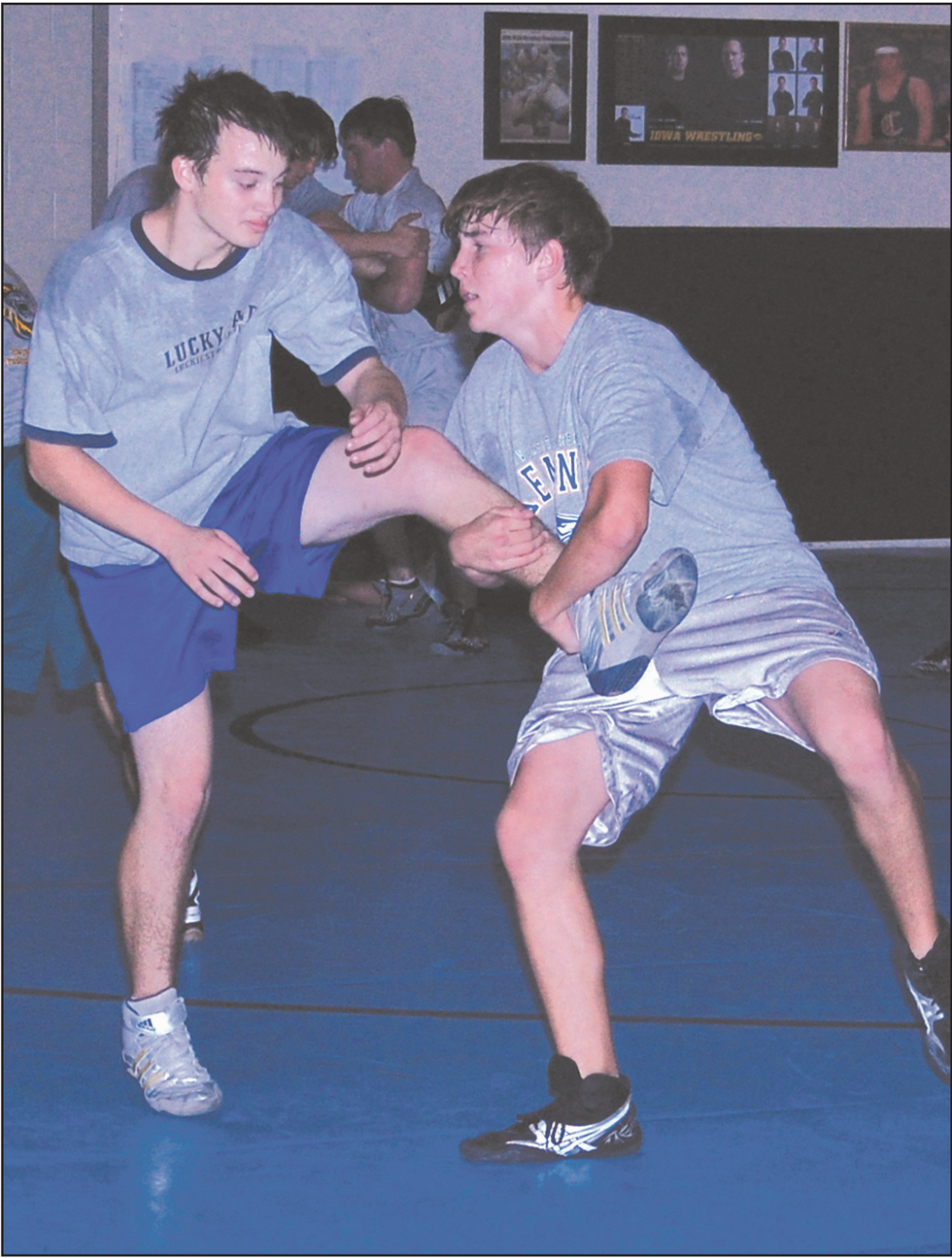


Taking it to the mat



Colby High sophomore Quade Woofter grasped the leg of freshman Ashley Coleman during wrestling practice on Tuesday in the mezzanine room at Colby High School.

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Trojans sophomore finishes second at open

Colby College sophomore wrestler Fabian Guerrero finished second in the heavyweight division at the Cowboy Open on Sunday at the University of Wyoming in Laramie.

