

Cormier fourth at the Olympics

Two tough overtime losses resulted in a fourth place finish at the Olympics for former Colby Community College wrestler Daniel Cormier.



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Cormier dropped his semifinal match at 211.5 lbs. in the Olympic freestyle wrestling competition at the Ano Liossia Olympic Hall today in Athens.

Cormier was defeated in the semifinals by European champion Khadjimourad Gatsalov of Russia, 5-0 in overtime at 6:08.

Gatsalov scored a takedown in the first period for a 1-0 lead. In the second period, he added a single leg takedown for a 2-0 lead. Regulation ended at 2-0, and the required three points had not been scored. For the clinch in overtime, within eight seconds, Gatsalov was able to take Cormier down to his back, scoring three points for the 5-0 win.

Gatsalov had a previous win over Cormier in a tournament in Russia.

With the loss in the semifinals, Cormier than faced 2003 World silver medalist and past World champion Ali Eza Heidari of Iran in the

bronze medal match.

Heidari won the bronze medal with a decision over Cormier in overtime. There was no scoring in the first period by either wrestler.

The second period began in a clinch with Heidari to lock first. At 3:38 a caution was issued and a point against Heidari for unlocking resulted in a score of 1-0 Cormier.

During the overtime period, a caution was issued with a point against Heidari for unlocking, 2-0 Cormier. At 6:42 a point was awarded against Cormier for fleeing, 2-1 Cormier advantage.

The tables turned one minute later with an Heidari takedown, followed by a one-point gut.

Heidari won the bronze by a final score of 3-2.

Cormier was a three-time Louisiana state prep champion. He led the Colby Community College Trojan squad to the NJCAA championship in 1999 and was the national champion for two years. After graduating from Colby College, he continued his career at Oklahoma State University where he earned second in the 2001 championships while receiving a degree in sociology. The 25-year-old and his wife Robin live in Stillwater, Okla., where he wrestlers for the Gator Wrestling Club.



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Sophomore Sam Munderloh (#14) skirts the left side for a touch-down with junior Shilo Stupka (#71), clearing the way during the video scrimmage Saturday evening at Dennen Field. The scrim-

mage gave fans their first look at the 2004 Eagles. There are 62 players on the roster with the first varsity game in Atwood on Friday starting at 7 p.m.

Cormier great testament to Lampe's program

Colby Community College alumnus Daniel Cormier finished fourth at 96kg (211.5lbs) at the Olympics in Athens. He lost by just one point in the bronze medal match.

Cormier destroyed his pool to earn a birth in the semifinals. He opened the competition with a 9-0 win over Radovan Valach of Austria, who finished ninth at the world competition. He followed that up with a 10-1 defeat of Bartolomiej Bartnicki of Poland, who finished seventh at the world competition. He then received a bye in the quarterfinals and advanced to the semis.

In the semifinals he lost to reigning European champion and the eventual gold medalist, Khadjimourat Gatsalov of Russia 5-0. Cormier was losing just 2-0 at the end of regulation, and since three points are necessary for victory in regulation, he received a chance in overtime. Overtime did not go his way though, as Gatsalov was able to take down Cormier for three more points and hold on for the victory.

Cormier then advanced to the bronze medal match to face the 2003 world silver medalist and 1998 world champion, Ali Reza Heidari of Iran. Cormier held a 1-0 lead at the end of regulation and a 2-0 lead at the start of overtime, but Ali Reza Heidari was able to fight his way back. Cormier gave up a point for fleeing at 6:42. Then Heidari earned a point with a takedown at 7:32. Finally, Heidari took the lead with a one-point gut at 7:44, and held on for the Bronze medal.

I am surely not alone in thinking that all of us should be extremely proud that a talented individual like Daniel Cormier came through Colby Community College on his



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way to a tremendous career and a trip to the Olympics. Hopefully, he will be back in 2008 to win a medal. What a great testament to Steve Lampe's program and his hard work over the years.

Cormier is not the only great athlete that comes through Colby Community College, though. We have had several tremendous athletes throughout the years go on to play very well at the Division I level. Cormier may very well be the finest, but seriously, how many individuals get the chance at Olympic competition. That is truly special and something very few community colleges, not to mention Division I schools, get to claim happened to one of their own. Think about this, Colby Community College was represented at the Olympics along with Stanford University, the University of Texas, the University of Tennessee, and a few other outstanding schools. That is not bad company. How many other schools in the state of Kansas were represented?

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On a different topic, Trojan cross country starts their season this coming weekend with a meet at Great Bend starting at 7 p.m. on Saturday evening.

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Also next weekend, Trojan baseball will travel to Dodge City on Saturday at noon for their first fall game. Then on Sunday half the team will stay home to play Garden

Platte, Neb. were not reported by the time this column was released, so you will be updated on that action next week. However, look for the story some time this week.

