

SPORTS



Trinidad Junior Gadge Cole improved to (31-8) with an 11-2 decision win in the first Round of the Colorado State Wrestling Championships. Gadge will wrestle in the quarterfinals at approximately 10 a.m. on Friday.



Miner grappler Kevin Cole (32-11) will be in action today against Josh Valerio (24-9). (Photos by David Santistevan Jr.)



Gadge shown here is getting some sound advice from his coaches Frank Begano (left) and John Montoya.

2009 Colorado State Wrestling Championships Gadge one step closer to dream, Kevin comes up short

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third period Gadge got some back points and was cautioned for stalling.

Gadge added, "I stalled a little late in the match cause I knew he could not come back. I got to work a lot of tilts and got some back points."

Today at around 10 a.m. Gadge will wrestle in the

Championship Quarter Finals at 125 lbs. against Nick Adams (36-3) of Discovery Canyon. Adams won a state crown last year at 112 lbs. in 3A.

Gadge beat Adams earlier this year.

At 112lbs. the brackets saw numerous upsets and kids that were supposed to contend for a state championship are now on the outside looking in.

One of the major upsets was in Kevin Cole's match with Jeff Brown. Kevin wrestled a good match and had a 1-0 led for most of his first round match up with Brown, whom he had beaten before.

Late in the third period Brown got two points on a reverse and rode out the rest of the match for a 2-1 upset win over Kevin.

Kevin will now wrestle about 11 a.m. today vs. Josh Valerio (24-9) of Salida, another kid he has beaten before in a first round consolation bout.

See Monday's The Chronicle-News for a full wrap up of the 2009 State Wrestling Championships. You also can listen to all the action on KCRT Radio.

Trojans run past the Plainsmen

By MIKE SALBATO
Special to the Chronicle

The Trinidad State basketball team thrilled the large crowd at Scott Gym Wednesday night with an impressive 97-80 win over sub-region leading Northeastern Junior College. The win, the first over the Plainsmen in years, avenged an earlier loss in which the Trojans shot only 37% at Sterling. This time the Trojans lit the nets on fire hitting over 50% of their shots including nine 3-pointers.

Trinidad came out of the gate strong setting a blistering pace on route to a 47-36 halftime lead. The Plainsmen used their size advantage to cut the Trojan lead down to 65-58 but that was as close as they would get. A pair of 3-pointers by Josh Megyeri and a driving bucket by Jordan Martinez-Doublin got the Trojans back on track.

At the five minute mark a brilliant crossover dribble and drive got Willie Holmes fouled and sent to the line where he made a pair of charity shots giving the Trojans an 84-70 lead. A clutch fade away jumper by Martinez-Doublin, a layup by Holmes, a put back by Josh Henry and a steal and dunk by Donell Wells finished off the Plainsmen as the Trojans went up by 22 points in the closing minutes. Northeastern hit a couple of late baskets to close the final score to 97-80.

"We knew that it was going to take a sustained 40 minute

effort, especially in the post and on the boards," commented Coach Rich Holden. "They out rebounded us at their place 53 to 31, last night they still got us but it was 43 to 41. I thought our guards did a great job of rebound support for our bigs all night."

The starting five for the Trojans had an awesome evening. Wells led the way with 27 points, eight rebounds and six assists. Henry and Megyeri added 20 points apiece. Holmes was two assists away from a triple-double as he finished with 11 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists. Martinez-Doublin accentuated his great defensive play with 12 points.

"It seems like Donell Wells always finds a way to score the basketball and last night was no exception" said Holden. "I thought we would need at least one other starter to step up and have a big scoring night, it turned out that every starter had one of their biggest scoring nights. The result was a big sub-region win. These guys are a tough group and have overcome a 3-10 start by putting their nose to the grind stone and getting things done, I'm proud of the effort they gave last night. Our fan support was the catalyst in taking our intensity to a new level."

The Trojans are now 13-14 on the season and are still in the hunt for a first place South Sub-Region finish. Northeastern is currently in first with a 4-2 record. Lamar is 3-2, the



Josh Henry grabs an offensive rebound against the Plainsmen (Photo courtesy of Mike Salbato)

Trojans are 2-2 and Otero is 1-4. If TSJC wins out they will tie the Plainsmen for the top spot.

This weekend region play continues for the Trojans as P.J.

Reyes, the leading scorer in Region IX, and the Lamar Lopes come to town this Saturday for a 7 p.m. tip off at Toupal Court.

Paradisa is double best lifter

Courtesy of Hoehne School District
Special to The Chronicle

Trinidad lifters challenge Hoehne lifters for the team trophy. Several bench press records were set in both the open and closed divisions.

Kurt Paradisa was declared the Best Lifter among contestants from Trinidad, La Junta, and Hoehne at the Las Animas County Bench Press on Tuesday Feb. 17, 2009 competing at Hoehne High School.

Lifters competed against one another in 12 weight classes and set records. Trophies were awarded for first, second and third place in the respective weight class and a team trophy was won by Hoehne with 31 points- Kurt Paradisa, Hoehne, won the open and closed best lifter trophies.

