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GAME #16

Colorado School of Mines at CSU - Pueblo
 Thursday, January 10, 2008
 8:00 pm • Pueblo, CO

GAME #17

Colorado School of Mines at Adams State College
 Friday, January 11, 2008
 8:00 pm • Alamosa, CO

<u>CSM QUICK FACTS</u>	
Location	Golden, Colorado
Founded	1874
Enrollment	3,200
Affiliation	NCAA Division II
Conference	Rocky Mountain Athletic
Colors	Silver and Blue
Nickname	Orediggers
Home Court	Lockridge Arena (2,500)
Head Coach	Pryor Orser
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<u>2007-08 SCHEDULE / RESULTS</u>		
<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Nov. 16	Morningside College	L, 83-87
Nov. 17	Eckerd College	W, 74-73
Nov. 23	Eastern N.M. Univ.	W, 77-60
Nov. 24	vs. Hawaii - Hilo (at Regis)	W, 77-72
Nov. 30	vs. MSU-Billings (at NNU)	W, 114-70
Dec. 1	Northwest Nazarene Univ.	L, 71-77
Dec. 6	Western State*	L, 61-66
Dec. 14	N.M. Highlands Univ.*	W, 76-63
Dec. 16	Western N.M. Univ.*	L, 61-69
Dec. 21	vs. Seattle Pacific	L, 68-83
Dec. 22	Hawaii Pacific Univ.	W, 73-61
Dec. 28	vs. Minn.-Duluth (at Metro)	W, 74-56
Dec. 29	St. Gregory's Univ.	W, 87-58
Jan. 4	Mesa State*	L, 89-95
Jan. 5	Fort Lewis*	L, 63-98
Jan. 10	CSU - Pueblo*	8:00 pm
Jan. 11	Adams State*	8:00 pm
Jan. 18	Colo. Christian Univ.*	8:00 pm
Jan. 19	Metro State*	8:00 pm
Jan. 24	Chadron State*	8:00 pm
Jan. 26	Nebraska - Kearney*	4:00 pm
Feb. 1	Regis University*	5:00 pm
Feb. 2	UC - Colo. Springs*	8:00 pm
Feb. 8	Nebraska - Kearney*	8:00 pm
Feb. 9	Chadron State*	8:00 pm
Feb. 15	UC - Colo. Springs*	8:00 pm
Feb. 16	Regis University*	8:00 pm
Feb. 22	Metro State*	7:00 pm
Feb. 23	Colorado Christian*	7:00 pm

Home games in bold
 * denotes RMAC game

HEAD COACH PRYOR ORSER

The 2007-08 season will mark Pryor Orser's seventh year as the head men's basketball coach at CSM.

Last winter, CSM compiled a 14-13 overall record and posted an 8-11 mark in the RMAC. Three Orediggers earned recognition on the All-RMAC teams, including Ian Elseth (Second Team All-East Division), Kyle Pape (Second Team All-East Division) and Franklin Ryk (Honorable Mention All-East Division).

Orser's previous coaching experience includes a four-year stint at Northwest College (Wyoming), where he served as the head coach of the women's program and also as an assistant with the men's team. Also a physical education instructor at Northwest, Orser's women compiled a program-record 22 victories during his fourth and final season, marking a 20-game improvement from his first year at the helm.



PRYOR ORSER
7th season at CSM
83-97 (47-72 RMAC)

In addition to spending two seasons as the assistant men's basketball coach and the assistant S.I.D. at Carroll College in Helena, Montana, Orser served for three years as the assistant coach for the Montana State University - Billings men's basketball team.

A graduate of Gardiner High School in Gardiner, Montana, Orser was selected as the Class C State MVP as a senior in 1985. Orser lettered all four years at MSU - Billings, leading the Yellowjackets to a pair of NCAA Division II tournament appearances and a trip to the 1986-87 NCAA Division II Final Four. MSU - Billings won more than 80 games during Orser's collegiate career. Following his senior season, Orser garnered Honorable Mention All-Conference accolades.

In the spring of 2005, *Westword Newspaper* named Orser's Basketball Camps as the Best Place for Young Hoops Hotshots in its annual Best of Denver issue. Orser's camps have grown each year and have attracted as many as 140 players during a single week.

Orser received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration - Finance with minors in Economics and History from Eastern Montana College in 1990 before earning his master's in Education from Montana State University - Billings (1995).

