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THE COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL KODIAKS HOST FINAL REGULAR SEASON BASKETBALL GAMES AND CELEBRATE SENIOR/PARENT NIGHT

Colorado Springs, Colo. – The Colorado Springs School (CSS) enthusiastically welcomes the Simla Basketball Teams for the Kodiaks final regular season games of 2007-2008 season. The CSS Girls' Basketball Team will go up against the #1 ranked 2-A and undefeated Simla Girls' Basketball Team. The CSS Girls' 15-3 record surpasses the school's record for the most regular season victories achieved by any previous CSS Girls' Basketball team. The 18-0, undefeated CSS Boys' Basketball team has secured the Black Forest League's championship title; the school's first-ever league title. The **Varsity Girls' game at 5:30 p.m. and Varsity Boys' game at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2008** mark the final games of the regular season for the Kodiaks, but it also celebrates the **Kodiaks Senior/Parent Night**. The following CSS seniors and their parents will be recognized by CSS Girls' Coach Vicki Vaughn and CSS Boys' Coach, Dave Cortez:



Vanessa Leeper, daughter of Eric Leeper and Ximena Chacón de Leeper will leave CSS with more school records and accolades than any other female athlete in school history. She holds the school scoring record (36 points) and reached 1000 points her junior season. Vanessa is second in scoring for the *entire state* with 24.6 points per game and fourth in rebounding. This All-State guard is the complete team player who is always striving to make others around her better. Her leadership has been instrumental in making the Kodiaks winners in all aspects. We will miss Vanessa for her amazing feats in the athletic arena, but she will be mostly missed for her intensity, hard work, willingness to improve, leadership and of course her friendly smile. We are excited to be able to watch Vanessa in action next year as a Loper with the University of Nebraska-Kearney, a powerhouse program in the competitive Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

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Rachel Lewey, daughter of Dr. Scot Lewey and Julie Bearce and stepdaughter of Jen Lewey arrived at CSS this year after spending most of her high school career in Kansas City, Missouri. At the team retreat we quickly realized Rachel would make significant contributions to the Kodiak basketball team. She brings experience to the point guard position and truly loves the game. But more importantly, Rachel has touched our hearts in the short time we have been together with her genuine openness and sense of humor. She has provided solid leadership and is a great teammate.



Kevin Thorpe, son of Mary Ann and Joe Thorpe has been a member of Kodiak basketball since 8th grade when as a home-school student he selected to be a part of CSS athletics. Kevin has gained respect the past few years from teams in the league and this year has been recognized as one of the best shooters in the city. His three-point attack keeps opponents on the defense and adds a strong dimension to this year's undefeated team. Kevin continually works hard in the off-season and often leads on the court by example. His quiet manner fails to define the true fighter that Kevin becomes on the court. He is an unselfish player who enjoys making others around him better.

Next week, the Kodiaks will host first-round playoff games at the Louise Honnen Tutt Field House on the CSS Campus at 21 Broadmoor Avenue.

- Tuesday, February 26, 2008 – First-round Girls' playoff game, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 27, 2008 – First-round Boys' playoff game, 6:30 p.m.

The opponents will not be named until this Sunday after the final regular season games.

For more information about CSS visit css.org or contact Jessica L. James, Director of Communications at (719) 434-3506. For more information on the Girls' Basketball program contact Vicki Vaughan, CSS Girls' Basketball Coach at 634.3303 or for the Boys' Basketball program contact Dave Cortez, CSS Boys' Basketball Coach at 761.4479.

About the Colorado Springs School (CSS)

CSS offers an experiential educational curriculum for prekindergarten – 12th graders. Through superior academics and mentoring, The Colorado Springs School prepares students to think independently and to meet the needs of a dynamic world with leadership, ingenuity, problem-solving skills, and personal integrity.

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