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GAME #11

Colorado School of Mines vs. University of Mary
 Thursday, December 29, 2005
 5:00 pm • Denver, Colorado (at Metro State)

GAME #12

Colorado School of Mines vs. North Dakota
 Friday, December 30, 2005
 7:00 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*	L, 63-61 (ot)
Dec. 17	ADAMS STATE*	L, 60-55
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 51-68, including a 30-50 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
51-68 (30-50 RMAC)

OREDIGGER DEPTH CHART

No.	Probable Starters	Pos	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	PPG	RPG	APG
10	Travis Test	PG	5-11	Sr.	Pierce, Neb.	9.1	2.5	4.0
3	Kyle Pape	SG	6-2	Fr.	Honolulu, Hawaii	10.4	3.2	2.3
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.	7.1	5.7	1.4
44	Ian Elseth	C	6-8	Jr.	Grants Pass, Ore.	11.3	5.8	1.5

No.	Off the Bench	Pos	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	PPG	RPG	APG
5	Casey O'Hayre	G	5-11	Fr.	Littleton, Colo.	0.0	1.0	0.0
11	Troy Sandley	G	6-4	Fr.	Eltham, Australia	1.6	0.4	0.2
20	Alex Hayman	G	6-4	So.	Sydney, Australia	3.1	1.7	0.8
22	Bill Hadley	G	6-0	Sr.	Littleton, Colo.	1.4	1.0	0.9
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.	1.3	1.2	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.	5.0	3.8	1.1
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.	8.0	3.6	1.4

BY THE NUMBERS

CSM's Record When it...

Leads at Halftime	5-2
Trails at Halftime	0-3
Is tied at Halftime	0-0
Plays an Overtime Game	0-1
Outrebounds an opponent	3-2
Is outrebounded	2-2
Ties in rebounds	0-1
Shoots better than 50% from the field	3-1
Shoots less than 50% from the field	2-4
Opp. shoots better than 50% from field	0-1
Opp. shoots less than 50% from field	5-4
Has more assists	4-1
Has more steals	1-1
Has more blocked shots	5-4
Commits less turnovers	2-1
Shoots more free throws	2-3
Makes more three-pointers	4-1
Two or less score in double figures	3-3
Three score in double figures	0-2
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	2-2
Scores between 60-69 points	1-3
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	1-3
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	3-3
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	2-3
On Saturday	3-2
On Sunday	0-0

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Points: 24, Elseth at Western Wash. (11/26/05)
24, Pape vs. Adams State (12/17/05)
Rebounds: 11, Elseth vs. Gwynedd Mercy (12/3/05)
Assists: 6, Test, Two Times
Steals: 4, Test vs. Pittsburg State (11/19/05)
Blocks: 4, Moores vs. Fort Lewis (12/16/05)
4, Iverson vs. Adams State (12/17/05)
FG Made: 10, Elseth at Western State (12/10/05)
FG Att.: 17, Pape vs. Adams State (12/17/05)
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, Two Times
FT Att.: 11, Elseth at Western Wash. (11/26/05)
Minutes: 43, Test vs. Fort Lewis (12/16/05)

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: Following the holiday tournament, CSM will play Jan. 5 at New Mexico Highlands and Jan. 7 at CU-Colorado Springs. Both games will tipoff at 8:00 pm.

LAST WEEK: The Colorado School of Mines men's basketball team dropped home games to Fort Lewis, 63-61 in overtime, and Adams State, 60-55, on Dec. 16-17.

AGAINST FORT LEWIS: CSM trailed by five points (46-41) midway through the second half, but clawed back and knotted the game at 54-54 with 28 seconds to play as sophomore forward **Ben Mohr** hit 1-of-2 free throws and send it into overtime. CSM took a 60-55 lead with 1:40 to play in overtime, but the Skyhawks ended the game on an 8-1 run. Junior center **Ian Elseth** scored 15 points and added six rebounds, while freshman guard **Kyle Pape** tallied 13 points and seven boards.

AGAINST ADAMS STATE: Colorado School of Mines freshman guard **Kyle Pape** scored a career-high 24 points and added five rebounds, but it was not enough as the Orediggers fell to Adams State, 60-55, on Saturday night. ASC claimed a 10-point lead (42-32) with 13:44 to play, but CSM was able to knot the game at 44-44 with 6:30 left on a pair of free throws from Pape. With the game tied 55-55, ASC's Roman Moniak hit a three-pointer with 16 seconds to play and after a CSM missed three pointer on the other end, ASC's Wes Jensen added a pair of free throws with one second left for the final points.

ABOUT UNIV. OF MARY: The University of Mary claims a record of 6-9 after defeating Black Hills State, 61-56, on Dec. 17.

