

# Two Trojan wrestlers shine

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The Colby Community College Trojan wrestlers competed at the Worthington Open in Worthington, Minn., last weekend.

Because of injuries seven wrestlers competed and brought home two golds, a silver, and an outstanding wrestler of the tournament trophy.

Daniel Prater went 4-0 at 141 lbs on the day to earn a gold medal and was also voted the outstanding wrestler of the tournament.

Prater continued his dominance winning his final match 7-4 against a Division III opponent.

Levi Younkin was the other gold medalist at 133 lbs. winning his final match by a 6-4 decision over a Division III opponent.

Mat Gilliland went 2-1 earning second place at 149 lbs. losing a close final match to Dan Bonte of South Dakota State.

Colby results:  
133 lbs.: Levi Younkin, 3-0, 1st place.  
141lbs.: Daniel Prater, 4-0 1st place.  
149 lbs.: Mat Gilliland, 2-1, 2nd place.  
165 lbs.: Jason Schippers, 3-2.  
174 lbs.: Jeff Klingelsmith, 3-2.  
184 lbs.: Bobby Dennis, 2-2.  
285 lbs.: Cody Rivera, 1-1.  
Next action for the Trojans will be Friday and Saturday at the Apadaca Duals in Powell, Wyo.

# Steelers win in Denver

DENVER (AP) — The wildest road trip since “Animal House” rocks on.

The next stop for Big Ben, The Bus and all those Terrible Towels will be the Super Bowl in Detroit, thanks to a 34-17 dismantling of the Denver Broncos on Sunday in the AFC title game.

“We were sitting, looking at an outside shot to be in the Super Bowl,” Steelers linebacker Clark Haggans said.

“This is an unbelievable feeling to be here right now.”

Unbelievable and almost unprecedented.

Led by 275 yards and two passing touchdowns from Ben Roethlisberger and a touchdown by Jerome Bettis, the Steelers became the first team since the 1985 Patriots to win three postseason road games en route to the Super Bowl. Counting the regular season, they’ve played five of their last six away from Pittsburgh.

Next up: Seattle, a 34-14 winner over Carolina in the NFC title game. The teams will meet in two weeks at Ford Field, and the Steelers were the early favorite by 3 1-2 points.

And while there’s no Otter or Boon — the characters who called for a road trip when things got tough for the Delta House fraternity — this Pittsburgh group has plenty of characters of its own.

There’s Bettis, The Bus, who’s stuck around for a 13th year with hopes of playing in his first Super Bowl, in his hometown of Detroit.

There’s Roethlisberger, Big Ben, the second-year quarterback who looked every bit of the veteran in this one, completing 21 of 29 passes and keeping the Steelers going on six of seven crucial third-down situations in the first half.

There’s the coach, jut-jawed Bill Cowher, who worked the sideline in his usual manner, jabbing his finger at Bettis, then hugging him, smiling and scowling, too. This was tough love at its best — and good enough to move the Steelers back to the Super Bowl for the first time since 1995.

And all those loyal Pittsburgh fans. An estimated 8,000 came to Denver and they stayed well after the game, waving their Terrible Towels in the corner of Denver’s Invesco Field until security finally had to ask them to leave.



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Colby High School Lady Eagle Paige Stephens worked to keep the ball away from Liberal’s Markayla Patterson Saturday at the high school gym. The Lady Eagles took third place in the girls bracket in the 21st annual Orange and Black Classic.

# Colby girls take third

By Tracy Rogers  
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If third time is a charm, it is also the place for the Colby Lady Eagles in the Orange and Black Tournament.

Colby defeated the Liberal Redskins 67-47 for third place Saturday. Liberal, the number five ranked team in 5A, Redskins lost its semi final matchup to Wichita South, the number five ranked, in 6A.

“Against a good Liberal team (11-2 now) we played awesome. I was very pleased with the passion the girls played with. They really got after them with the press and were diving all over the place for loose balls. We had great defense and the press really wore them down,” said Colby coach Derek Bissitt.

Eagle Lissa Mazanec was fouled trying to get a shot off and made two free throws. After two field goals by the Redskins, the Eagles went on a 10-0 run to get their lead to double digits. Colby led 20-13 at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter saw the Redskins get back into the mix by outscoring the Eagles 16-8. Liberal shot 76 percent in the first half but still trailed by one, 28-27.

Defense must have been the half-

time topic in the Eagles lockerroom, because they got several easy baskets off of Liberal turnovers in the third and fourth quarters. The Redskins finished with 24 turnovers and the Eagles converted them into 25 points.

“Ashley (Barnes) and Rishonna (Martin) shot the ball well from the perimeter. Everyone shot well, note 60 percent shooting. Lissa did a great job on the boards and was aggressive defensively and Zanae (Baird) took the ball to the basket with some fire. Tasha (Wagoner) handled the ball and did a solid job running the offense. Also our bench players gave us some good minutes. I think that was our best game of the season against a 5A team that came into the tournament undefeated.”

