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GAME #9

Colorado School of Mines vs. Fort Lewis
 Friday, December 16, 2005
 8:00 pm • Golden, Colorado

GAME #10

Colorado School of Mines vs. Adams State
 Saturday, December 17, 2005
 8:00 pm • Golden, Colorado

CSM QUICK FACTS

Location Golden, Colorado
 Founded 1874
 Enrollment 3,200
 Affiliation NCAA Division II
 Conference Rocky Mountain Athletic
 Colors Silver and Blue
 Nickname Orediggers
 Home Court Volk Gymnasium (1,000)
 Head Coach Pryor Orser
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2005 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 18	NEBRASKA-OMAHA	W, 55-52
Nov. 19	PITTSBURG STATE	W, 52-39
Nov. 25	St. Martins\$	L, 65-63
Nov. 26	Western Washington\$	L, 100-66
Dec. 2	BETHANY LUTHERAN	W, 93-66
Dec. 3	GWYNEDD MERCY	W, 87-64
Dec. 9	Mesa State*	L, 69-50
Dec. 10	Western State*	W, 68-52
Dec. 16	FORT LEWIS*	8:00 pm
Dec. 17	ADAMS STATE*	8:00 pm
Dec. 29	Univ. of Mary (at Metro)	5:00 pm
Dec. 30	NORTH DAKOTA	7:00 pm
Jan. 5	New Mexico Highlands*	8:00 pm
Jan. 7	UC-Colorado Springs*	8:00 pm
Jan. 14	CSU-PUEBLO*	8:00 pm
Jan. 20	Metro State*	7:00 pm
Jan. 21	Regis*	7:30 pm
Jan. 27	FORT HAYS STATE*	8:00 pm
Jan. 28	CHADRON STATE*	8:00 pm
Jan. 31	COLO. CHRISTIAN*	8:00 pm
Feb. 3	Nebraska-Kearney*	8:00 pm
Feb. 9	Chadron State*	8:00 pm
Feb. 11	Fort Hays State*	8:00 pm
Feb. 14	Colorado Christian*	8:00 pm
Feb. 18	NEB.-KEARNEY*	8:00 pm
Feb. 24	REGIS*	8:00 pm
Feb. 25	METRO STATE*	8:00 pm

HOME GAMES IN BOLD AND CAPS

** - Denotes RMAC Game*

\$ - Western Washington Classic

HEAD COACH PRYOR ORSER

Pryor Orser is in his fifth year as the head coach of the Colorado School of Mines men's basketball team. He claims an overall record of 51-66, including a 30-48 mark in Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference games.

In 2004-05, he guided the squad to a 16-12 record (10-9 RMAC) and a berth in the RMAC Tournament. In addition, Orser guided CSM to a 74-71 upset of then No. 1-ranked Metro State on Jan. 22 in Volk Gym.

He was instrumental in helping senior guard Stephen Bahl earn First Team All-RMAC, First Team All Region and Third Team All-American honors. In addition, he was also named the North Central Region Player of the Year.

Orser has coached a total of 11 All-Conference players at CSM, including three Freshmen of the Year, most recently Ben Mohr a season ago.

Orser received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with minors in Economics and History in 1990 from Eastern Montana College and his Masters of Education in 1995 from Montana State University-Billings.

His previous coaching experience includes a four-year tenure at Northwest College in Wyo., where he worked as the head coach of the women's basketball program and an assistant to the men's basketball program. He also served a two-year stint as the assistant men's coach at Carroll College in Helena, Mont., and a three-year stint as the men's assistant at Montana State University at Billings.



PRYOR ORSER
5th season at CSM
51-66 (30-48 RMAC)

OREDIGGER DEPTH CHART

No.	Probable Starters	Pos	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	PPG	RPG	APG
10	Travis Test	PG	5-11	Sr.	Pierce, Neb.	10.1	2.3	4.5
3	Kyle Pape	SG	6-2	Fr.	Honolulu, Hawaii	8.4	2.5	1.8
23	Franklin Ryk	SF	6-4	Jr.	Fort Collins, Colo.	10.3	4.9	1.1
52	Davey Iverson	PF	6-6	Jr.	Winnett, Mont.	6.3	5.6	1.4
44	Ian Elseth	C	6-8	Jr.	Grants Pass, Ore.	11.3	6.1	1.8

