

Hart returns to line-up



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Colby Lady Eagle Breann Hart (left) played in her first home game this year last Friday against Hoxie. Hart, a senior, was out with a knee injury. The Lady Eagles are hosting the Orange and Black tournament which starts Thursday. Teams from Brewster, Hays, McCook, Ulysses, Beloit, Liberal, and Scott City are in Colby for the three-day tournament, with games being played at the Colby High School gym, and the Colby Community Building.

Here we go, Eagles, Here we go! (clap, clap)

Sports Editor's note: On The Ball is moving to Wednesdays starting this week, in order to accommodate changing work schedules here at the Free Press. The fact that Mr. Pattillo's Sunday afternoon naps were in jeopardy in no way influenced the decision to move this col-

At the risk of jinxing everything, I would like to pose a question: How can you not think that our Eagles haven't got a shot to win both the girls and boys Orange and Black titles this year? I know they can do it, they know they can do it, and now you know that they can do it.

were going to win the Super Bowl back in 98, didn't I?

the Buccaneers were going to beat the Philadelphia Eagles?

Listen to me now, believe me later. We'll be handing the championship trophies to the Eagle dudes and Eagle dudettes Saturday night at the Community Building.

There better be a couple of thousand people there watching. If you miss this tournament, you are going

"Hey, Doofus-face," I can hear you saying, "why don't you put a little pressure on the kids, huh?"

handle it, I wouldn't say it. The truth is, I think these kids play better when there's a little pressure on them. I played a bit of sports when I was younger, and you get to where you can recognize the looks on athlete's faces when they are thriving on pressure. Our kids have that look, and other teams know about it. If you don't believe me, think back to the middle of almost every



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third quarter they've played this year. This is the point when the other teams have begun to realize the situation they've found themselves in. By the end of the third quarter it's written all over their faces, and you can see that they'd like to get the game over soon so they can forget about it.

Am I a shameless cheerleader? Hey, I predicted that the Broncos You betcher ever lovin' I am. This year, I'm a cheerleader, you're a cheerleader, everyone's a cheer-Wasn't I the first one to say that leader. Sick of the pro athletes? Come out to the games this week and watch the kids play. To them it's still a game, and they play it well. –dp-

Now then, having predicted the outcomes of the AFC and NFC championship games, and also the winner of the Super Bowl (Oakland), what else is left for me to predict? How 'bout Tim Brown as Super Bowl MVP? How 'bout the half-time entertainment being as horrible this year as it is every year? Actually, that's a given, so it doesn't count as a prediction.

Well, if I didn't think they could Here you go: Al Davis will pull George Blanda out of retirement to kick a few extra points Sunday. He's only about sixty, so he's still got a few Raider years left in him!

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Colby wrestlers continue on roll

By LES BROWN

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Not even a winter storm could cool off the nation's number one ranked junior college wrestling team. The Trojans spent eight and a half hours in the team bus last Wednesday, driving through the snowstorm that blanketed Nenight in Omaha.

Luckily, the Trojans were able to the next morning for their dual against the defending NJCAA national champion Iowa Central Community College wrestling team. And, while the Trojans gave up two forfeits in the dual, they still walloped the Tritons by a final team score of 34-15.

evening was the 125 pound match where Davey Dyke took on the nation's number two ranked junior college wrestler, Brett Allgood. Trojans were O.T. Johnson,

Bennington, Nebraska, was a four- Pardakulov and C. B. Dollaway. time state champion during his high school days.

Coach Steve Lampe indicates "the bout was tied 2-2 in the second period when Dyke ripped him over for the fall." Lampe went on to say that Dyke "has done a great job for us this year". This was Dyke's 4th braska before pulling off for the win overranked opponents this sea-

arrive safely in Fort Dodge, Iowa match-up did not come to fruition at 133 pounds, as Iowa Central's Paul Collum did not take the mat Tadzhimetov. Collum, who is ranked second in the nation, was also absent from the Iowa Central line-up in last week-end's Tournament of Champions. Tadzhimetov The marquee match-up of the made light work of Collum's backup, as evidenced by his technical fall over Justin Ring.

Allgood, who hails from Roshawn Haldarov, Alibek

The Trojan's only blemish at a contested weight class was Rio Mayo's 8-3 loss to David Paniccia.

The updated NJCAA Coaches Association's rankings were released on January 14th and those rankings indicate that Colby continues to hold down the number one

spot in the team rankings.

The Trojans are ranked in seven Another potential marquee of the ten weight classes. Individual Trojans currently ranked, along with their ranking, are: Erkin Tadzhimetov, 1st; Bryan Miller, against Colby's top ranked Erkin 1st; O. T. Johnson, 3rd; Muzaffar Abdurakhmanov, 1st; Roshawn Haldarov, 3rd; Alibek Pardakulov, 4th and C.B. Dollaway, 1st.

The only change in the rankings was Pardakulov's drop from first to fourth. Lampe indicates this change will likely be short-lived, as he feels Pardakulov is still worthy of the Others securing victories for the nation's top ranking despite his two losses at the Tournament of Champions.

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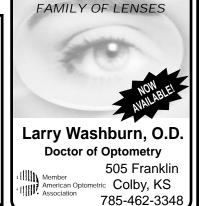


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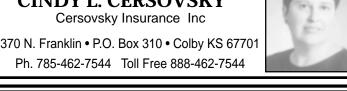


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