

Freshman Ganbayar Sanjaa gained control over a frustrated opponent at the Tournament of Champions on Saturday at the Colby Community Building. He went 3-0 at the tournament, placing first in the 149-pound class.

Guard scores 26; Wildcats win easily

MANHATTAN (AP) — Strong defensive play has been Kansas State's signature this season. Teams are averaging just 60.5 points against Kansas State (11-3) on 38.3 percent shooting. The Wildcats' defense was again stellar in a 99-68 win over Chicago State on Monday night. "We did what we've done all year," said Kansas State head coach Frank Martin. "We've done a pretty good job of sticking to our game plan to eliminate the guys on the other team who we're trying to take out of the game."

Fred Brown led all scorers with a career-high 26 points. Darren Kent had 13 points and 12 rebounds — the fourth double-double of his career — and Jacob Pullen added 12 points for the Wildcats, who had six players in double figures in their final nonconference game of the season. "I was just feeling it tonight and they were falling, so I just kept shooting," said Brown, who topped his previous best of 25 points against Xavier last season. "I have improved a lot since last year."

Trojans place first at home tourney

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The Colby Community College wrestling team won what may be the last Tournament of Champions this weekend at the Community Building, with four wrestlers taking first in their weight classes in slim competition.

Only three teams made it to the tournament, Colby Coach Steve Lampe said; others stayed away to focus on the national dual meet this coming weekend or because their members were not back to campus after the holiday break yet.

The Trojans won the dual competition against the three other teams which made it to the tournament, Minnesota West, Western Wyoming and Pratt. Pratt took second place with a 2-1 record and Western Wyoming was third at 1-2. Taking first for the Trojans were

freshmen Ganbayar Sanjaa at 149 pounds; Bekzod Abdurakhmonov, 157 pounds; Julian Hightower, 285; and Nick Kriss, 197.

Sanjaa went 3-0, winning an 8-0 decision over Pratt's Mike Manion, taking his match against Minnesota West by forfeit and pinning Rodney Dollar of Western Wyoming.

"He is a talented kid," said Lampe. "Even against Division 1 and 2 athletes, he's right in the match."

Abdurakhmonov pinned Clay Shaft of Pratt, won by forfeit over Minnesota West and took a 9-0 decision over Jerrod Hamond of Western Wyoming.

Hightower pinned Pratt's Ryan Cox, won a 7-1 decision over Minnesota West's Jarek Bannister, and defeated Rusty Farnsworth of Western Wyoming 7-3. Kriss won a 2-1 decision over Pratt's Tyler Downs, defeated Rusty Farnsworth of Western Wyoming in a 8-0 decision in an exhibition

match, and won by forfeit over Minnesota West.

Freshman Justin Gardner lost a 5-7 decision to Ashton Griffon of Minnesota West and won by forfeit against Western Wyoming at 125 pounds. Ronnie Tetrault, 165 pounds, pinned Bryan Louis of Minnesota West and lost a 4-0 decision to Thaddeus Zempel of Western Wyoming. Freshman Jaksen Cotterell lost a 9-0 decision to Western Wyoming's Johnny Ortega and won by forfeit over Minnesota West at 174 pounds.

Lampe said Jernato Harris and his brother Appollo came back to campus later than expected the night before the tournament, so they were not allowed to compete.

A fifth team, Iowa Lakes, did not show up even though they had signed a contract to participate, said Lampe. The tournament may have run its course after 30 plus years, he said.


"The Tournament of Champions

as people have known it is a over for a while," Lampe said. "We are going to concentrate on the Daniel Cormier Open (held in the fall)."

Lampe said the only way he foresees the holiday tournament returning to its old form in the next couple years is if the national duals are moved to another date. He said this would be a great weekend to have the tournament here if the duals were not taking place.

"Nationwide, all kids would be back in school and the really good nationals teams would be freed up to compete here," said Lampe.

The Trojans will compete in the national duals at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Their first match will be against Labette Community College, said Lampe. The winner of the contest will face No. 1 seed Iowa Central, he said. Eight teams will be competing at the duals. The final matches in all the divisions will take place at 5 p.m. on Sunday.



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