No.	Off the Bench	Pos	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	PPG	RPG	APG
11	Troy Sandley	G	6-4	Fr.	Eltham, Australia	1.6	0.4	0.2
20	Alex Hayman	G	6-4	So.	Sydney, Australia	3.5	1.6	0.8
22	Bill Hadley	G	6-0	Sr.	Littleton, Colo.	1.8	1.0	1.0
30	Matt Witwer	F	6-5	So.	Minot, N.D.	0.7	0.3	0.3
31	Grant Gunhus	G	6-3	Fr.	Fargo, N.D.	1.6	1.4	0.1
32	Ryan McKay	F	6-8	So.	Halstead, Kan.	0.4	0.4	0.4
33	Clayton Moores	C	6-8	Jr.	Denver, Colo.	5.4	3.4	0.8
40	Cody Clickner	F	6-8	RFR	Denver, Colo.	0.5	1.0	0.0
42	Ben Mohr	F	6-6	So.	Colo. Springs, Colo.	8.1	4.3	1.5

BY THE NUMBERS

CSM's Record When it ...

Leads at Halftime	5-1
Trails at Halftime	0-2
Is tied at Halftime	0-0
Outrebounds an opponent	3-1
Is outrebounded	2-1
Ties in rebounds	0-1
Shoots better than 50% from the field	3-0
Shoots less than 50% from the field	2-3
Opp. shoots better than 50% from field	0-1
Opp. shoots less than 50% from field	5-2
Has more assists	4-0
Has more steals	1-1
Has more blocked shots	5-2
Commits less turnovers	2-1
Shoots more free throws	2-1
Makes more three-pointers	4-1
Two or less score in double figures	3-2
Three score in double figures	0-1
Four score in double figures	0-0
Five or more score in double figures	2-0
Scores between 40-49 points	0-0
Scores between 50-59 points	2-1
Scores between 60-69 points	1-2
Scores between 70-79 points	0-0
Scores between 80-89 points	1-0
Scores 90+ points	1-0
In games decided by five or less	1-1
In games decided by 5-10 points	0-0
In games decided by 11-20 points	2-1
In games decided by 20 or more	2-1
In November	2-2
In December	3-1
In January	0-0
In February	0-0
On Monday	0-0
On Tuesday	0-0
On Wednesday	0-0
On Thursday	0-0
On Friday	2-2
On Saturday	3-1
On Sunday	0-0

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Points: 24, Elseth at Western Wash. (11/26/05)
 Rebounds: 11, Elseth vs. Gwynedd Mercy (12/3/05)
 Assists: 6, Test, Two Times
 Steals: 4, Test vs. Pittsburg State (11/19/05)
 Blocks: 3, Iverson, Two Times
 FG Made: 10, Elseth at Western State (12/10/05)
 FG Att: 15, Ryk vs. St. Martin's (11/25/05)
 3's Made: 5, Ryk vs. Gwynedd Mercy (12/3/05)
 3's Att.: 10, Ryk vs. Gwynedd Mercy (12/3/05)
 FT Made: 7, Mohr vs. St. Martin's (11/25/05)
 FT Att.: 11, Elseth at Western Wash. (11/26/05)
 Minutes: 40, Test at Western State (12/10/05)

OREDIGGER GAME NOTES

CSM PICKED FIFTH IN RMAC PRESEASON POLL: The Colorado School of Mines men's basketball team was picked fifth in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference East Division Preseason Poll with 62 total points. Metro State was tabbed No. 1 with 21 points and seven first place votes to narrowly edge Nebraska-Kearney who received 22 points and six first place votes. They were followed by Fort Hays State (34 points and one first place vote), Regis (50), **Colorado School of Mines (62)**, Chadron State (70) and Colorado Christian (85).

UP NEXT: CSM will be off for 12 days for the holiday season before returning to action on Dec. 29-30. On the 29th, CSM will play at Metro State at 5:00 pm against the University of Mary before hosting North Dakota in Volk Gym on the 30th at 7:00 pm.

LAST WEEK: The Colorado School of Mines men's basketball team split a pair of road games to open the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference portion of its schedule. On Friday night, CSM fell at Mesa State, 69-50, but rebounded on Saturday to win at Western State, 68-52.

AGAINST MESA STATE: CSM fell behind to Mesa State at the half, 34-25, and lost, 69-50, on Friday night. Freshman guard **Kyle Pape** led the Orediggers with 11 points, while sophomore forward **Ben Mohr** added 10 points and seven rebounds.

