

# Trojans bring home two championships from Omaha

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OMAHA — The Colby Community College Trojan wrestling team competed in the University of Nebraska-Omaha's Kaufman-Brand Open over the weekend and came home with some impressive hardware. Over 600 athletes representing 34 colleges competed in what is billed as the most prestigious one-day tournament in the nation.

Tournament officials estimated that approximately 150 of the athletes competing were, or have been, nationally ranked in their respective collegiate divisions. Many defending All-Americans, including at least one returning NCAA Division I All-American, went home without a medal at this extremely tough event.

The tournament is separated into two divisions, the open division and the under 20 (years of age) division. The open division was highlighted by the participation of varsity wrestlers representing Arizona State, Oklahoma State, Northern Iowa, Iowa and several other top-notch collegiate programs. While the under 20 division featured athletes representing the same schools plus many of the best junior college wrestlers in the nation.

The Trojans brought home two tournament championships and a total of five medals from the event and would likely have earned two more medals if it were not for the injuries that forced four Trojan wrestlers to default out of the tournament.

Leading the way for the Trojans were Bryan Miller (sophomore, Oberlin) and C.B. Dollaway (freshman, Mt. Gilead, Ohio). Also bringing home medals were Erkin Tadzhimetov (sophomore, Tashkent, Uzbekistan), Muzzafar Abdurakhmanov (freshman, Tashkent, Uzbekistan) and Hurshid



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Colby Trojan wrestler C.B. Dollaway looked to his coaches for instruction during a recent match. Dollaway earned the 184-pound championship during a recent match. Dollaway earned the 184-pound championship.

Haldarov (freshman, Djizak, Uzbekistan). Miller compiled a 5-0 record on the day en route to earning the tournament championship at 141 pounds in the under 20 division. Miller defeated the University of Minnesota's Danny Williams by an 11-6 count in the championship finals. Miller was impressive all day, as illustrated by the wins by decision, major decision, technical fall and fall he accumulated before earning a spot in the championship finals.

Dollaway was especially impressive in winning the under 20 division title at 184 pounds. He scored three first period falls and a major decision before securing a spot in the championship finals. He then scored his fourth first period fall of the day to win the tournament championship. Dollaway's performance fell just short of earning

him the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler award in the tournament's under 20 division.

Haldarov placed fourth in the under 20 division at 165 pounds after compiling a 5-2 record on the day. Haldarov advanced to the semi-finals before losing a 4-3 decision to the eventual tournament champion, University of Nebraska Omaha's Mark Ludlow. Haldarov then bounced back to win his next match before finishing in fourth place.

Tadzhimetov and Abdurakhmanov each placed sixth in the open division at their respective weight class. Tadzhimetov lost a controversial 2-0 decision to the University of Nebraska's Jarred Berger in the semi-finals. He was then injured in his next match and defaulted to a 6th place finish at 133 pounds.

ship at this weekend's Kaufman-Brand Open, which took place at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Abdurakhmanov advanced to the semi-finals after defeating Travis Koppenhafer of Adams State College, who is a returning NCAA Division II All-American. Abdurakhmanov was then injured in a 5-0 loss to the University of Iowa's Matt Anderson. Anderson is currently ranked as the NCAA's 7th best 157 pounder. Abdurakhmanov later defaulted to a 6th place finish.

O.T. Johnson (sophomore, Winston-Salem, N.C.) and Alibek Pardakulov (sophomore, Djizak, Uzbekistan) were each in line to earn medals in the event before being injured. Johnson compiled a 4-1 record on the day and was one win away from a medal in the under 20 division's 149 pound weight class before being forced to drop out of the tournament. Similarly, Pardakulov was also positioned for a medal when

an injury forced him to drop out of the open division's 174 pounds weight class. Pardakulov nearly pulled off a huge upset in his quarter-final match against the University of Northern Iowa's Eric Hauan.

But it was the NCAA's 8th ranked 174 pounder who narrowly escaped with a 7-5 overtime win over Pardakulov.

