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Freshman All-American Ganbayaar Sanjaa gained an advantage over his opponent at the Daniel Cormier Open on Nov. 1. The Trojans' wrestlers won the National Junior College Athletic

Association Academic Award. The team's average grade average was almost 3.5. Coach Steve Lampe said it was the highest grade average ever for the nation.

Wrestlers thriving in the classroom

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The Colby Community College wrestling team succeeded on the mat and in the classroom this year.

The Trojans finished fourth at the junior college division I nationals in Rochester, Minn., with

four wrestlers named All-Americans, and they won the National Junior College Athletic Association Academic Award.

Colby wrestlers had an overall grade average of 3.46.

"It was the highest record ever recorded among junior college wrestling teams," Coach Steve Lampe said.

The award did not cover the

grades of all Trojan wrestlers, just the 10 who were at the nationals along with red-shirt wrestlers Cody Wark, freshman Timur Abdurakhmonov and back-up wrestler Clifton Leonard.

"The key to a great athlete is somebody who can make difficult decisions when there under a lot of stress," Lampe said. "Those are the people who succeed."

The coach said this is the smartest team he has ever coached. He said Colby wrestlers who go on to wrestle for Division I colleges are never a problem for their coaches because they are always in the classroom.

"Coaches don't have to deal with chasing them around and seeing if they are going to class," he said.

College baseball team sweeps Pratt on home field

By Trent Rose

Colby Community College

The Colby Community College baseball team won 6-3 in the first game of a doubleheader Monday with Pratt Community College, then completed the sweep 5-2 in the second game.

The Trojans trailed 3-0 after the first three innings, but they scored a run in the fourth and added three more in the fifth.

Drew Ziegler homered to begin the inning, and after a Scott Horn-

stra walk, clean-up hitter Zach Semenza crushed the first pitch of his at-bat over the right-center field wall to give the Trojans the lead. Colby added two more runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Max "Bud" Greve pitched a complete game to earn his second win of the season. Greve allowed three runs in seven innings. Only two of the runs Greve gave up were earned.

The Trojans won game 2 behind starter Scott Hornstra. Colby scored all five of its runs in the

bottom of the sixth inning, led by a bases-clearing double by freshman Brendan Miller.

Keith Carey pitched the top of the seventh to finish off the game.

The Trojans are now 11-5 overall, and 3-1 in the Kansas Jayhawk

West standings.

Colby travels to Liberal to face Seward County in a four-game set Saturday and Sunday.

The next home game will be at 1 p.m. next Wednesday against the Hastings College junior varsity.

Freshman standout named to elite team

Colby Community College freshman Shamar Acuay, a 6-foot freshman from Virginia, has been named to the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference men's basketball All-Conference First-Team.

Acuay led the conference in scoring, averaging 22 points per game, and was third in rebounding at 9 per game. Acuay also led the conference in steals, averaging more than three per game, and in offensive rebounds with 4.7 per game.

Acuay was edged out for Freshman of the Year by Darius Johnson-Odom of Hutchinson Community

College. Acuay had his best performance of the season against the Blue Dragons of Hutchinson, finishing with 38 points, 20 rebounds and 10 steals.

"His biggest strength is his athleticism," Coach John Woods said. "If he misses a shot, he's the first one to tip it back in."

Acuay doesn't miss too many, however. Woods said he shot over 60 percent in conference play. The other thing about Acuay is he always looks like he's having fun when he's out on the basketball court.

"He's happy, he loves to compete, play basketball and entertain," said Woods.

Trojans softball team loses two on Tuesday

The Colby Community College softball team lost both games against Lamar Community College in a home doubleheader Tuesday.

The Lady Trojans lost to Lamar, Colo., 3-0 in game 1. Freshman Kali Brester went 2 for 4, and Colby had 6 hits overall.

The starting pitcher, sophomore Marissa Elsberry, threw for seven innings, giving up 4 hits, 2 earned runs and 6 walks and striking out 3 batters.

Lamar defeated the Lady Trojans 6-2 in the second game.

Freshman Jaylen Reed led the team in hits, going 2 for 3. The starting pitcher, freshman Logan Wark, threw for seven innings, giving up 14 hits and 4 earned runs and striking out two.

"We didn't play with much fire today," Coach Ryan Sturdy said. "We struggled at the plate most of the day. We struggled in the early part our first four games hitting the ball. I thought our pitchers threw well for early in the year."

The losses dropped the Lady Trojans to 2-2 for the year.

The Trojans will be competing in the Cloud County tournament this weekend in Concordia. They

will play three games on Saturday and two Sunday. Sturdy said that three of the five teams they will be playing made it to the national tournament last season.

"It's a good early season-test for our team," said Sturdy.

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