

# Colby ultimate foe won't feel 'one trace of fear'

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Facing Colby alum Danny Mainus in his first professional Mixed Martial Arts fight Friday night will certainly not intimidate Denver fighter Scott Ingram.

"Danny is a strong fighter with a 2-1 record, and a great wrestler who is well rounded. But when it comes down to a fight I don't care who it is," Ingram commented during an interview on the Resurrection Fighting Alliance (RFA) website. "There will not be one trace of fear or intimidation in my eyes."

This featured bantamweight bout between the Grudge Training Center's Mainus and Team Wildman's Ingram will be among the highlights of the Resurrection Fighting Alliance 11 fight ticket at the 1stBank Center in Broomfield, Colo.

Promoters are saying this show-down "looks ready to blow the roof off" the 1st Bank Center.

Limited tickets were still available Thursday morning on cagetix.com.

AXS TV will also broadcast the fights live beginning at 8 p.m.

The Resurrection Fighting Alliance returns to Denver 20 years after the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) made the Mile High City a hub for Mixed Martial Arts.

This fight features a chance for

Mainus to show the RFA fans the same sort of tenacity he did in his fight of the night match against Zac Chavez the last time the promotion was in Denver for Resurrection Fight Alliance 7. Fans may remember the back-and-forth affair that ended with a controversial split decision loss for Mainus.

"It was a great fight, a fun learning experience. Yeah, it was my first ever loss and the decision was tough, but it was my own fault for not finishing," Mainus said.

Meanwhile, Ingram will be making his RFA and professional debut.

His RFA 11 match will be his fourth fight of 2013 and he doesn't show any signs of slowing down. If he has, his way there will be no debate on who should have won this fight.

"I always strive from pressure. So the more weight on my shoulders the better I do," Ingram said.

Mainus had a distinguished amateur career, going undefeated through six fights.

What sets him apart from many fighters is that 75 percent of his career fights have gone to the third round.

This is a fighter that likes to stick around in a match and finish no matter what it takes.

"My spirit keeps me fighting. I feel a need to compete. It's in my blood, in my family," the son of Colby's Dan and Sylvia Mainus



Celebrating victory (left) never comes easily as one of Danny Mainus' matches (above) showed recently. Yet Mainus has gone 2-1 in his previous three Mixed Martial Arts fights and will make his debut with the Resurrection Fighting Alliance Friday night.

said.

Mainus was a 4A state champion wrestler for the Eagles and also competed at Colby Community College before graduating.

He currently works as a professional fighter with The Grudge training center in Denver.

That spirit and tenacity, mixed with a stellar record, recently led

to RFA signing Mainus to a four fight contract.

"Knowing I'm with a great company that gets guys to the Ultimate Fighting Championships, that sees a future with me, makes it that much sweeter. I'm stoked!" Mainus exclaimed.

All of that momentum is good for Mainus, but possibly better for Ingram.

If he can come into RFA11 and take a win, he might well capture the spotlight that's trained so di-

rectly on his opponent.

"I love to fight. No better feeling than getting your hand raised after putting it all on the line. I don't train this hard to lose," Ingram said.

Former Trojans assistant wrestling coach Brian Miller is part of Ingram's camp.

As for Mainus, his focus is as laser accurate as his power-packed punches.

"I am going to get my job done and finish him," Mainus promised.

## Colby alum helps Trojans get better

With games every week now, the Colby Community men's basketball team is 6-2 at this point in its season!

We had our first five games here at Colby and any time you can play at home, you give yourself a good chance to win. The road games are what separate the good teams from the great teams.

We suffered our first two losses last weekend in Colorado Springs. At this point in our season, we are not tough enough to get a couple of road wins. But with a quick turnaround we played Trinidad (Colo.) State in a tough environment and found a way to win Tuesday night.

In the course of a long season, you want your team to get better each practice and each game. As a coach, you hope the team is playing at their highest level at the right time. We continue to get better and that is what we want as a staff.

Our fourth sophomore we would like to spot light is Dalaan Organ.

Dalaan graduated from Colby High School and played in nine games as freshman here at Colby Community College. Dalaan is a prime example of the young men that represent our program in a great way here at Colby!

A lot of the help Dalaan does for this team goes unnoticed by the fans, but not by his teammates and

the coaching staff. Here is a little more about Dalaan:



Rusty Grafel

Hometown: Colby. Previous school: Colby High. Birthdate: September 16, 1994.

Parents: Daren and Dian Organ. Major: Sports Medicine. Favorite quote- "Practice doesn't make perfect, perfect practice makes perfect."