Several Hoehne and Open Bench Press Records were set

Hoehne Records

Tyler Sanchez set Hoehne and Open record with a 95 lbs. bench in the 123 lbs. weight class. Cody Roberts set a Hoehne record with a 195 lbs. bench in the 165 lbs. weight class. Kurt Paradisa set a Hoehne and Open record with a 290 lbs. bench in the 242 lbs. weight class.

Open records set by Trinidad lifters:

David Sisneros set an Open record with a 180 lbs. bench in the 148 lb weight class. Manuel Torres set an Open record with a 230 lbs. bench in the 165 lb weight class. Abe Guevera set an Open record with a 245 lbs bench in the 181 lbs. weight class.

Thanks to the Hoehn School staff volunteers, Coca Cola, Prairie Creations and All Events Trophes for being sponsors.

Trophy placings:

| Weight Class | Name | School | Bench | Place |
|--------------|-------------------|----------|-------|-------|
| 105 | Sawyer Schafer | Hoehne | 95 | 1st |
| 114 | Victor Weeks | Hoehne | 95 | 1st |
| 123 | Tyler Sanchez | Hoehne | 95 | 1st |
| 132 | Wyatt Schrepfer | Hoehne | 95 | 1st |
| 148 | David Sisneros | Trinidad | 180 | 1st |
| 148 | Dustin Gabehart | LaJunta | 160 | 2nd |
| 148 | Devon Cordova | Hoehne | 145 | 3rd |
| 165 | Manuel Torres | Trinidad | 230 | 1st |
| 165 | Dayton Romero | Trinidad | 205 | 2nd |
| 165 | Cody Roberts | Hoehne | 195 | 3rd |
| 181 | Abe Guevera | Trinidad | 245 | 1st |
| 181 | Tyler Holland | Trinidad | 240 | 2nd |
| 181 | Quade Lusk | Trinidad | 205 | 3rd |
| 198 | John Torres | Trinidad | 225 | 1st |
| 198 | Tyler Hance | Trinidad | 205 | 2nd |
| 242 | Kurtis Paradisa | Hoehne | 290 | 1st |
| 242 | Dominique Marquez | Hoehne | 150 | 2nd |
| HWT | Garrett Keller | Hoehne | 245 | 1st |

TSJC Athletes of the Week

By Mike Salbato
The Chronicle News

#44 Nick Bachono (not pictured)

What are your thoughts about the upcoming season?
Grand Junction!
Something not many people know about you?

I have a pet dingo and Kangaroo
Favorite Quote?
"I don't play baseball cause I'm good at it, I play baseball cause I want to get better." - ARod.
Height: 6'1"
Position: 3rd - 1st
Hometown: Mooloolaba, Queensland, Australia
School: Nambouv Christian College
Parents: Carol and Tony
Course of Study: Phy Ed
Favorite Athlete: Tiger Woods
Favorite Team: Brisbane Broncos/ NY Mets
Nickname(s): Night Hawk



#46 Loran Carosella

What are your thoughts about the upcoming season?
Grand Junction!
Something not many people know about you?
I'm from Colorado

Favorite Quote?
"Baseball is like church, many attend, few understand" Leo Durocher
Height: 6'4"
Position: Pitcher
Hometown: Bozeman, MT
School: Manhattan High School
Parents: Michael Carosella
Course of Study: Education
Favorite Athlete:
Favorite Team: Colorado Rockies/ Boston Red Sox
Nickname(s): You have to call me dragon



#49 Jordan Romine

What are your thoughts about the upcoming season?
You're not going to win by automatically going out there. It's hard to know what people really expect of you, and I've never tried to live up to expectations anyway. That's no way to play baseball" - Greg Maddox
Something not many people know about you?

I like to draw.
Favorite Quote?
"You're not going to win by automatically going out there. It's hard to know what people really expect of you, and I've never tried to live up to expectations anyway. That's no way to play baseball" - Greg Maddox
Height: 6'2"
Position: Pitcher
Hometown: Lamar, CO
School: Lamar High School
Parents: Larry and Denise Romine
Course of Study: Business
Favorite Athlete: Greg Maddox
Favorite Team: Atlanta Braves
Nickname(s): Hippie

SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

Friday, Feb. 20
State Wrestling Tournament continues
Hoehne @ Custer County boys and girls (district) - 4 p.m.
Primero @ Mt. Valley boys (district) - TBA
HTA @ Aguilar boys and girls (district) - 5 p.m., 6:30 p.m.
TJSC women's softball @ Midland TX tournament - TBA

Saturday, Feb. 21
Trinidad Miners boys and girls District pigtail playoff games - TBA
Crested Butte @ HTA boys and girls (district) - 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m.

Rescheduled games
South Park @ Hoehne boys and girls (district) - TBA
Moffat @ Primero boys and girls (district) - 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 22
Colorado State @ TSJC men's baseball 2 games - 12:30 p.m.
Colorado State @ TSJC men's baseball 1 game - 1 p.m.

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