Mazanec again had a double double, leading the team with 22 points and 13 rebounds. Also in double figure scoring were Barnes 14, and Martin, 10.

## Colby vs. Beloit

Colby was hampered by Beloit’s press defense Friday in Beloit’s 43-32 win Friday in the semi-final round.

Barnes hit a jumper and senior Baird got a bucket within the first 1:10 But all it took was a three-pointer and then another basket from Beloit’s Lindsey Shamburg to

put the Trojans on top. The Eagles played catch up for the rest of the evening, but were never able to draw even with Beloit. Colby trailed 11-7 after the first period.

Amanda Krier and Shamburg both hit jumpers to start the second period, but the Eagles answered back with baskets by junior Martin and Mazanec to get back within four points. That’s when Beloit went on an 8-0 run that finally ended with a rebound and put back by sophomore Paige Stephens. Colby trailed at halftime 23-13.

The second half was more of the same, as Beloit kept their three-fourths court press on, and the Eagles had trouble breaking it. And when they did get through the press, the shots were not falling at a very high percentage.

“We played tentative and turned the ball over too much against a veteran team from Beloit. I really thought that was the championship game,” Bissitt said.

Colby shot 34 percent from the field for the game and had 16 turnovers. Mazanec again led Colby in scoring and rebounding with 10 and 11, respectively. Barnes followed with 8 points and Baird tallied 5.

The Eagles are off until Friday when they host the Ulysses Tigers at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Building.

Barnett each scored 10 points.

Colby plays Ulysses Friday at the Colby Community Building.

## Orange and Black boys bracket

First place: Scott City defeated Olathe North. Score not available.

Third place: Beloit defeated Wichita South. Score not available.

Fourth place: Goodland defeated Liberal 44-42.

## Girls bracket

First place: Beloit beat Wichita South. Score not available.

Fourth place: Goodland defeated Ulysses. Score not available.

Seventh place: McCook, Neb., defeated Scott City, 69-44.

# Eagle wrestlers win Beloit Tournament

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It’s a first for the Colby High School wrestling team.

Competing in their third tournament in as many weeks saw the Eagles bring home the first place trophy from Beloit Saturday.

“This is the first Colby team to ever win the Beloit Invitational. We wrestled great, our guys showed some great toughness throughout the tournament. We opened the first round with 11 out of 13 wins and established ourselves as the favorite,” said Colby coach Mitch Beims.

The Eagles had five wrestlers make it through to the finals, although only one, Cole Garcia, was able to win his weight class.

“Cole wrestled exceptional again, winning another Outstanding Wrestler Award. He tech failed (16-1) Warner from Smith Center in 2:53. Warner is the number one ranked kid in 3-2-1A,” Beims said.

Also getting praise from the coach were sophomore Brent Luedke and senior Taylor Finley.

“Brent wrestled great, losing just 4-3 to Rein from Abilene, who is ranked second in 4A right now. Taylor’s only loss was in the finals to Pyle from Sabetha who is the defending state champ from 3-2-1A.”

The Eagles have this week to prepare for the NWKL Tournament Saturday at Goodland. Matches start at 9:30 a.m.

Team scores – Colby, 172; Abilene, 155; Clay Center, 125; Smith Center, 121; Concordia, 115; Hoxie, 109; Beloit, 100.5; Manhattan, 100; Silver Lake, 93; Oberlin, 82; Salina South, 78; Marysville, 74; Royal Valley, 68; Wellington, 50; Belleville, 50; Plainville, 49.5; Hill City, 42.5; Sabetha, 39; Minneapolis, 27; Stockton 7.

103 lbs. – Bryan Brewer (10): 3-1 (2nd Place): won by fall over Cole (Abilene), won by fall over McGee (Clay Center), won 1-0 over Weigel (Plainville), lost by fall to Hase (Silver Lake)

112 – Brent Luedke (10): 3-1 (2nd Place): won by fall over Carter (Salina South), won by fall over Rempe (Smith Center), won 4-3 over Ribelin (Royal Valley), lost 3-4 to Rein (Abilene)

119 – Trenton Powell (11): 5-1 (3rd Place): won by fall over Sokol (Salina South), lost 3-7 to Weatherhead (Belleville), won

17-2 Tech fall over Creek (Marysville), won 14-1 over Hamilton (Minneapolis), won 3-2 over Reichert (Oberlin), won 8-3 over Spangler (Beloit)

125 – Hunter Olsen (10): 1-2 (did not place): won by fall over Johnson (Hill City), lost 6-12 to Cline (Wellington), lost 7-9 to Streit (Sabetha)

130 – Jared Flanagan (11): 4-2 (5th Place): won by fall over Urban (Oberlin), lost 4-16 to Baker (Hoxie), won by fall over Calhoon (Beloit), won 13-2 over Eaton (Minneapolis), lost by disqualification to Hosfelt (Marysville), won 3-1 over Meisch (Wellington)

