

# Trojans wrestlers named All-Americans

Three Colby Community College wrestlers earned All-American status over the weekend at the 2010 National Junior College Athletic Association championships in Des Moines, Iowa.

The team finished sixth among Division I teams and eighth overall.

Sophomore Ganbayar Sanjaa took second at 149 pounds, losing 8-6 in overtime to Victor DeJesus of Iowa Lakes Community College. Sanjaa plowed through his side of the bracket with four straight pins, but fell just short of winning his second individual championship. Sanjaa did win the tournament sportsmanship award, voted on by head coaches.

Bekzod Abdurakhmonov finished second at 165 pounds, losing 6-3 in the finals to Bradley Banks of Iowa Central. Abdurakhmonov finished as a two-time All-American for the Trojans, taking second at 165. Abdurakhmonov made his way to the finals after defeating Byron Sanchez of Waubesa from Sugar Grove, Ill., by fall, Tony Mack of Mercyhurst from Erie, Pa., by a technical fall, and Anthony Saulte of St. Louis Community College at Meramec in a 7-1 decision.

Also earning All-American status was sophomore Nick Kriss of Colby, who finished seventh at 197. Kriss lost his first match 15-5 to Joshua Marsh of Iowa Lakes, but bounced back and won his next three. Kriss won 18-7 over John Jones of Rend Lake, in Illinois; beat Quintez Todd of Ellsworth from

Iowa Falls 10-2; and earned a 6-0 decision over Tim Hester of Southwest Oregon from Coos Bay. In the semifinal round, Kriss lost 5-1 to Mike Lukowski of Harper from Palatine, Ill., but he received a forfeit win in the final round to finish seventh.

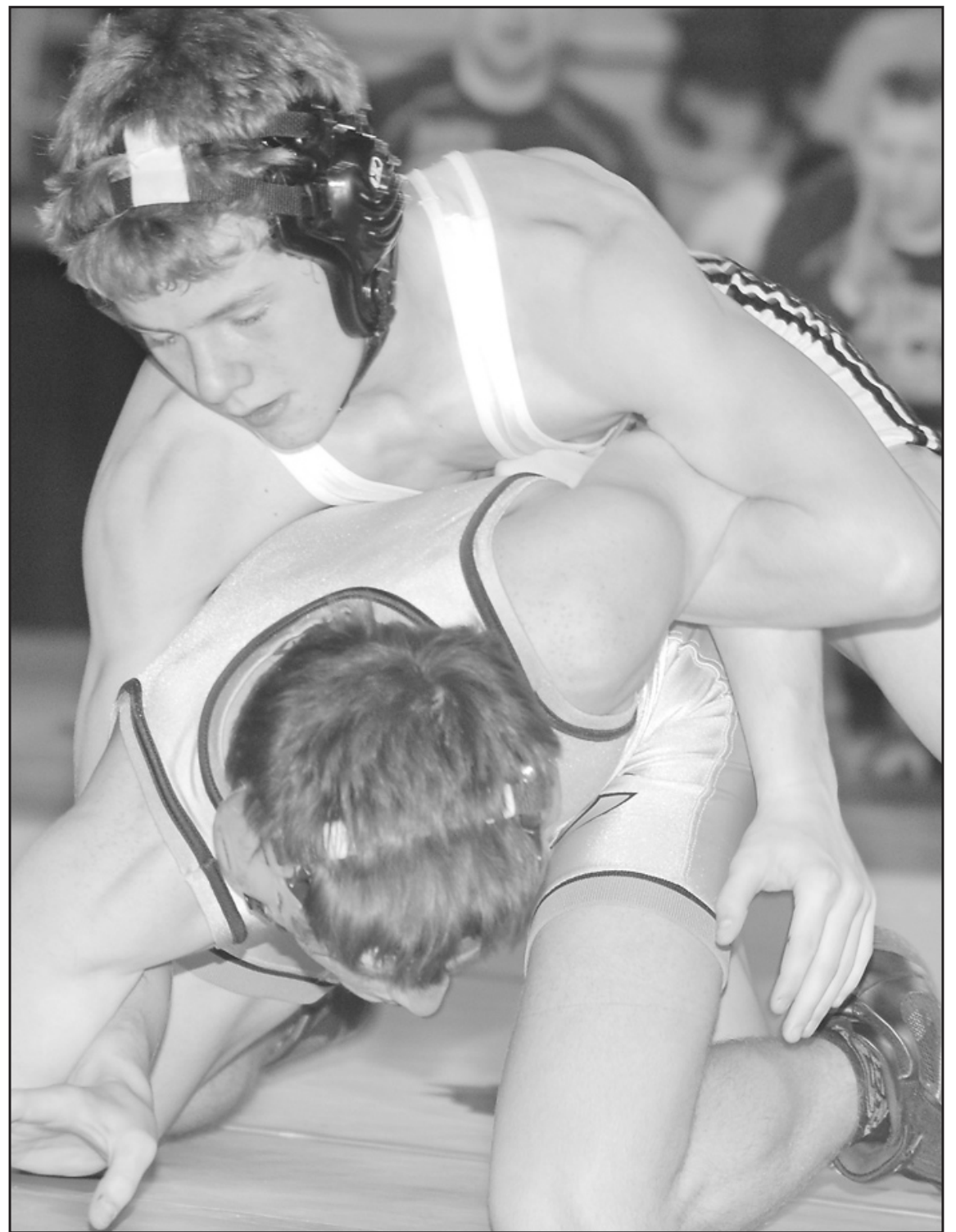
Freshmen Brent Luedke, Luis Camacho and Patrick Fletcher also wrestled.

