



Freshman Ganbayar Sanjaa (pictured here wrestling in the Daniel Cormier Open on Nov. 1) finished third in the 153-pound class at the Northern Colorado Old Chicago Open in Greeley on Sunday. He finished the day with a 5-1 record.

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## Three Trojans place at open

The Colby Community College wrestling team had three members place at the Northern Colorado Open on Sunday.

Ganbayar Sanjaa went 5-1 and took third in the 149-pound class. Bekzod Abdurakhmonov also went 5-1 and placed third at 151 pounds.

Jernato Harris went 5-2 to take fifth at 141.

Justin Gardner went 5-2 at 125 pounds and Jaksen Cotterel finished 4-2 at 165. Timur Abdurakhmonov went 3-1 in the 133-pound class.

Daniel Harris went 0-2 at 184 and Julian Hightower was 0-2 at

285. Nick Kriss went 0-2 at 197.

Eric Sims didn't make the trip to Colorado because he had a ton of homework to make up, Coach Steve Lampe said.

Lampe said he was pleased with the way his team performed overall.

"I'm a real demanding coach, but they are really holding their own," he said. "There are some lineup changes we might have to make."

The Trojans lost a dual to Western Wyoming 18-15 on Monday.

The team lost despite winning five of nine matches. What cost the Trojans was Timur being pinned

in at 133 pounds and sophomore Delanno Palmore missing the bus. Palmore would have wrestled that night at 174, Lampe said.

Since Western Wyoming didn't have anyone to wrestle at this weight, Palmore would have won by forfeit, giving the Trojans six points, Lampe said. But since he didn't make it to the dual, both teams forfeited. The extra six points would have given the Trojans the victory.

Bekzod, Nick Kriss, Jernato Harris, Hightower and Sanjaa all won their matches.

## Broncos kicker faces fans' scorn as he tries to work through a slump

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Matt Prater's honeymoon is over.

Nobody in Denver was missing Jason Elam when the Broncos' new kicker made 13 of his first 14 field goal attempts, including a couple of astonishing kicks that would have been good from 70 yards.

Now that he's fallen into a funk with five misses in his last four games, Prater finds himself the object of fans' scorn, his seething quarterback's, ahem, words of encouragement and his coach's joke about job security.

It was a joke, right? Prater's two mid-range misses Sunday prompted Mike Shanahan

to suggest his new kicker has lost his confidence.

Shanahan never had to deal with kicking issues in Denver before because Elam was money for 15 seasons before signing a free-agent deal with Atlanta in the off-season. So, he was asked Monday just how he and his staff can help a kicker iron out issues that are mental, not mechanical.

"You bring in another kicker," Shanahan cracked. "That's what you call tough love."

Shanahan doesn't have any kickers coming in for tryouts just yet.

"No. No. No, it's just, you know, the guy feels like he's got

the weight of the world on his shoulders," Shanahan said. "And he's just got to work through it."

Prater is 5-for-5 from 50-plus yards, tied for the league lead — and tying the franchise record — for most long-range field goals, and he's 10-of-12 from close range — up to 39 yards.

It's what's in between — 40 to 49 yards — where Prater is finding trouble, missing four of seven attempts from that range, including twice against Oakland on Sunday.

And it's in between his ears where he needs to correct things, Shanahan suggested.

"With most kickers, I think it's all mental," Shanahan said.

## Jayhawks pound Washington

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Cole Aldrich swooped in from the weak side to block shots, altered others, rebounded in traffic. He made good moves in the post to set up lay-ups, passed out of double teams with ease, even hit a jumper or two.

Aldrich's most impressive feat? He stayed out of foul trouble.

Staying out of foul trouble for the first time this season, Aldrich had a career-high 16 points, grabbed nine rebounds and blocked six shots to help No. 22 Kansas rout Washington 73-54 on Monday night in the semifinals of the CBE Classic.

"What we saw tonight is what we've seen in practice on a pretty consistent basis," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "From a game-performance standpoint, this was by far his best game, there's no doubt about that. He showed a little bit of everything."

So did Kansas. After overwhelming Missouri-Kansas City and Florida Gulf Coast in a pair of home games, the Jayhawks (3-0) dominated Washington (2-2) at both ends in their first real test of the season.

Kansas held Washington to 29

percent shooting, blocked 10 shots and had a decent night from the floor (50 percent). The Jayhawks gave up 21 offensive rebounds, but made up for it by outscoring the Huskies 40-16 inside and 12-0 on the break.

Next comes a bigger test: Syracuse in Tuesday's championship game.

"We're going to have to play better than we did tonight to beat them," Self said.

Washington was hurt by poor shooting, particularly early.

The Huskies missed 14 of their first 17 shots, yet kept crashing inside for offensive rebounds to stay within 26-22 with 4 minutes left in the first half.

But that was it.

Kansas scored the final four points of the half to lead by 10 and used a 12-0 run midway through the second to blow the game open, leading by as much as 22. Isaiah Thomas led Washington with 17 points and Jon Brockman finished with 18 rebounds.

"No one wants to really lose by 20. I'm disappointed there," Brockman said. "For three or four minutes we kind of collapsed. In that three to four minutes they got it up to 20-plus lead and against a good team it is tough to pull yourself out of that."

Kansas did it with contributions from up and down its lineup.

Sherron Collins had his typical effort, pulling up for jumpers and driving the lane for 18 points and five assists. Freshman Marcus Morris had 13 points and his twin brother, Markieff, blocked three shots.

Tyshawn Taylor had 10 points and brought the Sprint Center crowd to its feet with a highlight-reel block in the second half, catching Thomas on a breakaway and sending his shot into the KU band.

The key, though, was Aldrich.

The sophomore center struggled with foul trouble in Kansas' first two games, getting two within the first 3½ minutes in each.

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