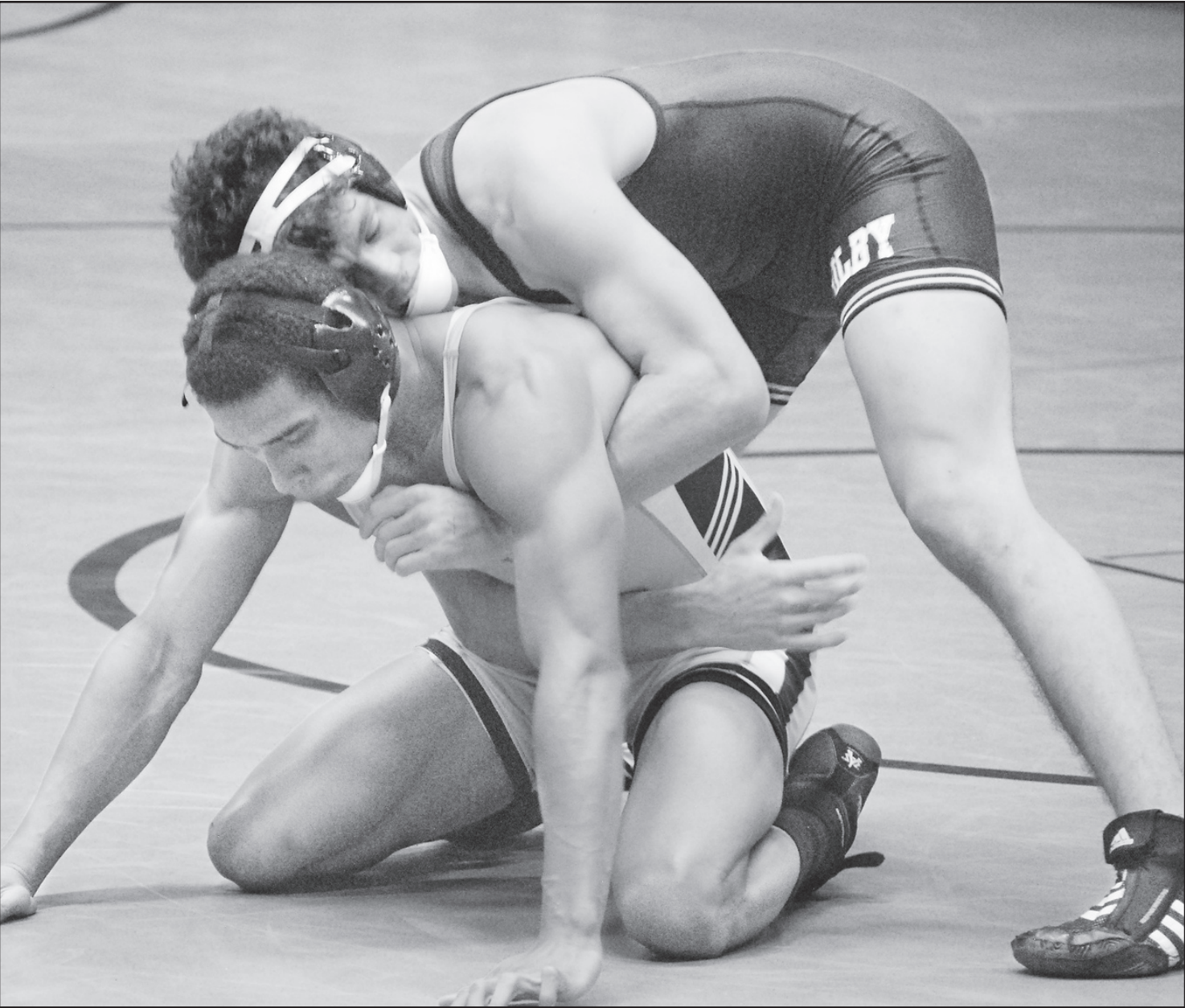




Getting a hold of the situation



Colby College freshman Nick Rimpley grabbed a hold of his opponent during the Daniel Cormier Open on Saturday at the Community Building. Rimpley took third in the 157-pound class. Rimpley and the rest of the wrestling squad will compete in the Labette Takedown Tournament on Saturday at Parsons.

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Runner makes all-region team

Colby College freshman Erica Rappard took fourth in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Western Division and 14th in Region VI at the 2010 Division I Region Cross Country Championships on Monday at Arkansas City.

Rappard finished with a time of 20 minutes and 14 seconds. Ninety-two women ran in the race and 42 of them were from the Jayhawk Western Division. Rappard's placings earned her all-conference and all-region honors. To qualify for the all-conference team you have to place in the top seven and to make the all-region team you have to finish in the top 15.

Coach Crystal Berndt said Rappard will be competing in the Division I National Junior College Athletic Association Championships at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, in Spartanburg, S.C.

The Lady Trojan's cross country squad finished fifth in the division with 102 points and ninth in the region with 224 at the meet. Butler County Community College came in first in the division with 47 and Cowley Community College from Wichita placed first in the region with 19.

Colby sophomore Jackie Robledo finished a couples places short qualifying for the all-

region team, finishing ninth in the division and 26th in the region with 20:49. But Robledo did beat her freshman region time by about two minutes. Berndt attributed Robledo's huge improvement to all the time she spent working out this summer.