Luedke went 0-2 at 133, losing 8-4 to Craig Chiles of Meramec and 6-4 in overtime to James Clark of Ellsworth.

Camacho won his first two matches at 141 pounds, 21-18 over Anthony Owens of Yakima, and 6-4 over Eric Shedden of Alfred State from New York. Camacho lost 19-7 to the eventual champion, Josh Kravtovich of Harper, then was eliminated by a 9-4 loss to Tyler Holloway of Meramec.

Fletcher won his first two matches by pinning Charlie Gelhaye of Ridgewater from Willmar, Minn., and Chase Stevens of Jamestown, N.Y., but lost his next two. He lost to Stanley Lattimor of Ellsworth by fall and lost a 10-8 decision to Rudy Schaffroth of Clackamas from Oregon City.

Former Trojans' wrestler Ben Kritsonis was inducted into the association's Hall of Fame. Kritsonis posted at 35-1 record and took first at nationals in his second year under Coach Steve Lampe. He had finished 20-5 and took fourth in the championships his first year. He graduated in the spring of 1997.



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Colby High sophomore Connor Kriss attempted to gain control over his opponent during the 2010 Class 4A State Wrestling Championship on Saturday at the Bicentennial Center in Salina.

# Colby College runners take first place at indoor meet

Colby College freshman Freddy Arellano took first in the 1,000-meter run and sophomore Scarla Nero finished first in the 5,000 meters at the Region VI Indoor Championships in Manhattan and Overland Park this weekend.

"He ran a fantastic race," said coach James Ortiz of Arellano. "He ran so fast and so hard. It was one of the best races of the day if you ask me."

Coach Crystal Berndt said Nero's strength is her endurance.

"The longer she goes, the better she is," said Berndt.

The men's team took 11th out of 14 teams in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference with 29 points, while the women finished eighth with 45 points. Both teams finished fifth in the West Division.

The men also finished 11th at the regional meet last year, but they earned 18 more points this year. The Lady Trojans took fifth last year.

Ortiz said his team's lack of size compared to other schools made it hard for them to compete.

"This showed we have some tough guys, but we just need to get more of them," said Ortiz. "I need

to get back on the recruiting trail. It's good to get more points, but I want to improve our placing."

The multi-events portion of the championships took place Friday and Saturday at Johnson County Community College and the running events in Manhattan on Sunday.

Sophomore Charmant Ollivierre finished third in the men's 600-meter run with 1:24.04. Ortiz said he was a few seconds away from qualifying for nationals. Freshman Robert Robledo took fifth in the mile run with 4:51.42 and sophomore Ryan Baalman finished eighth with 5:02.62.

Freshman Lendon Hartshorn had a solid day, finishing seventh in the 3,000 meters with 9:23.11 and eighth in the 5,000 with 16:17.98. Freshman Trey Dunsirn took 13th in the 5,000 with 17:12.35 and sophomore Garrett Jones finished 15th with 17:17.55.

The team of Stevorn Richards, Arellano, Robert Robledo and Ollivierre took first in the men's distant medley with 13:29.16. Spencer, Baalman, sophomore Colby Elliot and freshman Wes Toews took fourth in the 4-by-800 with 9:01.95. Ollivierre, Richards,

freshman Chisom Spencer and Arellano took fourth in the 4-by-400 with 3:29.97.