AGAINST WESTERN STATE: Junior center **Ian Elseth** tallied 22 points and four rebounds to lead CSM to a 68-52 win at Western State on Saturday night. Senior guard **Travis Test** added a career-high 16 points and six assists, while junior forward **Davey Iverson** recorded eight points and 10 rebounds.

ABOUT FORT LEWIS: The Skyhawks enter the week at 5-1 overall and 2-0 in conference play after home wins over Regis (68-65) and Metro State (67-64) over the weekend. Ryan Johnson totaled 47 points in the two wins. Tim Bieri leads the team in scoring (18.0 ppg) and rebounding (6.5 rpg), while Johnson is posting 13.8 points and 3.2 rebounds per night. As a team, FLC is shooting 48 percent from the field, 35 percent from three-point land and 68 percent from the free throw line.

LAST YEAR vs. FORT LEWIS: CSM dropped a pair of games at Fort Lewis last season. The Skyhawks handed CSM an 82-73 loss in Durango on Dec. 18 and also defeated the Orediggers in the RMAC Tournament Quarterfinals, 75-42, on Mar. 2.

ABOUT ADAMS STATE: The Grizzlies stand at 4-2 overall and 2-0 in RMAC place following home wins over Metro State (67-59) and Regis (64-59) over the weekend. Roman Moniak led the win over Metro with 17 points and five boards, while Phil Brown scored 17 in Saturday's win against Regis. Greg Baker is leading the team at 14.3 points and 5.0 rebounds per game this year, while Moniak adds 12.8 points and a team-high 8.0 rebounds per game. As a team, ASC shoots 46 percent from the floor, 32 percent from three-point land and 53 percent from the charity stripe.

LAST YEAR vs. ADAMS STATE: CSM handed Adams State an 82-74 setback at Plachy Hall behind 40 points from Stephen Bahl. It would be the lone road win of the 2004-05 season for CSM.

HOME SWEET HOME: CSM has been close to unbeatable at home recently as it is 19-1 over its last 20 games in Volk Gymnasium. CSM was 15-1 at home last year and is a perfect 4-0 this season. The Orediggers have won seven straight at home overall. The last time CSM lost at home was Feb. 5, 2005, a 98-91 overtime loss to Nebraska-Kearney.

ROAD WOES: In contrast, CSM has not fared as well on the road as it is just 2-12 over its last 14 road games. CSM broke a 10 game road losing streak with a 68-52 win at Western State on Saturday night. Prior to that win, the Orediggers had not won on the road since Dec. 20, 2004, an 82-74 win at Adams State.

BATTLE TESTED: Senior point guard **Travis Test** has been very productive in running the show for CSM this season as he is third on the team at 10.1 points per game and has dished out a team-best 36 assists compared to only 14 turnovers. Test has scored in double figures in four of the last five games, including a career high 16 points in Saturday's win at Western State.

LESS IS NOT MOHR: Sophomore forward **Ben Mohr** returns after earning RMAC Freshman of the Year honors last season. It marked the third time in the last four seasons that a player from CSM had won the award as Mohr joined Stephen Bahl (2001-02) and Kevin Wagstaff (2002-03). Mohr is providing a spark off the CSM bench this season averaging 8.1 points and 4.3 rebounds per night.

IF I COULD BE LIKE RYK: Junior guard **Franklin Ryk** is the top returning scorer for CSM as he averaged 8.3 points per game last season. This season, Ryk is second on the team in scoring at 10.3 points per game. He has missed out on his first career double-double on two occasions this season as he came up a rebound short each time.

HE'S NOT ALLEN, BUT: Junior forward **Davey Iverson** is back for his third year at CSM. The 6-foot-6 Iverson has played in all 63 games during his career and has averaged 6.8 points and 5.8 rebounds per game. He started all but one game as a freshman, came off the bench in all but one game last season and has started all seven of the eight games this season. Iverson leads the team and the RMAC with 1.88 blocked shots per game (15 total) and tallied

WE WANT MOORES: Junior center **Clayton Moores** is back for his third season. He provided the Orediggers with a spark off the bench in the Nov. 18 win over Nebraska-Omaha with eight points, six rebounds, three assists, two steals and two blocks in 19 minutes.

LOOKS GOOD ON "PAPE"R: Freshman guard **Kyle Pape** has made big strides early in the season. After scoring just 18 points in the first four games, Pape is averaging 12.3 points over the last four games, including three in double figures. In addition, he is posting 4.0 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game during the four game stretch.