Colo. School of Mines Probable Starters

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>PPG</u>	<u>RPG</u>	<u>APG</u>
3	Kyle Pape	G	6-0	JR	Iolani, HI	18.9	2.5	1.5
11	Niko Marinucci	G	5-9	FR	Pueblo, CO	2.2	1.3	1.3
33	Jacob Case	G	6-0	FR	Albuquerque, NM	7.8	2.9	1.3
42	Ben Mohr	F	6-5	SR	Colo. Springs, CO	13.2	10.1	4.3
44	Chad Frieauf	F	6-5	SR	Brush, CO	10.0	5.2	1.2

BY THE NUMBERS

FOR THE RECORD.....

When CSM leads at halftime	8-1
When CSM trails at halftime	0-4
When CSM is tied at halftime	0-2
When CSM out-rebounds an opponent	7-6
When CSM is out-rebounded	1-1
When CSM ties opponenet in rebounds	0-0
CSM shoots 50%-or-better from the field	4-3
CSM shoots less than 50% from the field	4-4
Opp. shoots 50%-or-better from the field	1-5
Opp. shoots less than 50% from the field	7-2
When CSM has more assists	6-3
When CSM has more steals	1-1
When CSM has more blocked shots	3-2
When CSM commits less turnovers	1-2
When CSM shoots more free throws	4-1
When CSM makes more three-pointers	8-2
Two-or-fewer score in double figures	3-3
Three score in double figures	5-4
Four score in double figures	2-2
Five-or-more score in double figures	1-0
When CSM scores between 39-49 points	0-0
When CSM scores between 50-59 points	0-0
When CSM scores between 60-69 points	0-4
When CSM scores between 70-79 points	6-1
When CSM scores between 80-89 points	1-2
When CSM scores 90-or-more points	1-0
In games decided by five-or-less points	2-2
In games decided by 5-10 points	0-3
In games decided by 11-20 points	4-1
In games decided by 20-or-more points	2-1
In November	4-1
In December	4-4
In January	0-2
In February	0-0
On Monday	0-0
On Tuesday	0-0
On Wednesday	0-0
On Thursday	0-1
On Friday	4-3
On Saturday	4-2
On Sunday	0-1

INDIVIDUAL HIGHLIGHTS

NUMBER OF GAMES LEADING CSM IN...

Scoring

Pape (11), Case (2), Mohr (2), Gunhus (1), Hoffman (1)

Rebounds

Mohr (14), Hamilton (1)

Assists

Mohr (11), O'Hayre (3), Marinucci (2), Armstrong (1), Case (1), Frieauf (1)

Steals

Mohr (10), Hoffman (6), Gunhus (5), Hamilton (4), O'Hayre (4), Agee (2), Case (2), Frieauf (2), Marinucci (2), Pape (2)

Blocks

Mohr (7), Hamilton (5), Case (2), Agee (1), Gunhus (1), Iverson (1), O'Hayre (1), Pape (1)

NUMBER OF...

20-point games

Pape (10), Mohr (2), Agee (1), Case (1)

Double-digit scoring games

Pape (13), Mohr (10), Gunhus (4), Case (4), Armstrong (2), Frieauf (2), Hoffman (2), Agee (1), Marinucci (1), O'Hayre (1)

Double-digit rebounding games

Mohr (8)

Double-doubles

Mohr (5)

OREDIGGER GAME NOTES

Next week: Following this week's road games at CSU - Pueblo and Adams State College, the Orediggers will return home to host Colorado Christian University and Metro State on Friday and Saturday, January 18th and 19th, respectively (both games scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. at Lockridge Arena).

Fort Lewis knocks off CSM, 98-63: Fort Lewis defeated CSM by the score of 98-63 in RMAC action last Saturday, January 5th, at Lockridge Arena. **Jacob Case** led Mines with 17 points while **Ben Mohr** amassed 11 points and six boards.

Orediggers suffer 95-89 loss to Mesa State in double OT: Mesa State defeated CSM by the score of 95-89 in double OT in RMAC action last Friday, January 4th, at Lockridge Arena. CSM's **Drew Hoffman** connected on 6-of-9 FG attempts - including 5-of-5 from three-point range - en route to a team-high 17 points. **Kyle Pape** concluded the evening with 15 points.

Flivin' Hawaiian: **Kyle Pape** is currently tied for third in the RMAC in scoring with 18.9 ppg. Pape has reached the 20-point plateau in 10 of 15 games this season and has amassed double figures in scoring in all but two games. Even more, Pape is currently ranked fourth in the RMAC in free throw % (.821; 64-of-78). Selected to the 2007-08 Pre-Season All-RMAC East Division Team, Pape was the only Oredigger to start all 27 games during his sophomore campaign in 2006-07. Pape, who earned Second Team All-RMAC East Division accolades last winter, garnered RMAC Freshman of the Year and RMAC Shootout All-Tournament honors in 2005-06.