Guerrero went won three matches and lost one. He pinned unattached wrestler Jory Henderson in the opening round, then won a 5-2 decision over Billy Gray of Colorado State University from Pueblo in the quarterfinals. He reached the finals when unattached wrestler Coltin Ostermiller couldn't compete due to an injury. Guerrero lost to Sears Tieman of Northwest Wyoming Community College from Powell 9-4 in the finals.

Coach David Nordhues said Guerrero had a great tournament, adding that the match Guerrero lost was a lot closer than the score suggests.

The schools competing in the open also included Colorado School of Mines from Golden, New Mexico Highlands, Las Vegas; Western State College, Gunnison, Colo.; The U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School and the Air Force Academy itself, from Colorado Springs; Montana State University, Bozeman; Western Wyoming Community College, Rock Springs; University of Wyoming, Chadron State College, Nebraska; Northwest Kansas Technical College, Goodland; Mesa State College, Grand Junction, Colo.; Adams State College, Alamoso, Colo.; the University of Colorado, Boulder; the University of Nebraska, Kearney; and Utah State University, Logan.

Colby freshman Jace Campbell finished 3-2 at 141 pounds. Campbell beat Markos Serna of Western Wyoming 8-5, won a 13-0 major decision over unattached wrestler Edward Zuckerman and a 7-0 decision over Dillon Karajanis of Western Wyoming. He was pinned by Avery Garner of Utah State and he lost a 4-1 decision to unattached wrestler Kevin Clark.

"Jace Campbell had a great tournament," the coach said, adding that Campbell lost to two good wrestlers.

Sophomore Jerad Schroeder went 2-2 at 149. Schroeder won a 3-1 decision over unattached Kristian Nieto and a 6-4 decision over Casey Myers from the University of Colorado 6-4. He was pinned by Justin Schumacher of Western Wyoming and he lost a 6-3 decision to unattached Matt Sandoval 6-3.

Freshman Blake Steiert beat unattached Paco Retana 9-8 and won a 7-1 decision over Joe Haas of Chadron State at 197. He lost a 6-2 decision to unattached Sam Mangum 6-2 and he was pinned by Jordan Passehl (unattached).

"Blake wrestled some good competition," Nordhues said. "He's a battler and he expects to win."

Freshman Marco Tamayo went 1-2 at 149. He beat Alex Akers of Northwest Tech 4-1. Tamayo lost a 7-5 decision to Dominic Madril of Adams State and a 9-5 decision to Daniel Robledo of Mesa State.

Freshman Cody Stewart lost both his matches at 165 and Sean Cherry lost both his at 184. Stewart was pinned by Jay Raygor of Wyoming and Shawn Seppala of Western Wyoming. Cherry lost to Trevor Grant from Colorado State in a 6-2 decision and Blake Nygren (unattached) in a 9-2 decision.

"I thought the team competed great," Nordhues said. "I think we won some big matches, but we also lost some matches we should have won."

The coach said he was pleased how his team had performed coming off a grueling dual against Pratt last Wednesday at the Community Building. He said the team would use the experience from the tournament to keep building and improving.

The Trojans will compete in the Old Chicago Open at the University of Northern Colorado starting at 9 a.m. (Central Time) on Saturday in Greeley.

Freshman takes fourth; Trojans finish eleventh

Colby College freshman Edward Limo took fourth out of 260 runners Saturday at the National Junior College Division I National Cross Country Championships and the Trojans' took 11th out of 36 teams.

It was the highest the squad has finished since it moved up to Division I status in 2004.

The freshman ran the race in 24 minutes, 18 seconds and the Trojans finished with 328 points at the meet in Spartanburg, S.C.

Lelei Henry of Central Arizona College in Coolidge finished first in 23:19 and Cowley County Community College from Arkansas City took first as a team with 94 points.

Colby coach James Ortiz said Limo still had a bitter taste in his month from finishing second at regionals, and he was determined to do better at the nationals. Limo's fourth-place finish earned him junior college All-American status.

Despite finishing higher than any Colby team since the Trojans' joined Division I, Ortiz said neither he nor his runners were pleased with the way they ended the season.