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For all the latest on Trojan athletics, check out our website at www.colbycc.edu.

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I hope everyone has a great week.

Ray Nolan is sports information director at Colby Community College. His column appears each Monday.

SportsLine

Colby sports activity

• **Tuesday** — "C" junior varsity volleyball at Grinnell with Wheatland and Brewster, Colby action stars at approximately 4:30 p.m., grade school gym; junior varsity and varsity volleyball at Norton with Osborne, 5 p.m., Colby will plays matches #2 and #2 at approximately 6 p.m.; Kansas State High School Activities Association supervisors' meeting at Colby High School, 7:30 p.m.

* **Wednesday** — Northwest Kansas League meeting at Montana Mike's, 9:30-11 a.m.; Colby All-Sports Booster Club meeting at Colby High School, 7 p.m.

• **Thursday** — High school/ middle school "Spirit Spreader Clinic" at Oakley, 8:30 a.m.; junior varsity and varsity girls golf at WaKeeney, 3 p.m.; varsity girls tennis at Hays, 3 p.m.; junior varsity girls tennis at Scott City, 3 p.m.; 7th-8t football at Goodland, 4:30 p.m.; 7th volleyball with Goodland at elementary gym, order of matches 7C-7B-7A, 4:30 p.m.; 8th volleyball with Goodland at the high school gym, order of matches 8D-8C-8B-8A, 4:30 p.m.; junior varsity and varsity cross country at Goodland-Sugar Hills Country Club (west of town) , 5 p.m.; "C" team football with McCook at Dennen Field, 5:30 p.m.

• **Friday** — Varsity football with Atwood, there, 7 p.m.

• **Saturday** — Colby Invitational varsity girls tennis tournament, Fike Park and Colby College courts, 9 a.m.; volleyball camp for girls grades 4-6, middle school gym., 9-10:30 a.m.; volleyball camp for girls grades 1-3, middle school gym, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

• **Monday, Sept. 6** — Labor Day, no school. (The junior varsity football game scheduled with Atwood has been canceled. Colby High School is in the process of trying to schedule another game for this date. As soon as one is scheduled, we will let you know.)

• **Tuesday, Sept. 7** — Junior varsity and varsity girls golf at Goodland, 2 p.m.; "C"-junior varsity-varsity volleyball at St. Francis with Oberlin, 4 p.m.

Brewster sports activity

• **Tuesday** — High school varsity and junior varsity volleyball at Grinnell, 3:30 p.m.

• **Friday** — High school varsity football at Brewster vs. Otis Bison, 7 p.m.

Grade volleyball camp nears

A volleyball camp for girls grades 1 through 6 will be held at the Colby Middle School gym on Sept. 4 and 11, and Oct. 2, 9 and 16. The 4th through 6th graders will play from 9-10:30 a.m. on those dates and the 1st through 3rd graders from 10:30-11:30 a.m. For additional details, please call coach Dustin Rorabaugh at 460-0221.

'Drive Fore Sobriety' set in September

The fourth annual "Drive Fore Sobriety" golf tournament, sponsored by the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council, will be held Sept. 11 at Sugar Hills Country Club, Goodland. Registration begins at 8 a.m. (MDT) with tee-off at 9 a.m. (MDT). For more information, call (785) 462-6111.



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Let's Bowl

2004 FALL BOWLING LEAGUE SCHEDULE

OPENINGS

SUNDAY P.M. - Mixed Couples League. Bowls at 7:00 p.m. every other week. 2 leagues - team & couple openings. Starts Sept. 12th.

MONDAY P.M. - 5 person Men's League. Starting at 8:00 p.m. Starts August 30th. Team & individual openings.

TUESDAY A.M. - Ladies Coffee League. Starts at 9:00 a.m. and bowls 4 to a team. Starts Sept. 7th. Team & individual openings.

TUESDAY P.M. - Men's 5 person teams. Starts at 7:15 p.m. Starts August 31st. Team & individual openings.

WEDNESDAY P.M. - Two - 4 person Ladies Leagues. Starting at 6:15 or 8:15 p.m. Definitely Ladies Night Out!! Starts Sept. 1st for 6:15 and Sept. 8th for 8:15 league. Team & individual openings for both.

THURSDAY MEN'S LEAGUE - 5 person teams. Starting at 8:30 p.m. Beginning September 2nd. Team & individual openings.

FRIDAY P.M. - 4 person Ladies League at 7:00 p.m. Starts Aug. 27th. Team & individual openings.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON JR. LEAGUES - Ages 5 & up. Sign up is Sat., September 25th at 1:00 p.m.

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