Big Ben: Through 15 games, **Ben Mohr** is currently ranked first in the RMAC in rebounding (10.1 rpg). Mohr, who has registered five double-doubles and has reached double digits in rebounds in eight contests, is averaging a team-second-best 13.2 points per game. Mohr is also ranked second in the RMAC in field goal % (.640; 80-of-125), sixth in assists (4.3 apg) and eighth in assist-to-turnover ratio (1.59). Mohr currently leads CSM in blocked shots (nine) and steals (16), as well. Selected as the RMAC Freshman of the Year in 2004-05, Mohr earned Academic All-RMAC recognition last winter.

Providing assistance: After compiling team-second-best numbers in assists (62) and steals (24) in 2006-07, **Casey O'Hayre** is averaging a team-second-best 2.6 assists per game this winter. In fact, O'Hayre has dished out five assists on four occasions in 2007-08. O'Hayre, who played in all 27 games last year, was an Academic All-RMAC performer in the classroom as a sophomore.

Case file: **Jacob Case** is averaging 7.0 points per game and 2.8 rebounds per game through CSM's first 15 games. Case dished out a season-high five assists against Mesa State on January 4th.

Run & gun: Through 15 games, **Grant Gunhus** is averaging 7.5 points per game. Gunhus tied a career-high with two blocked shots against Mesa State on January 4th. Gunhus, who earned Academic All-RMAC recognition as a sophomore, averaged 7.0 ppg and 1.9 rpg while competing in all 27 contests in 2006-07.

Fresh start: Freshman **Niko Marinucci** has started four of the Orediggers' last five games. Marinucci established career highs in points (13) and assists (five) on January 4th against Mesa State.

Drew's news: **Drew Hoffman**, who is shooting 49.2 % from the field (31-of-63) through 15 games, registered a career-best 17 points against Mesa State on January 4th. Hoffman is currently ranked second on the team with 10 steals.

Hamilton headlines: **Levi Hamilton** led all players and established a career-high with nine rebounds against Mesa State on January 4th. Hamilton is currently ranked fourth on the Orediggers with 4.0 rebounds per game.

Following Frieauf: **Chad Frieauf** is averaging 10.0 ppg and a team-second-best 5.2 rpg in six games played this season. The most prolific quarterback in the history of Mines football, Frieauf won the Harlon Hill Trophy as the top player in all of NCAA Division II college football following his senior season in 2004. Frieauf lettered as a redshirt freshman on the CSM basketball squad in 2002-03.

CSM INDIVIDUAL SEASON AND CAREER HIGHS

#3 KYLE PAPE

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
Points	25, vs. Morningside (11/16/07)	36, vs. N.M. Highlands (12/15/06)
Rebounds	5, vs. Hawaii - Hilo (11/24/07)	7, vs. Fort Lewis (12/16/05)
Assists	2, six times	7, at Metro State (1/20/06)
Steals	2, vs. Fort Lewis (01/05/08)	4, at Pittsburg State (11/25/06)
Blocks	1, vs. Seattle Pacific (12/21/07)	1, six times

#5 CASEY O'HAYRE

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
Points	10, at Western N.M. (12/16/07)	15, at Fort Lewis (1/5/07)
Rebounds	5, at Western N.M. (12/16/07)	5, at Western N.M. (12/16/07)
Assists	5, vs. MSU - Billings (11/30/07)	5, four times
Steals	2, vs. St. Gregory's (12/29/07)	3, vs. Johnson & Wales (1/23/07)
Blocks	1, vs. Hawaii - Hilo (11/24/07)	1, vs. Hawaii - Hilo (11/24/07)

#11 NIKO MARINUCCI

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
Points	13, vs. Mesa State (01/04/08)	13, vs. Mesa State (01/04/08)
Rebounds	3, two times	3, two times
Assists	5, vs. Mesa State (01/04/08)	5, vs. Mesa State (01/04/08)
Steals	1, three times	1, three times
Blocks	(none)	(none)

#20 SEAN ARMSTRONG

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
Points	17, at Hawaii Pacific (12/22/07)	17, at Hawaii Pacific (12/22/07)
Rebounds	3, two times	3, two times
Assists	4, vs. MSU - Billings (11/30/07)	4, vs. MSU - Billings (11/30/07)
Steals	1, two times	1, two times
Blocks	(none)	(none)

#22 DREW HOFFMAN

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
Points	17, vs. Mesa State (01/04/08)	17, vs. Mesa State (01/04/08)
Rebounds	4, two times	4, two times
Assists	2, two times	2, two times
Steals	1, ten times	1, ten times
Blocks	(none)	(none)