Favorite food: sushi. Favorite thing about Colby Community College:

my teammates. Favorite movie- Star Wars Episode XI. Favorite athlete: LeBron James. Role model- Tyler Hansbrough. Favorite song: "Today was a good day" by Ice Cube.

I also congratulate the women's volleyball team, women's cross country team and men's cross country team on great seasons!

The women's basketball team is on the road this week at the Western Nebraska Classic and we wish them luck. Good luck to the wrestling team as they travel to Kearney, Neb., this weekend as well.

We play here in Colby at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday against KSU Salina. We would love to have everyone come out and watch these young men.

Until next time, go Trojans!

*Editor's note:* Grafel is the Trojan men's basketball coach who is providing insight into Colby Community College teams, athletes and programs.

## No need to worry, Chiefs can recover

Blame it on an overdose of cough drops and too much noodle soup this week.

His usual good taste has slowly returned along with doughnuts in the break room this morning, and *Free Press* sportswriter R.B. Headley now realizes Monday's sports editorial choice was perhaps too pro-Denver Broncos.

"I like the Chiefs, but I thought it was some good rivalry fun after the Broncos prevailed Sunday night. A Denver columnist bragging it up while he can," R.B. explained. "I guess some other observers didn't see it that way."

Conditions can be far worse than what the Chiefs are facing.

Imagine working graveyard at a local gas station during your college days, fighting off drowsiness from watching football all day rather than getting enough sleep.

One second, you're determined to dust that potato chip aisle.

A few seconds later (seemingly), you see two cops leaning over

you while gas-pump alert signals are beeping wildly.

You'd fallen asleep on the job, and one customer was afraid a mugging had occurred. You regain your senses and try to act cool about the situation — only to realize your feet are still asleep as you fall over again.

The police are understanding, but admit they must file a report for bosses to read that next day.

Oh, and the district manager is also scheduled to visit.

"Not a good situation to recover from," R.B. admitted.

The Chiefs are far better off with games coming up these next two weeks at home against San Diego and those Broncos. Denver has a tough battle against angry New England this weekend.

With a little Tom Brady-led help and taking care of their own business, the Chiefs could be two games ahead again after Thanksgiving weekend. The *Free Press* will happily recognize this fact.

## Plenty of bounce in their steps



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

A pair of Colby High basketball players work during practice as winter sports seasons are drawing near for all area teams. Watch for more details leading up to the Colby openers after Thanksgiving break.

## Trojan horse team finishes fall season

By Debbie Schwanke  
Colby Community College

The Colby Community College Intercollegiate Horse Show Association team traveled to the final competition of the fall semester hosted by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln recently.

The Colby Trojans hunt seat team has been competing regularly since the beginning of October. This was the first western show since the Colby College show held Oct. 5-6.

"The team rode very well and continued to prove they are a strong competitor in our region,"

coach Shanda Mattix said. "Ariel Severson qualified for the regional championships with points earned at this show. Several more team members are expected to qualify at the early competitions of the spring semester."

Lori Beth James of Marquette captured a Beginner Show 2 championship for Colby.

Other Colby results from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln: Reining, Show 1: 2. Jade Kruse, Oakley.

Advanced, Show 1: 5. Cateline Isley, St. Francis.

Novice, Show 1: 2. Megan Kantor, Louisville, N.C.

Intermediate 2, Show 1: 5. Heather Toal, Hillsboro, 5. Allison Siemens, Moundridge; 6. Sara Schurz, Phillipsburg.

Intermediate 1, Show 1: 2. Gabrielle Smith, Lindsborg; 3. Marci Scripser, Chapman.

Beginner, Show 1: 3. Ariel Severson, Gem, 5. Lori Beth James, Marquette, 5. Ashlee Dinges, Ness City.

Reining, Show 2: 4. Kruse.

Open Horsemanship, Show 2: 5. Kruse.

Advanced, Show 2: 7. Isely.

Novice, Show 2: 3. Kantor.

Intermediate 2, Show 2: 4. Toal, 6. Schurz, 7. Siemens.

Intermediate 1, Show 2: 2. Scripser, 3. Smith, 4. Severson.

Beginner, Show 2: 1. James, 2. Dinges.

A glance at other upcoming Colby Community College sporting events:

### Tonight

Women's basketball: Colby at Western Nebraska Community College, 6 p.m.

### Friday

Women's basketball: Colby vs. Fort Carson at Western Nebraska Community College, 1 p.m.

### Saturday

Men's basketball: KSU-Salina at Colby, 7:30 p.m.

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