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Colby's Branden Miller put a move on a Casper defender Friday night during the Ambassadors Classic. Colby beat Casper 68-60.

Colby sweeps Ambassador Classic

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The Colby College Trojan men and women swept the S&T Communications Ambassador Classic over the weekend, defeating strong competition from Casper, Wyo., Western Nebraska, and Colorado Northwestern for the ladies, and Casper, Wyo., and Marshalltown, Iowa for the men. The Lady Trojans move to 5-4 on the season after their three victories, and the men improve to 6-0 for the second straight season.

After defeating Casper Thursday, the Lady Trojans out-scored and out-rebounded Western Nebraska Friday night on the way to a 61-58 victory. Buba Kovacevic led Colby with 15 points, and Louise McLean had a double-double with 13 points and ten assists.

Bojana Samardziska and Andrea Stephens had 12 and 11 points, respectively. Colby out-rebounded Western Nebraska 37-31.

After the Lady Trojan's victory, the men came out and beat Casper 68-60, despite committing 23 turnovers and shooting just 41.7 percent from the floor. The Trojans out-rebounded

Casper 43-31, with Justin Williams and E.J. Drayton accounting for 19 rebounds. Williams had 19 points for a double-double, and Drayton added 11 points.

Saturday night, the Lady Trojans were fired up against Colorado Northwestern, dominating the boards with 53 rebounds to Colorado's 32, in a 78-46 victory. McLean recorded a triple-double, with 14 points, 11 rebounds, and 11 of Colby's 19 total assists. Samardziska had 21 points and 10 rebounds as the Lady Trojans improved to 5-4 with their three straight wins. McLean and Samardziska were named to the All-Tourney team, along with Dejeannette Flournoy of Casper, and Crystal Harding and Tatiana Conceicao of Western Nebraska.

The Trojan men toughened up on defense against Marshalltown, holding the Iowa team to just 27.4 percent shooting, and out-rebounded them 34-29 in a 53-48 victory. Dedric Spooner led the Trojans with 17 points. Justin Williams had 10 points and 9 rebounds, as the men improve to 6-0 on the season, the same record they posted last year through six games. The men's All-Tourney team was Dedric Spooner

(MVP) and Justin Williams from Colby, Dashawn Warren and Leo Lightbourne from Marshalltown, and Iyke Okafor and Mike Reese from Casper.

Next up for the Trojan basketball program: The ladies are in Hays Friday to take on Bethany, and the men host the Western Sprinklers Classic Friday and Saturday against New Mexico and Southwestern.

Trojan wrestlers at home Tuesday

By LES BROWN

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The NJCAA's top ranked wrestling team will open its home schedule at the Colby Community Building on Tuesday versus the Air Force Academy's prep team. The event, which is slated to begin at 7 p.m., will mark the first opportunity for area wrestling fans to see the incredibly talented line-up Coach Steve Lampe has compiled for this year's campaign.

A couple of line-up changes have been announced for this week's action. David Dyke (freshman, Eddyville, Iowa) has earned a varsity line-up spot at the 125 pound weight class by virtue of his 12-1 challenge match win over the incumbent, Jim Gebauer (freshman, Akron, Colo.).

Dyke was a third place Medalist in the Iowa high school ranks, but has more recently earned accolades as an All-American caliber bull-rider for the Colby College rodeo team.

The second line-up change is at 285 pounds, where the varsity line-up spot had been occupied by Rio Mayo (fresh-

man, Colorado Springs.). Mayo has recently been declared ineligible until the completion of the first semester due to issues stemming from his previous enrollment at Pike's Peak Community College in Colorado Springs.

In his place will be Shannon Ford (sophomore, Garden City, KS), who completed last season as the Trojan's varsity 197 pounder.

Ford was a two-time state Medalist for Garden City (Kan.) high school. Lampe indicates Mayo and Ford are very evenly matched and that each is capable of contributing to the team's success.

Following completion of Tuesday's dual, the Trojans will prepare for week-end travel to Omaha, Nebraska to take part in the University of Nebraska-Omaha's Kaufman-Brand Open.

The Kaufman-Brand is a prestigious tournament comprised predominately of NCAA Division I and NCAA Division II athletes.

With that in mind, the event will serve as a litmus test from which Lampe may gauge his team's ability

and early season progress.

The Trojan's projected line-up for this week's action, along with season records, is provided below.