Also competing for the Trojans were Davey Dyke (freshman, Eddyville, Iowa) and Logan Prideaux (red-shirt freshman, Atwood), who were both victims of tough bracket placement. Prideaux went 0-2 on the day in the under 20 division's 197 pound weight class, but both losses came to individuals who medalled in the tournament - South Dakota State University's Tim Boldt, who won the tournament championship, and North Dakota State

University's Dan Flatau, who placed fifth. And Dyke put up a valiant effort, but came up on the short end of an 8-7 score to the University of Iowa's Trent Goodale. Dyke, who competed in the open division's 125 pound weight class, fell just short in his bid to upset the three time state champion, four time state finalist and former high school All-American from Osage, Iowa.

Sophomore heavyweight Shannon Ford (Garden City) did not compete in the event.

Head Coach Steve Lampe was pleased with his team's performance and indicated his junior college team turned a lot of heads at the tournament. "Five medals is an impressive feat at this very difficult tournament," Lampe said. "Especially when considering that injury was the only thing that kept us from earning two more medals."

Lampe went on to explain that "We were one of five nationally ranked junior college teams represented at this meet and we fared quite well in comparison to our peers." Data derived from the tournament's official results support Lampe's claim. Colby's two championships and five total medals were better than the results achieved by any other junior college team.

Lampe is thankful to report that none of the injuries are considered season threatening. In fact, Lampe expects each of the injured Trojans to be back in the line-up for the team's next action. The next action for the Trojans will be on Dec. 5t when they dual two nationally ranked junior college opponents, #2 North Idaho and # 7 Pima (Az.), in Las Vegas.

They then take part in the Las Vegas Open on December 6th & 7th and then travel to Susanville, Cal. to dual 8th ranked Lassen Community College on December 9th.

## Coach says, 'Time is right for a road trip'

The first semester home games are complete. We play the remaining six games of the semester on the road. We did treat the fans to a record seven non-conference home games. We have eight Jayhawk Conference home games beginning Jan. 4. We thank all the fans for supporting our team to this date. We encourage everyone to come out in January, February, and March to see great Jayhawk Conference action. It's going to be an awesome conference race!

We are 7-0 at home! We have won 20 of our past 25 home games and we are currently on a 9-game home winning streak. Both New Mexico and SW, Iowa gave us a tough battle over the weekend. We had several key guys step up over the weekend. Justin Williams was once again a major force. He had back-to-back double-doubles. E.J. Drayton also played well both nights and these two young men represented the Trojans on the All-Classic Team. I also thought Eric Fowlkes played solid both nights as did Branden Miller. Dedic Spooner played great Saturday night after a sub-par performance on Friday.

This week we begin a six-game road trip. We have two in Marshalltown, Iowa, two in Coffeyville (Jayhawk Shootout), and two down in Liberal at Seward County's classic. We need to continue to improve and will have to play well away from home. I think this is a great time for our team play road games and spend time together on road trips. Road trips can be a great team building and team bonding experience. The games are important but it's also important that our players really get to know one another on a personal level.

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Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!



Brian Ostermann

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The Trojans are very thankful to all you fans!

A special thanks goes out to McDonald's, Gambino's, Taco Johns, and Thomas County Feeders. Thank you for feeding the Trojans during the holidays!

A special thank you to all our sponsors especially Western Sprinklers who sponsored this past weekend's classic.

Justin Williams had 39 points and 24 rebounds in two games this weekend. He was named the classic MVP. Justin also leads the team in dunks on the season with 16. The Dunk-O-Meter is currently at 35.

I really appreciate the support of our fans and sponsors. Everyone really came through for us this past weekend! Check out the new HOME EVENTS schedule posted downtown on the Sport Shoppe building. This is a great reminder for all you fans. This sign will list our winter home sports contests. We thank the Colby CC Backers Club, Commercial Sign, and F & M Insurance for sponsoring the sign.