ABOUT NORTH DAKOTA: The Fighting Sioux stand at 7-4 overall after an 80-75 win against Bemidji State on Dec. 17. The win snapped a two-game losing streak. UND has five players averaging double figures, including Evan Lindall who posts a team-best 12.7 points per game. Adam Jacobson averages 11.4 points and 3.3 boards per night, while Caro Nobles posts 10.5 points, a team-high 4.4 rebounds per game and leads the team in assists (39).

HOME SWEET HOME: Despite the recent home losses to Fort Lewis and Adams State, CSM has still been close to unbeatable at home as it is 19-3 over its last 22 games in Volk Gymnasium. CSM was 15-1 at home last year and is 4-2 this season. The Orediggers had won seven straight at home overall prior to the loss against Fort Lewis.

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 Dec. 10. 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 fourth on the team at 9.1 points per game and has dished out a team-best 40 assists compared to only 19 turnovers. Test has scored in double figures in four of the last seven games, including a career high 16 points in a Dec. 10 win at Western State. He is fourth in the RMAC with 4.0 assists per game.

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 8.0 points and 3.6 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. Ryk missed last weekend's games against Fort Lewis and Adams State due to an injury.

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 65 games during his career and has averaged 6.8 points and 5.9 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 eight of the ten games this season.

WE WANT MOORES: Junior center **Clayton Moores** is back for his third season. He has given the squad a lift off the bench and in Friday's loss to Fort Lewis, Moores totaled four points, nine boards and a career-high five assists.

BLOCK PARTY: Juniors **Davey Iverson** and **Clayton Moores** are making it tough for opponents to come into the paint as each ranks in the top-5 of the RMAC in blocked shots. Iverson is second with 20 blocks (2.0 bpg), while Moores is fifth with 13 blocked shots (1.3 bpg).

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 14.3 points over the last six games (86 total), including five in double figures. In addition, he is posting 4.0 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game during the four game stretch. Pape scored a career-high 24 points in the Dec. 17 loss to Adams State.

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 (5.8 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 third in the RMAC in field goal percentage (.696) this season as he has hit 37-of-60 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.

CASEY ON THE COURT: Freshman guard **Casey O'Hayre** made his first appearance of the season in the Dec. 17 loss to Adams State. He was pulled out of his redshirt season and will play the rest of the year.

CLOSE CALLS: CSM has played its share of close games this year, but has also been involved in its share of blowouts. The Orediggers are 4-2 in games decided by 11 points or more and just 1-3 in games decided by five points or less. Three of CSM's losses have been by a combined nine points.

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: Elseth (4), Ryk (3), Pape (3)

In rebounds: Elseth (4), Iverson (3), Ryk (1), Mohr (1), Moores (1)

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

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

In blocked shots: Iverson (5), Moores (1)

NUMBER OF ...

20-point games: Elseth (2), Pape (1)

30-point games: None to date

Double digit scoring games: Elseth (6), Pape (5), Ryk (4), Test (4), Mohr (3), Iverson (3), 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	3-0	10-1
Nebraska-Kearney	3-0	6-3
Metro State	2-2	5-4
Regis	2-2	4-5
Colo. Christian	2-2	3-6
Colorado Mines	1-3	5-5
Chadron State	0-3	5-6

RMAC WEST STANDINGS

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>RMAC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fort Lewis	4-0	7-1
Adams State	3-1	5-3
Mesa State	2-1	7-2
CSU-Pueblo	1-2	5-5
N.M. Highlands	1-3	5-5
UC-Colo. Springs	1-3	1-7
Western State	0-3	4-6

CSM INDIVIDUAL SEASON AND CAREER HIGHS

#3 KYLE PAPE

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
Points	24, vs. Adams State (12/17/05)	24, vs. Adams State (12/17/05)
Rebounds	7, vs. Fort Lewis (12/16/05)	7, vs. Fort Lewis (12/16/05)
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)

#5 CASEY O'HAYRE

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
Points	0	0
Rebounds	1, vs. Adams State (12/17/05)	1, vs. Adams State (12/17/05)
Assists	0	0
Steals	0	0
Blocks	0	0

#10 TRAVIS TEST

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
Points	16, at Western State (12/10/05)	16, at Western State (12/10/05)
Rebounds	4, Three 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

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
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

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
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

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
Points	5, at Western State (12/10/05)	5, at Western State (12/10/05)
Rebounds	2, Four Times	2, Four 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

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
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

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
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

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
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

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
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

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
Points	10, vs. Gwynedd Mercy (12/3/05)	12, Two Times
Rebounds	9, vs. Fort Lewis (12/16/05)	13, vs. Minn. Moorhead (11/20/04)
Assists	5, vs. Fort Lewis (12/16/05)	5, vs. Fort Lewis (12/16/05)
Steals	2, Two Times	2, Five Times
Blocks	4, vs. Fort Lewis (12/16/05)	4, Four Times

#40 CODY CLICKNER

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
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

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
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

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
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

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
Points	14, vs. Fort Lewis (12/16/05)	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, Five Times	2, Ten Times
Blocks	4, vs. Adams State (12/17/05)	4, Three Times