HELP FROM THE NORTHWEST: Junior center **Ian Elseth**, who played at Snow Junior College last season and at Oregon State in 2001-02, is leading the team in scoring (11.3 ppg) and rebounding (6.1 rpg) this season. He missed his first career double double with 24 points and nine boards in a Nov. 26 loss at No. 4 Western Washington. Elseth is second in the RMAC in field goal percentage (.653) this season as he has hit 32-of-49 shots.

GOOD COMPANY: In high school, Elseth was named to the Oregon All-State First Team along with former Arizona standout Salim Stoudamire, currently with the Atlanta Hawks in the NBA, and former Kansas stars Aaron Miles and Michael Lee. Miles is currently playing with the Golden State Warriors in the NBA.

THE AUSTRALIAN DUO: The CSM roster features a pair of student-athletes from Australia. Sophomore guard **Alex Hayman** is from Sydney, while freshman guard **Troy Sandley** is from Eltham.

STARTING TEAM USA: The five probable starters for CSM all hail from different states; Colorado, Hawaii, Nebraska, Montana and Oregon.

INDIVIDUAL HIGHLIGHTS

NUMBER OF GAMES LEADING ...

In scoring: Ryk (3), Elseth (3), Pape (2)

In rebounds: Elseth (4), Iverson (2), Ryk (1), Mohr (1)

In assists: Test (5), Elseth (1), Hayman (1)

In steals: Test (2), Mohr (1), Hadley (1), Pape (1)

In blocked shots: Iverson (4)

NUMBER OF ...

20-point games: Elseth (2)

30-point games: None to date

Double digit scoring games: Elseth (5), Ryk (4), Test (4), Mohr (3), Pape (3), Iverson (2), Moores (1)

Double digit rebounding games: Elseth (1)

Double digit assist games: None to date

Double Doubles: Elseth (1)

Triple Doubles: None to date

RMAC EAST STANDINGS

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>RMAC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fort Hays State	2-0	9-1
Nebraska-Kearney	1-0	4-3
Colorado Mines	1-1	5-3
Colo. Christian	1-1	2-5
Chadron State	0-2	4-5
Metro State	0-2	3-4
Regis	0-2	2-5

RMAC WEST STANDINGS

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>RMAC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Mesa State	2-0	7-1
Fort Lewis	2-0	5-1
Adams State	2-0	4-2
N.M. Highlands	1-1	5-3
UC-Colo. Springs	1-1	1-5
CSU-Pueblo	0-1	3-4
Western State	0-2	3-4

CSM INDIVIDUAL SEASON AND CAREER HIGHS

#3 KYLE PAPE

	Season	Career
Points	19, vs. Bethany Luth. (12/2/05)	19, vs. Bethany Luth. (12/2/05)
Rebounds	5, Two Times	5, Two Times
Assists	4, vs. Gwynedd Mercy (12/3/05)	4, vs. Gwynedd Mercy (12/3/05)
Steals	3, vs. Pittsburg State (11/19/05)	3, vs. Pittsburg State (11/19/05)
Blocks	1, vs. Pittsburg State (11/19/05)	1, vs. Pittsburg State (11/19/05)

#10 TRAVIS TEST

	Season	Career
Points	16, at Western State (12/10/05)	16, at Western State (12/10/05)
Rebounds	4, Two Times	5, vs. Colo. Christian (2/15/05)
Assists	6, Two Times	6, Two Times
Steals	4, vs. Pittsburg State (11/19/05)	4, vs. Pittsburg State (11/19/05)
Blocks	1, vs. Nebraska-Omaha (11/18/05)	1, Two Times

#11 TROY SANDLEY

	Season	Career
Points	6, at Western Wash. (11/26/05)	6, at Western Wash. (11/26/05)
Rebounds	2, at Western Wash. (11/26/05)	2, at Western Wash. (11/26/05)
Assists	1, vs. Bethany Luth. (12/2/05)	1, vs. Bethany Luth. (12/2/05)
Steals	0	0
Blocks	0	0

#20 ALEX HAYMAN

	Season	Career
Points	9, vs. Bethany Luth. (12/2/05)	9, vs. Bethany Luth. (12/2/05)
Rebounds	4, at Western State (12/10/05)	5, vs. Western State (12/10/04)
Assists	4, at Mesa State (12/9/05)	4, Two Times
Steals	1, Three Times	2, vs. Colo. Christian (2/15/05)
Blocks	1, at Western State (12/10/05)	1, Four Times