125 pounds, David Dyke (freshman, Eddyville, Iowa), 0-0

133 pounds, Erkin Tadzhimetov (sophomore Tashkent, Uzbekistan), 2-0

141 pounds, Bryan Miller (sophomore, Oberlin), 2-0

149 pounds, O. T. Johnson (sophomore, Winston-Salem, N. C.), 2-0

157 pounds, Muzaffar Abdurakhmanov (freshman, Tashkent, Uzbekistan), 2-0

165 pounds, Hurshid 'Roshawn' Halदारov (freshman, Tashkent, Uzbekistan), 2-0

174 pounds, Alibek Pardakulov (sophomore, Dijizak, Uzbekistan), 2-0

184 pounds, C. B. Dollaway (freshman, Mt. Gilead, Ohio), 2-0

197 pounds, Logan Prideaux (red-shirt freshman, Atwood), 0-2

285 pounds, Shannon Ford (sophomore, Garden City), 0-0

Colorado clinches Big 12 North title; plays for conference title on Dec. 7

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Colorado accomplished what seemed so unlikely two months ago.

The Buffaloes clinched the Big 12 North title with a 41-27 win over Iowa State on Saturday night, advancing to the conference championship game for the second straight season.

The Buffaloes (8-3, 6-1 Big 12) got big performances in the fourth quarter from running back Bobby Purify and safety Medford Moorer, helping to compensate for the losses of Chris Brown and Donald Strickland.

Brown, the nation's leading rusher, departed in the third quarter with a bruised sternum after running for 127 yards and a touchdown. He was hospitalized overnight — but only so he would rest more comfortably than at home.

Strickland, Colorado's best defensive back, went down with a sprained ankle in the third period and also didn't

return.

But, as they have done all season, the Buffs overcame the setbacks.

Purify scored on a 5-yard run with 1:43 remaining to seal the win, capping an 80-yard drive in which he carried on all six plays, including a 50-yard scamper. Moorer returned a fumble 71 yards

for a TD with 5:12 left.

Colorado, the defending Big 12 champion which climbed from No. 17 to No. 16 in the latest Associated Press poll, will meet the winner of next week's Texas Tech-Oklahoma game in the Big 12 title game in Houston on Dec. 7.

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Hey, did you know you were famous? That's right, Colby. For the rest of eternity, you, as citizens of the 'Oasis on the Plains,' can say, "Yeah, I know the guy who scored a touchdown on Nebraska."

Jerad Johnson, Colby High School graduate and special teams player for the Kansas State Wildcats, fell on a blocked punt Saturday against the Cornhuskers and now we can all be players in a game called 'Six Degrees of Separation,' a game that started out as a fad on the East Coast, involving movie actor Kevin Bacon and his relation to any other actor.

Here's how the game works: Let's say you want to get from Kevin Bacon to that guy who played Mr. Heckles in the first year of 'Friends' (assume for the sake of the game that you know the actor's name).

Here's how you do it: Mr. Heckles was on 'Friends' with Elliott Gould, who plays Ross and Monica's father. Gould was in the movie M*A*S*H* with Donald Sutherland. Donald Sutherland was in a movie with his son Kiefer called 'A Time to Kill', and Kiefer Sutherland was in the movie 'Flatliners' with Mr. Bacon.

Confused yet? Yeah, me too. But keep reading, 'cause it'll be interesting to see if I can actually wrap this thing back around, and turn it into another

insightful column. (SARCASM ALERT)

I guess the neat thing about it is that you and I know a guy who they're talking about all over the world.

I guarantee you that anyone who scores a touchdown on a blocked punt against Nebraska is on the highlight films being shown EVERYWHERE.

You know, Jerad scoring that touchdown has to rank above Stephen King eating at the Sirloin Stockade a few years back, or my making eye contact with Leslie Nielsen at Subway (this is a matter of debate between myself and another person who was there; however, I have a column and she does not, and since everything you read in the paper is true, it must have been Leslie Nielsen that I saw).

So, let's play 'Six Degree of Separation.' We're going to go from Jerad Johnson to David Coverdale, lead singer of that 80's hair band Whitesnake.

Here we go: Jerad Johnson scored against Nebraska, where Ahman Green went to college. Green is Brett Favre's team mate on the Green Bay Packers. Favre was in a movie with Ben Stiller, whose father Jerry was a regular on 'Seinfeld'. Actress Tawny Kitaen appeared on Seinfeld. Kitaen was married to Coverdale. Purty cool, huh?

Jerad, I apologize for climbing onto your coatrails, but you've made us all famous, and by the way, nice play!

Darrel Pattillo is the sports editor for the Colby Free Press, and may have too much time on his hands. His column appears on Mondays.

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