#30 GRANT AGEY

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
Points	22, vs. MSU - Billings (11/30/07)	22, vs. MSU - Billings (11/30/07)
Rebounds	5, vs. MSU - Billings (11/30/07)	5, vs. MSU - Billings (11/30/07)
Assists	1, vs. St. Gregory's (12/29/07)	1, vs. St. Gregory's (12/29/07)
Steals	1, three times	1, three times
Blocks	1, vs. Western State (12/06/07)	1, vs. Western State (12/06/07)

#31 GRANT GUNHUS

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
Points	17, vs. Eastern N.M. (11/23/07)	19, vs. UCCS (2/2/07)
Rebounds	4, two times	5, vs. Nebraska-Kearney (1/27/07)
Assists	4, vs. Seattle Pacific (12/21/07)	4, vs. Seattle Pacific (12/21/07)
Steals	3, vs. MSU - Billings (11/30/07)	3, vs. MSU - Billings (11/30/07)
Blocks	2, vs. Mesa State (01/04/08)	2, two times

#32 CODY CLICKNER

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
Points	7, vs. St. Gregory's (12/29/07)	10, vs. S.D. Tech (12/1/06)
Rebounds	2, vs. Fort Lewis (01/05/08)	3, vs. S.D. Tech (12/1/06)
Assists	1, vs. Mesa State (01/04/08)	1, two times
Steals	1, vs. St. Gregory's (12/29/07)	1, vs. St. Gregory's (12/29/07)
Blocks	(none)	1, two times

#33 JACOB CASE

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
Points	20, vs. Western State (12/06/07)	20, vs. Western State (12/06/07)
Rebounds	5, four times	5, four times
Assists	5, vs. Mesa State (01/04/08)	5, vs. Mesa State (01/04/08)
Steals	2, vs. St. Gregory's (12/29/07)	2, vs. St. Gregory's (12/29/07)
Blocks	1, three times	1, three times

#40 LEVI HAMILTON

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
Points	9, at N.M. Highlands (12/14/07)	9, at N.M. Highlands (12/14/07)
Rebounds	9, vs. Mesa State (01/04/08)	9, vs. Mesa State (01/04/08)
Assists	2, vs. MSU - Billings (11/30/07)	2, vs. MSU - Billings (11/30/07)
Steals	2, vs. MSU - Billings (11/30/07)	2, vs. MSU - Billings (11/30/07)
Blocks	2, vs. Eckerd (11/17/07)	2, vs. Eckerd (11/17/07)

#42 BEN MOHR

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
Points	20, two times	21, at Nebraska - Kearney (2/18/05)
Rebounds	15, two times	15, two times
Assists	7, two times	7, two times
Steals	3, vs. Eastern N.M. (11/23/07)	3, three times
Blocks	2, vs. Minnesota-Duluth (12/28/07)	3, vs. Nebraska - Kearney (02/05/05)

#44 CHAD FRIEHAUF

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
Points	17, vs. Seattle Pacific (12/21/07)	17, vs. Seattle Pacific (12/21/07)
Rebounds	8, at Western N.M. (12/16/07)	8, at Western N.M. (12/16/07)
Assists	2, three times	4, at Alaska - Anchorage (12/21/02)
Steals	3, vs. Seattle Pacific (12/21/07)	3, vs. Seattle Pacific (12/21/07)
Blocks	1, vs. Minnesota-Duluth (12/28/07)	2, at Alaska - Anchorage (12/20/02)

#52 GORDON GALLOWAY

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
Points	N/A	N/A
Rebounds	N/A	N/A
Assists	N/A	N/A
Steals	N/A	N/A
Blocks	N/A	N/A

#55 DANNY IVERSON

	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
Points	3, vs. Western State (12/06/07)	5, vs. St. Francis (12/30/06)
Rebounds	2, vs. St. Gregory's (12/29/07)	5, vs. St. Francis (12/30/06)
Assists	1, vs. Minnesota-Duluth (12/28/07)	1, four times
Steals	1, vs. Fort Lewis (01/05/08)	1, two times
Blocks	1, vs. Fort Lewis (01/05/08)	1, vs. Fort Lewis (01/05/08)

THE LAST TIME ...

A CSM PLAYER ...