Congratulations to our wrestling team on their current #1 ranking. They wrestled well over the weekend in Omaha to reaffirm their #1 ranking.

Last week our team attended the home wrestling match (for some it was a first) and everyone enjoyed the action!

The Trojans thank Horlacher Jewellers for donating a basketball clock that

was raffled off at the game over the weekend.

We have defeated teams from six different states enroute to our 8-0 start. Teams are from: Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, Wyoming, Iowa, and New Mexico.

We have a big weekend ahead as we travel to Marshalltown, Iowa for a two game classic. We take on Ellsworth at 3 p.m. Friday and host Marshalltown at 7 p.m. Saturday. Both games can be heard on KQLS 100.3 broadcast by Rich Epp

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Congrats to the Lady Trojans for winning this past weekend and improving to a 6-4 overall record. The ladies do not play this weekend.

Jayhawk West teams currently undefeated include: Barton County (10-0), Seward (7-0), Colby (8-0), and Hutch (7-0).

The first NJCAA regular season basketball poll will be released Nov. 26th. Expect Barton County, Seward, and Coffeyville to all be ranked in the top 20. Barton was #1; Seward #18 and Coffeyville were receiving votes in the pre-season poll.

#### FAST FORWARD

The next home game will be a conference showdown with Butler County on Saturday January 4th. Game times are 2 p.m. for the women and 4 p.m. for the men. Please note the time change.

## Middle School 8th-grade teams win at Quinter

By DARREL PATTILLO

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Trey Barnett scored 13 points to lead the 8th-grade Colby Eagle basketball 'A' team to victory Monday night against Quinter at Quinter, 41-28. J.D. Donn and Sam Munderloh each had 5 points.

Reagan Coulter, Joe Heier, and

Trevor Siebert contributed 4 points each, and R.J. Ladenburger sank a three-point shot in the win.

The Eagles led 17-12 at half-time, 26-21 at the end of three, and pulled away with 15 points in the fourth period to seal the win.

The 'B' team played two quarters, beating Quinter 14-13.

Aric Grob led the effort with 6 points.

Brett Harter had 4, and Matt Hildebrand and Chance Fulmer each had 2.

The Middle School Eagles will host St. Francis next Tuesday, Dec. 3, with all games being played at the elementary gym.

## Colby Lady Trojans continue winning ways

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The Lady Trojans of Colby Community College are riding a 4-game win streak into the Thanksgiving break after defeating the Bethany College junior varsity at Hays Saturday, 74-66.

Ivana Drmanac led the Colby effort with 17 points and 8 rebounds. Buba Kovacevic had 16 points, and Louise McLean had 14 assists as the Lady Trojans improved to 6-4 on the year.

Colby is off for the weekend and plays next in the Jayhawk Shootout in Coffeyville Dec. 6-8.

COLBY 74, BETHANY JV 66  
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TEAM 26-666-866. Totals 26-666-866.

COLBY  
Ivana Drmanac 7-10 2-2 17; Buba Kovacevic 7-14 0-0 16; Bojana Samardziska 4-7

1-2 9; Louis McLean 4-9 0-0 8; Andrea Stephens 4-8 0-0 8; Ashley Blickenstaff 2-5 3-6 7; Ashley Stull 2-2 0-0 6; Karli Sherwood 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 31-60 7-12 74.

Bethany JV..... 36 30 - 66

Colby..... 44 30 - 74  
3-point goals-Bethany JV 8-16 (TEAM 8-16), Colby 5-12 (Buba Kovacevic 2-4;

Ashley Stull 2-2; Ivana Drmanac 1-3; Louis McLean 0-3). Fouled out—Bethany

JV-TEAM, Colby-None. Rebounds-Bethany JV 35 (TEAM 35), Colby 39 (Ivana

Drmanac 8). Assists-Bethany JV 13 (TEAM 13), Colby 20 (Louis McLean 14).

Total fouls-Bethany JV 14, Colby 12.



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