#22 BILL HADLEY

	Season	Career
Points	5, at Western State (12/10/05)	5, at Western State (12/10/05)
Rebounds	2, Three Times	2, Three Times
Assists	3, vs. Bethany Luth. (12/2/05)	3, vs. Bethany Luth. (12/2/05)
Steals	2, at Western Wash. (11/26/05)	2, at Western Wash. (11/26/05)
Blocks	0	1, at Metro State (2/25/05)

#23 FRANKLIN RYK

	Season	Career
Points	18, vs. St. Martin's (11/25/05)	21, vs. Johnson & Wales (11/15/04)
Rebounds	9, Two Times	9, vs. St. Martin's (11/25/05)
Assists	2, Two Times	6, vs. Nebraska-Kearney (2/5/05)
Steals	2, Two Times	4, vs. N.M. Highlands (1/8/05)
Blocks	1, vs. St. Martin's (11/25/05)	1, Two Times

#30 MATT WITWER

	Season	Career
Points	2, vs. Bethany Luth. (12/2/05)	11, vs. Regis (2/26/04)
Rebounds	1, vs. Gwynedd Mercy (12/3/05)	5, at N.M. Highlands (1/10/04)
Assists	1, vs. Gwynedd Mercy (12/3/05)	2, Two Times
Steals	0	1, Two Times
Blocks	0	1, at N.M. Highlands (1/10/04)

#31 GRANT GUNHUS

	Season	Career
Points	3, Three Times	3, Three Times
Rebounds	3, Two Times	3, vs. Nebraska-Omaha (11/18/05)
Assists	1, vs. Nebraska-Omaha (11/18/05)	1, vs. Nebraska-Omaha (11/18/05)
Steals	0	0
Blocks	0	0

#32 RYAN McKAY

	Season	Career
Points	2, vs. Bethany Luth. (12/2/05)	14, vs. Nebraska-Omaha (11/22/03)
Rebounds	1, Two Times	6, Four Times
Assists	1, Two Times	4, at Northern Colorado (11/25/03)
Steals	0	2, Three Times
Blocks	0	1, Five Times

#33 CLAYTON MOORES

	Season	Career
Points	10, vs. Gwynedd Mercy (12/3/05)	12, Two Times
Rebounds	6, vs. Nebraska-Omaha (11/18/05)	13, vs. Minn. Moorhead (11/20/04)
Assists	3, vs. Nebraska-Omaha (11/18/05)	4, vs. Mesa State (12/11/04)
Steals	2, Two Times	2, Five Times
Blocks	2, Two Times	4, Three Times

#40 CODY CLICKNER

	Season	Career
Points	2, vs. Gwynedd Mercy (12/3/05)	2, vs. Gwynedd Mercy (12/3/05)
Rebounds	1, Three Times	1, Three Times
Assists	0	0
Steals	0	0
Blocks	1, vs. Gwynedd Mercy (12/3/05)	1, vs. Gwynedd Mercy (12/3/05)

#42 BEN MOHR

	Season	Career
Points	15, vs. St. Martin's (11/25/05)	21, at Nebraska-Kearney (2/18/05)
Rebounds	7, Two Times	12, vs. Chadron State (2/12/05)
Assists	3, Two Times	3, vs. Nebraska-Kearney (2/5/05)
Steals	3, vs. Pittsburg State (11/19/05)	3, Two Times
Blocks	1, Two Times	3, vs. Nebraska-Kearney (2/5/05)

#44 IAN ELSETH

	Season	Career
Points	24, at Western Wash. (11/26/05)	24, at Western Wash. (11/26/05)
Rebounds	11, vs. Gwynedd Mercy (12/3/05)	11, vs. Gwynedd Mercy (12/3/05)
Assists	4, Two Times	4, Two Times
Steals	1, at Western Wash. (11/26/05)	1, at Western Wash. (11/26/05)
Blocks	1, Two Times	1, Two Times

#52 DAVEY IVERSON

	Season	Career
Points	12, vs. Bethany Luth. (12/2/05)	20, vs. Colo. Christian (2/15/05)
Rebounds	10, at Western State (12/10/05)	13, at Fort Lewis (12/18/04)
Assists	3, Two Times	3, Four Times
Steals	1, Four Times	2, Ten Times
Blocks	3, Two Times	4, Two Times