

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REXFORD — Lee Albers and Jesse Miller both had more than 130 yards rushing Tuesday night against the Logan Trojans, but Golden Plains didn't score enough points to win, as they were upset by Logan 22-28 in Bi-district action at home.

Albers and Miller both had rushing touchdowns, and Miller had a 35-yard touchdown reception, but Logan's Cody Hillburn exploded for 210 yards and three touchdowns in the closely-fought game.

The Trojans struck first, with a little over two minutes left in the first quarter, when Hillburn scored from the 7-yard line. A holding call on the point-after try forced Logan to try it again from the 13, but they couldn't get in, so the score stood at 6-0 Logan at that point. The Bulldogs ate up the rest of the quarter and a couple of minutes of the second on its next drive, which saw

them pound it up the middle until Lee Albers bulled his way over the goal line from the five, with four Trojans on his back. Golden Plains tried a pass on the PAT, but Logan knocked it away, and the game was tied at 6.

Logan was headed toward Bulldog territory on the ensuing drive, but on 3rd and long, Casey Shaw managed to make two separate tackles on one play, an option by Logan. Shaw had the Logan quarterback in his grasp, and then grabbed Hillburn after he took the option toss, and forced Logan to punt. The punt took a Logan bounce, and the Bulldogs had to start at their own 12. Miller and Albers took turns making big runs until Miller got around the left side of Logan's line and scored from the 5. Albers ran in the PAT, and the score stood at 14-6 with 1:33 left in the half.

With :49 seconds left in the half, a Logan receiver got behind the coverage and scored on a 35-yard pass play,

and the half ended in a 14-14 tie.

The two teams traded the ball to start the third, and then Golden Plains ate up a bunch of the clock on its next drive, getting as far as the 2-yard line on a 28-yard Miller run that was erased by a holding call. On 4th and 3, Giesenhausen fumbled the snap, Logan took over, and Hillburn promptly ran around the right side for a 59-yard score. The PAT was good, and Logan led 22-14. Hillburn would score again with 6:50 left in the game to make it 28-14. After a successful fake punt by Albers with 3 minutes left, Giesenhausen hit Miller for a 24-yard touchdown. The point after was good, and the Bulldogs pulled to within 6, 22-28. Golden Plains tried an onside kick, but Logan recovered and ran out the clock for the win.

The Bulldogs finish the year as the champions of the Western Kansas Liberty League with a record of 8-2.



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Colby's Muzaffar Abdurakhmanov scores another takedown on Neosho County's returning NJCAA All-American, Aurel Ciufulescu, at Saturday's Labette Takedown tournament.

# Trojans crown five at Labette tourney

By LES BROWN

Colby Free Press

PARSONS — The bad news was that Colby only brought home five medals from the 26th Annual Camron Bradshaw Takedown Tournament, which was held in Parsons, Kansas on Saturday. The good news was that all five were gold! The event is a non-sanctioned meet that focuses singularly upon takedown skills. Individual match points are tallied via a scoring system that is similar to freestyle wrestling and team scores are not kept.

Leading the way for the Trojans were Erkin Tadzhimetov (sophomore, Tashkent, Uzbekistan), Muzaffer Abdurakhmanov (freshman, Tashkent, Uzbekistan), Alibek Pardakulov (sophomore, Djizak, Uzbekistan), C.B. Dollaway (freshman, Mt. Gilead, Ohio) and Rio Mayo (freshman, Colorado Springs, Colo.).

Tadzhimetov earned the title in the 136-pound weight class with an impressive win over Neosho County Community College's assistant coach, Bogdan Ciufulescu. Ciufulescu was a two-time NJCAA national champion and also placed 4th at the 1996 Olympic Games. In a match that closely resembled an elite level chess match, Tadzhimetov and Ciufulescu battled to a scoreless tie at the end of regulation.

They then advanced deep into the sudden victory overtime period before Tadzhimetov scored the winning takedown.

Abdurakhmanov was very impressive in winning the tournament championship at 162-pounds. Neosho County's Aurel Ciufulescu had entered the tournament at the 155-pound weight class but chose to bump up to the 162-pound weight class in order to compete against Abdurakhmanov. Ciufulescu placed 5th at the 2000 NJCAA national tournament and is expected to join the Neosho County line-up after the close of the first semester. Abdurakhmanov systematically dismantled the Neosho County wrestler during the match en route to a technical fall victory.

Pardakulov earned championship honors at the 180 pound weight class with his victory over Neosho County's Danny Sanders. This was Sander's second loss to Pardakulov in as many days, as the two met in the prior evening's dual meet between Colby and Neosho.

Dollaway rolled to the tournament championship in the 190-pound weight class. The Ohio native was very impressive in each of the four victories he scored on the day.

Mayo went 2-0 on the day to earn the

championship in the 235-pound weight class.

Colby's O.T. Johnson (sophomore, Winston-Salem, N.C.) and Hurshid Haldarov (freshman, Tashkent, Uzbekistan) were each one win away from advancing to the medal round. Rounding out the list of Colby athletes who participated in the tournament were Jim Gebauer (freshman, Akron, Colo.) and Logan Prideaux (red-shirt freshman, Atwood).

Bryan Miller (sophomore, Oberlin), who was considered to be another medal candidate, did not compete due to illness.

Coach Steve Lampe indicated he was happy with the team's performance on the day. "This is a difficult tournament to evaluate performance on because of the format and scoring system, but I feel we did quite well today", said Lampe.

Lampe was obviously pleased with each of his five champions, but he was also quick to point out that several of Colby's past All-Americans, and even a few of their national champions failed to medal at the Labette Takedown Tournament.

And, with that understanding, he continues to maintain a high level of expectation for each member of Colby's roster.

# Jayhawks picked by coaches and reporters to win Big 12

DALLAS (AP) — Reporters who regularly cover the Big 12 are picking Kansas to repeat as the men's basketball champion. League coaches also picked the Jayhawks in a poll released last week.

Reporters picked Oklahoma guard Hollis Price as preseason player of the year. Nick Collison and Kirk Hinrich of Kansas and T.J. Ford of Texas also received votes.

The preseason all-conference team featured Price, Collison, Hinrich, Ford, and Texas Tech's Andre Emmett. All were the same as the coaches' picks.

The preseason pick for top newcomer was Nate Johnson of Nebraska in a narrow vote over Missouri point guard Ricky Clemons, while Texas A&M's Antoine Wright was picked the top freshman.

Reporters and coaches agreed on the top seven team selections: Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Texas Tech, Oklahoma State, and Iowa State.

Reporters picked Colorado next, then Baylor — coaches had them reversed — while both sides closed the rankings with Nebraska, Kansas State, and Texas A&M.

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