

# Eagles qualify 12 for state track meet

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CLAY CENTER — The Colby High School track team qualified 12 athletes in 14 events for state after the Class 4A Regional Track Meet at Clay Center on Saturday.

As a team, the boys finished tied with Topeka-Hayden with 58 points. Only Concordia, with 70, and Clay Center with 82 were ahead.

The girls' 51 points put them in fifth, behind the winner, Goodland, 94.5 points, Marysville, 70 points, Abilene, 66 points and Clay Center, 63 points.

The boys 4x100 team set a new school record, taking first at 43.2 seconds. The team is Brent McCoy, Damien Stephens, Zach Brown and Wade McCoy.

Brown also placed first in the 400 at 50.14 seconds. The 4x400 team of Stephen, Bo Kleinsorge, Jason Simmering and Brown took first at 3:25.6.

The girls 4x400 team; Breann Hart, Lori Ziegelmeier, Ivy Ramsey and Jessie Brenn took first at 4:10.1.

Brenn took second in the 100 meter hurdles at 15.6 and the 300 hurdles at 48.7. Ramsey was second in the 1,600 at 5:28.3.

Adam Smith was second in the discus at 154'4". The girls' 4x100 team of Ziegelmeier, Swafford, Hart and Brenn took second at 51 seconds. Wade McCoy took third at

11.18 in the 100 meter. Stephens was third in the 200 at 23.1 in the 200.

Three Eagles took fourth and managed to qualify for state. The best two fourth place finishers from all four regions qualify for state.

Jason Simmering took fourth at 51.7 in the 400. Brianna Swafford ran the 200 in 27.05 and Zach Brown high jumped 6'.

The state track meet in Wichita will start Friday at the Wichita State University Campus.



# Texas A&M, K-State winners in Big 12 meet

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M's men scored heavily in the javelin and won the 400 meter relay with a makeshift lineup to capture their first Big 12 Track and Field Championship Saturday.

Kansas State's women, led by double winner Korene Hinds in the 800 and 1,500 meters, won the women's team title after finishing third last year with 128 1-4 points. Defending champ Nebraska was second with 117 1-2 points.

The Aggies, who started the day trailing Missouri in the men's division, got 21 points from four point producers in the javelin, led by walk-on freshman Luke Marrs, whose victory propelled A&M into the team lead.

The Aggies finished with 159 points, beating out the Texas Longhorns, who finished second with 120 1-2 points. Missouri finished third with 91 points and defending champion Nebraska was seventh.

A&M Coach Ted Nelson was drenched with ice-water following the Aggies first outdoor conference title since winning the Southwest Conference outdoor championship in 1981.

Hinds finished the 800 in 2:05.34, outdistancing Lanie Millar of Baylor, who was second at 2:08.29. Millar narrowly beat Iowa State's Lenka Kalabova, third at 2:08.30.

It was Hinds' second victory of the day. She earlier won the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:22.19, beating out Melissa Gulli of Texas A&M. Gulli finished at 4:24.45.

"I couldn't be happier with these two tough wins today," Hinds said. "In the 800, I just wanted to stay close in the first lap and see what I could do in the second lap. I just wanted to stay calm the whole way."

Bashir Ramzy lost out in his bid to win the triple jump and long jump but he helped the Aggies' to a :39.4 winning time in the 400 meter relay with Mike Mills running the second leg in place of injured Brandon Evans.

Adam Wooten also helped the Aggies with a first place in the 200 meters in 20.59, third in the 100 meters and he anchored the winning 400 meter

relay team.

"It was extra motivation, I knew I'd step it up (in 200 meters) since Brandon went down," Wooten said. "I was just trying to bring a title to our team."

Marrs won the men's javelin and three other Texas A&M throwers placed in the event, giving the Aggies 21 points and the lead after seven final events.

Ryan Luna of Texas Tech was second with a toss of 215-02 and Knut Sommerfeldt of Missouri was third. The Aggies also placed Ryan Duplichan, fourth, Jason Matthews, fifth and John Bloom, seventh.

Marrs' winning toss of 235-03 was a personal best after starting the season under 200 feet on his tosses. Marrs already had qualified for the NCAA Championships but his winning toss moved him up to No. 8 nationally in the event.

"I try to be as insanelly focused as possible," Marrs said. "I'm not as strong as the other guys so I have to find something. I wanted to feel like I belonged in the nationals not like I slide in. Today I feel like I belong."

John Nance added to Texas A&M's total with a winning leap of 18-0 1-2 in the men's pole vault and then missed three tries at 18-6 1-2, beating out Baylor's Jim Autenreith, second at 17-08 1-2.

Chris Hercules of Texas won his third triple jump title Saturday and became the first Longhorn to have three career victories in the triple jump and the long jump.

Hercules got off a winning leap of 53 feet, 2 1-4 inches on his second jump of the triple jump competition, giving him three titles in the last four years. He was second last year to Texas A&M's Bashir Ramzy.

Hercules won his third straight long jump in Friday's competition.

"I think the one yesterday (long jump) was more special because it was three in a row," Hercules said. "Last year, I fell off in the triple jump on the second day so I wanted to come back my senior year and finish strong."

Hercules passed on his final jump since he already had the title.



Brianna Swafford jumped 15' 13/4" in the long jump, adding to the Colby High School Eagles' team points, but not qualifying for state in that event. Swafford qualified in the 200 meter dash, and will be one of 12 Eagles at the state track meet at Wichita State University this weekend.

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# Tennis finishes in sixth

By RALPH WOLF

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HUTCHINSON — The Colby High School tennis team finished sixth out of 25 teams represented at the Class 4A tennis tournament in Hutchinson over the weekend.

Matt Murray finished the tournament in fourth place for singles play. He opened with a decisive 6-0, 6-0 win over DeHaven of Topeka-Hayden. In the second round, he defeated Hecker from Towanda Circle, 6-3, 6-2 to secure a spot in the semi-finals.

On Saturday, Murray faced Zac Blue from Desoto, losing 6-3, 6-0. Blue went on to finish the tournament in second place. In the consolation finals, Murray lost to Hamilton of El Dorado, 6-4, 6-2. Murray finished the season at 28-4.

In doubles action, the duo of Brian Wolf and David Victor went 1-3 overall. They lost a heart-breaker to Kearns and Goedke from Parsons in the opening round. After losing 6-3, they came back to win 7-6(7-5 tie-breaker) and force a third match. They lost 7-5.

The duo came back and defeated the no. 1 seed in the Topeka-Hayden regional, Zumbrunn and Beaver from Atchinson, 9-5. They finished the day losing 9-0 to Berns and Kenny from Abilene.

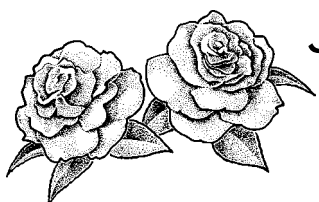
On Saturday, Wolf and Victor teamed up against Ahrens and Lunt from Pratt to finish their high school careers with a 9-6 loss. They finished the season 22-8.

The Colby tennis team was coached by Mike Sprenkel and Bill Weber.

## Area Briefs

• Colby recreation and Colby Community College women's basketball coach Tom Stephens are teaming up for a girl's basketball league this summer. Games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays for five weeks, starting May 30. There will be two divisions, separating at 10th grade. Cost is \$55 per player and shirts are provided. Call 462-4440 or 362-3984, ext. 269

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