135 – Daniel Gonzales (10): 3-1 (2nd Place): won 20-7 over Simonsson (Oberlin), won 13-3 over Hinson (Silver Lake), won 10-5 over Wuthnow (Abilene), lost 3-11 to Esterl (Beloit)

140 – Cole Garcia (12): 4-0 (1st Place): won by fall over Kellner (Stockton), won 9-6 to Lucero (Royal Valley), won 12-2 over Dawson (Wellington), won 16-1 Tech fall over Warner (Smith Center)

145 – Taylor Finley (12): 3-1 (2nd Place): won by fall over Nichol (Hill City), won by fall over Mayes (Beloit), won 3-1 over Jenne (Abilene), lost 8-14 to Pyle (Sabetha)

152 – Kyle Withington (12): 3-3 (6th Place): won 4-2 over Hyman (Beloit), lost 0-4 to Corwin (Silver Lake), won 9-3 over Area (Royal Valley), won 9-3 over Wilson (Abilene), lost by fall to Lund (Clay Center), lost 0-4 to Corwin (Silver Lake)

160 – Tanner Kriss (9): 3-3 (6th Place): won by fall over Strader (Sabetha), lost 2-16 to Rush (Clay Center), won by fall over Jackson (Hill City), won 7-6 over Hanel (Beloit), lost 0-13 to Miller (Oberlin), lost 1-9 to Thoman (Concordia)

171 – Chase Vaughn (10): 0-2 (did not place): lost by fall to Sorrell (Concordia), lost by fall to Hinckley (Manhattan)

189 – Treat Bugbee (9): 0-2 (did not place): lost 4-9 to Brungardt (Plainville), lost 4-14 to Rupnick (Royal Valley)

215 – Nick Kriss (10): 2-2 (did not place): won by fall over Rowlands (Manhattan), lost 2-10 to Erwin (Hoxie), won 6-4 over Wall (Silver Lake), lost 0-1 to Badsy (Oberlin)

275 – Taylor Brown (10): 0-2 (did not place): lost by fall to Roepke (Royal Valley), lost by fall to Blackwood (Clay Center)

# Trojan women cruise

By Matt Dickson  
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The Colby Community College Lady Trojans easily defeated a Fort Carson Army team Sunday 125-57.

The Fort Carson Army team was made up of ex-college 20-year-olds

The game was a late addition to the schedule because of a missed game in a tournament at the beginning of the year. The Fort Carson team did their best to run the floor with the Trojans.

Colby Coach Tom Stephens played every player on the team for significant time and freshmen Jamie Schroeder and Jaci Tinkel took advantage by scoring 19 points and 15 points, respectively.

Schroeder also grabbed 11 rebounds for the double-double. Rita Kollo had 19 points.

Colby had a season high 15 three-pointers and the only player not to attempt a shot from beyond the arc was Val Jackson. The Lady Trojans will play 11-9 (1-4) Pratt Beavers 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Colby Community Building..

Colby is now 16-3 (4-1) and sits in third place.

# Close losses overcome Eagle boys

The Colby Eagles boys basketball team can probably define their 2006 Orange and Black Tournament experience in one word: deja vu.

What has become common for the Colby Eagles boys basketball team this season, the boys play and eventually lose in close games. McCook, Neb., defeated Colby 66-64 Saturday for seventh place. Liberal defeated Colby 43-31 Friday in the first half.

Thursday’s opening round loss to Beloit was by four points.

“We played three good games. Going 0-3 is tough but when you lose by a combined total of eight points you can’t fault effort,” said Colby coach Derek Bissitt.

“Losing R.J. Ladenburger in the first half against McCook really was a blow on Saturday. But, we

had some other guys step up off the bench and play extremely hard,” he said.

Bissitt liked the play of the underclassmen. “When you look and see that we played three freshmen and a sophomore in that game you realize just how young we really are. I was very proud of the guys and the way they fought and competed in all three games. These guys have earned the respect of their opponents by continuing to play this hard.”

Four Eagles scored in double figures against McCook. Trevor Siebert led with 22 points. Trey Barnett and Nick Howard each scored 14. Ethan Stover scored 10 points.

Colby had three players score in double digits against Liberal. Stover led with 12 points. Siebert and

# Seahawks win with defense

SEATTLE (AP) — Blue, green and silver confetti fell on the home of the Seahawks, the kind of rain this soggy region had been waiting for since 1976.

It wasn’t just Seattle’s potent offense doing the celebrating Sunday. The defense had something to say, too.

“We’re going to the Super Bowl, you know what I’m saying?” Seattle cornerback Andre Dyson said

while hugging teammate Kelly Herndon on the field.

The Seahawks advanced to the Super Bowl for first time in their 30-year history because of their overlooked defense.

Seattle turned Carolina’s one-dimensional offense that beat the New York Giants and Chicago in the previous two weeks into a no-dimensional mess. The Panthers managed just 212 total yards.

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