"We wanted to finish close to fifth or under fifth," he said. "We felt this was where we belonged, and we're extremely disappointed with finishing 11th. Everyone

should have finished higher except Edward."

Freshman Tim Cude was the second-highest finisher for the Trojans, coming in 54th with 26:40. Other times included freshman Raymond Velasquez, 72nd with 26:40; freshman Abrahm Leija, 78th in 27:10; sophomore Anthony Luna, 120th in 27:48; and sophomore Trey Dunsirn, 177 in 29:10.

Ortiz said his team is good at working together during a race, but there were so many people running that his guys got separated. He said this forced them to work on their own.

Colby College equestrian team has two riders take first at show

The Colby Community College equestrian team had another strong performance at the Laramie County Community College Western Show Nov. 6 and 7 in Cheyenne.

The team won reserve high point behind the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on Saturday.

"Sophomore Liz Kennedy was awarded reserve high point rider," Coach Shanda Mattix said. "First-place rides for the weekend went to Jessica Koeppe and Morgan Harms, with several others finishing in the top three."

Colby placings included:

Nov. 6

Reining: Kennedy, Topeka, second.

Open Horsemanship: Kennedy, second; Rachael Kruse, Ellsworth, fourth.

Novice Horsemanship: Mariah Woolsoncroft, Salina, reserve; Koeppe, Rose Hill, first; Savannah Isely, Bird City, second.

Intermediate 2: Devon Felts, Manhattan, second; Harms, Franklin, Neb., second; Misty Lethcho, Fontana, sixth.

Intermediate 1: Megan Sitz, Manhattan, third; Anna Schurter, Valley Center, fifth.

Beginner: Kayla Chambers, Holbrook, Neb, fourth; Michele Sill, Tribune, Reserve

Nov. 7:

Open Horsemanship: Kennedy, second; Kruse, sixth.

Advanced Horsemanship: Jessica Fuson, King City, Mo.; reserve.

Novice Horsemanship: Koeppe, sixth; Isely, second; Woolsoncroft, third.

Intermediate 2: Harms, first; Ariel Nickelson, Tribune, second; Miranda Mock, fifth.

Intermediate 1: Sitz, fifth; Schurter, sixth.

Beginner: Chambers, reserve; Sill, fifth.

The team will ride again Saturday at the Univers of Nebraska in Lincoln.

Wildcats defeat Virginia Tech

MANHATTAN (AP) – Curtis Kelly was in street clothes and Jacob Pullen was on the bench – not exactly the ideal place for Kansas State's only two seniors while facing an experienced and well-traveled Virginia Tech team.

Martavious Irving, Rodney McGruder and Nick Russell came off the bench to hold things together in the first half and then helped spark a 28-9 run when Pullen got back, carrying the third-ranked Wildcats to a 73-57 victory Friday over the No. 22 Hokies.

"When they saw me go out with that second foul, a lot of them just put their chins up and stepped up to the challenge," said Pullen, who played just 2 minutes in the second half. "Good teams don't win games because of a person. They win games because of a team. Today, the team just came together."

Kelly, a 6-foot-8 senior who's being heavily counted on this season by the Wildcats (now 2-0), missed his second straight game because of an unspecified disciplinary action. But the cold-shooting Hokies (1-1) failed to take advantage and Kansas State led 30-29 at halftime. Then, after Malcolm Delaney's basket put Virginia Tech on top 40-38 early in the second half, McGruder got the Wildcats rolling on a decisive 28-9 run.

"Everybody had a big play, a big play that was a momentum-builder or to sustain the run," said Pullen, the Wildcats' preseason All-American. "That's all you can ask for, is your team to be prepared."

Twice during the second half, Lady Trojans women's cross country runner Erica Rappard finished 83rd out of 286 runners at the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I National Championships on Saturday with a time of 20 minutes, 16 seconds.

Coach Crystal Berndt said Rappard had hoped to finish under the

the Virginia Tech bench was called for a technical foul, and it hurt. Each time, Pullen made two free throws.

"I have nothing to say about the officiating," Virginia Tech coach Seth Greenberg said later. "They do their job, I do mine."

College runner finishes 83rd

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