Lady Trojans' freshman Mikarla Swann finished 19th in the division and 49th in the region with 22:02. Freshman Kelsey Locke completed the race in 24:13 and freshman Shauntae Miller finished in 26:03. The coach said all the girls' finished close to their personal best times.

Star guard leads Wildcats past Newman

MANHATTAN (AP) — "Ex-hibition" was the perfect term to describe No. 3 Kansas State's victory over Newman on Tuesday night.

Wildcats coach Frank Martin took the opportunity to showcase his entire roster in an 83-56 win over the Jets.

As a result, there were plenty of ragged moments in Kansas State's season debut.

"We're talented, but we've got a lot of work to do," Martin said.

Jacob Pullen, a preseason All-American, led the Wildcats with 15 points. Sophomore Wally Judge had 14 points and 11 rebounds and transfer Freddy Asprilla added nine points and 13 rebounds.

But Martin said there was "too much gambling, too much reaching, too many bad rotations."

The Wildcats also saw a problem pop back up from last year, foul shooting. They missed 19 free throws.

But ball movement looked good

at times.

In one sequence, freshman guard Will Spradling stole the ball and threw an outlet pass to Rodney McGruder, who fed Judge for a layup.

Freshman Shane Southwell put up nine points, and Spradling had seven points and three assists. Pullen called Southwell a "talent" and said he has a lot of potential and can really help the team in the future.

Six Wildcats ended up with 19

or more minutes, and four others played between 10 and 16. Martin said he intentionally used line-ups pairing upperclassmen with newcomers in hopes the veterans would step up.

"You think about how many layups we missed, how many free throws we missed," Martin said. "I'm not into final scores. I'm into performance. If I was into final scores I would've played certain people, certain combinations, a lot more."

Lady Trojans lose in overtime

The Lady Trojans' basketball team let a second-half lead slip away and lost their season opener 83-78 in overtime at Lamar County Community College at Colorado on Wednesday night.

Colby led by as many as 13 points, and held a seven-point lead with three minutes remaining. The combination of Liga Vente, a freshman center from Latvia, fouling out with two and a half minutes left and several Lamar three-pointers cut into the Lady Trojans' lead. Lamar connected on eight three-pointers in the second half.

After sophomore Hannah Thornton fouled out with 28 seconds remaining, the Lady Trojans had a late defensive stand to send the game into overtime. But without their top two interior players Colby was unable to get stops on the defensive end and rebounds inside.

Vente led the Lady Trojans with 19 points, including 11 in the second half, and Thornton added 17. Freshman guard Kelli Crittenden

had 16 and sophomore forward Tayler Puttergill chipped in 12. Crittenden's performance was key for the Lady Trojans. She played the whole game at point guard. Freshman guard Morgan Rickwartz, who, coach Brady Jasper said, is Colby's other main ball handler, didn't play in the game.

Colby's next action is will be at 8 p.m. Central Time (7 p.m. Mountain Time) on Monday at Trinidad State Junior College in Colorado.

The Lady Trojans will hold the Ambassador Classic starting next Thursday at the Community Building. Colby will play three games in the classic. Their first game is against Hastings College's junior varsity team from Nebraska at 5 p.m. next Thursday. The Lady Trojans' other two games will be against Western Nebraska Community College from Scotsbluff at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, and Colorado Northwestern Community College from Rangely at 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13.

College employees bowl perfect games

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Kip Nelson, head trainer and pool manager at Colby Community College, and Trent Rose, sports information director at the college, both bowled the first perfect 300 games of their lives during Pinbusters Men's League games at the Colby Bowl and Fun Center.

Nelson posted a 300 on Oct. 12 and Rose bowled his just a month earlier, on Sept. 12.

Nelson said he has increased his average by about 10 pins in the last two or three years.

"As you get older, you analyze the game a little more," he said.

Nelson has been bowling since he was about 8. He said he first became interested in the sport because his parents, Jackie Nelson and his late father Donald, both liked to bowl. He said the closest he had gotten to bowling a 300 before was 279. He said he has bowled a 279 five or six times.

Nelson is a 12-year veteran in the Pinbusters League. The last four years, he's played for Roofmaster. His team includes Scott Cameron and Michael Weigel of Roofmasters; Matt Dickson, as-

sistant baseball coach; and Rose.

There are nine teams in the bowling league. Nelson said his team lost in the quarterfinals this season, but usually they are among the top four teams in the league.

Rose said he had been close to bowling a 300 several times, bowling a 279 on four or five occasions. He said this is about as close as you can get to a 300. Rose said 10 of his 12 strikes were good shots, while two were a little lucky.

Rose said he is bowling for two teams now: Roofmasters and an Oakley team with his father in a tri-state travel league consisting of teams from Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado.

He said his average has increased quite a bit from last season. While he only averaged a 202 last year, Rose said he is averaging a 225 this year.

Rose, an Oakley native, said he started competing in leagues when he was 12. He used to travel from Oakley to Colby Bowl to compete in a kids' league.

During his high school years, Rose said, he played in a regular league at Oakley, and he continued to bowl there during his two years at the college.

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