

Sports

Trojan wrestlers take third at National Duals

By Matt Dickson
Colby Community College

Colby Community College wrestlers finished 2-1 as a team and grabbed third place behind rivals Labette College and Northwest Wyoming Community College at the National Duals held Jan. 14-15 at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

The lower weight classes dominated and Mat Gilliland was named the Tournament Outstanding Wrestler after finishing the weekend 3-0 in the NJCAA class.

Colby defeated Ellsworth Community College 24-16 in their first match. The dual featured a win by fall for Gilliland and an 8-2 victory for Levi Younkin.

In their second dual Saturday the Trojans lost to Labette 27-13. Wrestlers Daniel Prater and Gilliland were bright spots for the Trojans as Prater won his match 6-2 and Gilliland continued his dominance with a 10-1 victory.

The strong showing was emphasized with a rout over Ridgewater Community College. The dual featured only three losses for the Colby team and a 27-11 team victory. Colby was part of 80 teams totaling 1,200 wrestlers.

As of the last official rankings, Colby had a national team ranking of No.4. Levi Younkin (133 lbs.), Daniel Prater (141), Mat Gilliland (149), Matt Schippers (157), and Jason Schippers (165) were all nationally ranked. On Friday Colby will travel to Worthington, Minn., for the Worthington Open.

Colby Community College 24 Ellsworth Community College 16
125 lbs.: Shamar Haynes (Ells) won by decision Brady Huck (Colby) 14-8

133: Levi Younkin (Colby) won by decision Dustin Pieken (Ells) 8-2

141: Daniel Prater (Colby) won by forfeit

149: Mat Gilliland (Colby) won by fall Erik George (Ells) in 6:31

157: Matt Schippers (Colby) won by decision Micah Keller (Ells) 8-4

165: Harry Joseph (Ells) won by decision Jason Schippers (Colby) 20-9

174: Jeff Klinglesmith (Colby) won by decision Jacy Watts (Ells) 4-2

184: Kyle Olson (Ells) won by decision Bobby Dennis (Colby) 10-7

197: Derrick Mehman (Ells) won by fall James Mason (Colby)

285: Cody Rivera (Colby) won by decision A.J. Lucy (Ells) 5-1

Colby Community College 13 Labette Community College 27
125 lbs.: Tim Elliott (Lab) won by decision. Brady Huck (Colby) 16-1

133: Levi Younkin (Colby) won by fall Josh Baldrige (Lab)

141: Daniel Prater (Colby) won by decision Cavin Cooper (Lab) 10-1

149: Mat Gilliland (Colby) won by decision Cory Allison (Lab) 6-2

157 Luke Elmore (Lab) won by decision Matt Schippers (Colby) D 8-5

165 Alvin Metcalf (Lab) WBD Jason Schippers (Colby) 5-3

174 Tommy McCarty (Lab) won by decision Jeff Klinglesmith (Colby) 9-0

184 Alex Saunders (Lab) won by decision Bobby Dennis (Colby) 13-1

197 Elijah Martinez (Lab) won by fall James Mason (Colby) 3:38

285 Willie Weber (Lab) won by decision Cody Rivera (Colby) 6-5

Correction

Information provided to the Free Press Monday about Colby Community College Trojan wrestling team's finish at the National Duals was incorrect.

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Six tournament teams are winning

By Tracy Rogers
Colby Free Press

Thursday marks the start of the 21st annual Paul Wintz Orange & Black Classic tournament in Colby.

The girls bracket especially looks to be loaded this year, as six of the eight teams have .500 or better records coming in. The hometown Eagles will be attempting to defend their title. Teams and their records are as follows:

Beloit 8-2
Colby 8-2 (ranked as "other" in 4A)

Goodland 7-2 (ranked as "other" in 4A)

Liberal 10-0 (ranked #5 in 5A)

McCook, Neb. 5-8

Scott City 2-5

Ulysses 4-4

Wichita South 7-2 (ranked #5 in 6A)

First round matchups are Colby vs. Scott City, Beloit vs. Ulysses, Liberal vs. McCook, Goodland vs. Wichita South.

The boys brackets will also feature some tough teams from around the state, although the records are not quite up to the level as the girls'.

Liberal (4-5) will be trying to capture their second consecutive title, but they'll face newcomer Olathe North (3-6) in the first round.

On the same side of the bracket will be Colby (1-9) taking on Beloit (7-3). In the other bracket will be Scott City (6-1) and #5 in 4A facing McCook, Neb., (6-7), Goodland (7-2) and Wichita South (1-8) squaring off against each other.

Games tipoff at 3 p.m. at Colby High School and the Colby Community Building.



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