On the women's side: Sophomore Lisa Faimon took first in the women's high jump with a leap of 1.60 meters. She was 15th in women's long jump with 4.64 meters. She took seventh in the women's triple jump with 9.98 meters and seventh in the pentathlon with 2,596 points. Nero took fourth in the 3,000 meters with 10:50.53. Sophomore Hifiti Kahssay finished seventh in the 300 meters with 11:31.06 and sophomore Caroline Masai was 12th with 12:43.95.

Sophomore Breana Yost finished fourth in the 5,000 with 19:45.27 and sophomore Hifiti Kahssay fifth with 19:49.31. The team of Nero, Yost, Khas-say and freshman Kedra Maricot took second in the distant medley relay with 13:29.16. Caroline Masai, sophomore Autumn Preston, Maricot and Jackie Robledo took fifth in the 4-by-800 with 11:22.44.

Freshman Emily Lubbers finished eighth in the pole vault at 2.75 meters. The boys took fifth out of 72 teams with 68 points. Senior Nathan Reed, Dustin's older brother, went 4-1 and finished third at 112. Nathan pinned Boston Profit of Columbus in his first match and beat Tyler Crotinger of Santa Fe Trail 3-1 in his second. He fell to Bo Newport of Prairie View 5-2 in the third round.

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# Four Eagles wrestlers grab medals in Salina

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HAYS — Three Colby wrestlers finish in the top three of their weights at the Class 4A State Wrestling Tournament this weekend.

Freshman Dustin Reed led the team, taking second in the 103-pound class. He pinned his first opponent and won his second match by technical fall. He beat Junior Morgan of Abilene 6-0 in the semifinals, but he fell to Bryce Shoemaker of Baldwin 7-5 in the championship.

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sixth at 160. Taylor lost his first match 5-2 but won an 11-9 decision over Marcus Sullivan of Iola in his second. He won his next match by default and he won his fourth 7-2. He lost to Clayton Easterberg 7-2 and then lost 3-2 in his final match to take sixth.

Senior Ethan Stickel and sophomores Michael Tubbs and Dalton Snyder all went 1-2. Stickel was pinned by Colten Pickling from Abilene in his first match but won his second 10-4. He was pinned by Josh Rodriguez of Ulysses in his final round.

Tubbs lost to Taylor Moeder by technical fall in his first match at 130. He rebounded to beat Travis Belnap of Rose Hill 8-4, but then lost to Razy Morales of Ulysses in his last match.

Snyder lost to Seth Sharpe of Mulvane 3-0 in his first match at 135. He beat Derek Pike of Basehor-Linwood 11-4 in his second match and won his third in a decision. Snyder got pinned in his last match.

# Kansas Jayhawks lose Big 12 contest

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Students rushed onto the floor, jumping up and down and hoisting Keiton Page as they celebrated a historic win for Oklahoma State.

James Anderson scored 27 points, Page was perfect on four 3-point tries at crucial times and Oklahoma State denied a bid by No. 1 Kansas to go undefeated through Big 12 play with an 85-77 victory on Saturday.

The Cowboys moved to 3-1 against top-ranked teams all time at home and likely removed any doubt of whether they would make the NCAA tournament for a second straight season. Despite entering the game in seventh place in the Big 12, OSU had an strength-of-schedule rating of 33.

It was OSU's first win against a No. 1 team since beating Oklahoma on Feb. 4, 1989, and the landmark victory came in the same season the program got its first road win over a top 10 team in 52 years.

Teammate Fred Gulley headed toward the safety of the scorer's table as fans spilled out of the student sections along both baselines. But Page was right in the middle of it all.

"That was a great feeling," Page said. "I was claustrophobic. I was getting hot, so when they picked me up, I got a little breather. I was pretty excited when they did that. I thought I was going to pass out there for a little while."

The Jayhawks had won their

last 13 games since losing at Tennessee. They suffered their second loss of the season just hours after No. 2 Kentucky also lost to the Volunteers.

The last time the top two teams lost on the same day was Jan. 21, 2006, when No. 1 Duke lost to Georgetown and No. 2 Florida lost to Tennessee. Both of those teams were 17-0 at the time.

Sherron Collins had 22 points to lead Kansas.

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