Scored 30+ points Kyle Pape (31) vs. Texas A&M Commerce University, 12/29/06 - (W, 84-80)
 Scored 40+ points Stephen Bahl (40) at Adams State, 12/20/04 - (W, 82-74)
 Scored 50+ points Stephen Bahl (50) vs. South Dakota, 11/26/04 - (L, 105-94 - OT)
Scored 20+ points in back-to-back games Kyle Pape (23, 24) vs. Minnesota-Duluth / vs. St. Gregory's (12/28/07, 12/29/07)
 Scored 30+ points in back-to-back games Stephen Bahl (30, 33) vs. UC - Colorado Springs/vs. New Mexico Highlands
 Scored 30+ points in three straight games Stephen Bahl (32, 30, 33) vs. Bethany/vs. UC - Colo. Springs/vs. New Mexico Highlands
Attempted 20+ field goals Kyle Pape (21) at Western N.M. University (12/16/07)
Made 10+ free throws Kyle Pape (13-of-14) vs. Eckerd College (11/17/07)
 Recorded 19+ rebounds Paul Martin vs. N.M. Highlands University (1996-97)
 Registered 8+ assists Kevin Wagstaff (8) vs. Northern Colorado (11/22/02)
Hit 5+ three pointers Jacob Case (5) vs. Fort Lewis (01/05/08)
 Blocked 5+ shots Davey Iverson (5) vs. Colorado Christian University (2/23/07)
 Had 5+ steals Farris Broussard (5) vs. Bethany College (1/03/05)
Had a double-double Ben Mohr (14 points, 13 rebounds) vs. St. Gregory's (12/29/07)
 Had 2+ players record a double-double N/A
 Had a triple-double N/A
Played 40+ minutes Ben Mohr (42 minutes - OVERTIME) vs. Eckerd College (11/17/07)
 Hit a shot in the final 30 seconds to win a game Casey O'Hayre vs. Chadron State, 1/26/07 (W, 59-58) - 1 second left
Hit a free throw in the final 30 seconds to win a game Ben Mohr vs. Eckerd College, 11/17/07 (W, 74-73; OT)

A CSM TEAM ...

Had a 20+ point win vs. St. Gregory's (87-58), 12/29/07
Had a 30+ point win vs. MSU - Billings (114-70), 11/30/07
Had a 40+ point win vs. MSU - Billings (114-70), 11/30/07
Scored 100+ points vs. MSU - Billings (114-70), 11/30/07
 Combined with opponent to score 200+ points vs. Western State (W, 113-94), 12/13/02
 Had 50+ rebounds vs. New Mexico Highlands (50), 1/13/01
Had three players foul out vs. Mesa State (double OT; Pape, Mohr, Hoffman), 01/04/08
Hit 13+ three-pointers 14 vs. Mesa State, 01/04/08
Had 3+ players in double figures vs. Mesa State (Hoffman, 17; Pape, 15; Marinucci, 13; Armstrong, 11), 01/04/08
Had 4+ players in double figures vs. Mesa State (Hoffman, 17; Pape, 15; Marinucci, 13; Armstrong, 11), 01/04/08
Had 5+ players in double figures vs. MSU - Billings (Pape, 24; Agee, 22; Mohr, 19; Marshall, 15; Gunhus, 11), 11/30/07
 Had all five starters score in double figures vs. UC - Colorado Springs (Elseth, Davey Iverson, Pape, Ryk, Gunhus), 2/2/07
 Had 2+ players record double-digit rebounds at Fort Lewis (Davey Iverson 13, Broussard 10), 12/18/04
Played an overtime game vs. Mesa State (double OT; L, 89-95), 01/04/08
Played a multiple-overtime game vs. Mesa State (double OT; L, 89-95), 01/04/08
Lost when scoring 80+ points vs. Mesa State (double OT; L, 89-95), 01/04/08
 Won when scoring less than 50 points at Chadron State (47-45), 2/9/06
 Had a winning season 2005-06 (15-14 overall)
 Played in the RMAC Shootout 2005-06 (Lost to UNK, 74-61, in the RMAC Semifinals)
 Played in the NCAA Division II Tournament N/A

RMAC EAST STANDINGS (as of Jan. 7, 2008)

<u>Team</u>	<u>RMAC</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Regis Univ.	4-1	8-4
Colo. Christian	4-1	6-6
Chadron State	4-2	5-9
Neb. - Kearney	3-3	5-8
Metro State	2-3	9-7
UC - Colo. Springs	2-3	6-7
Colorado Mines	1-4	8-7



RMAC WEST STANDINGS (as of Jan. 7, 2008)

<u>Team</u>	<u>RMAC</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Fort Lewis	4-1	9-3
Western N.M.	3-2	7-6
Mesa State	3-2	6-6
Western State	3-2	5-8
Adams State	3-3	9-5
CSU - Pueblo	1-5	4-9
N.M. Highlands	0-5	0-13