

Mazanec wins state discus title

There are lead changes in horse racing and basketball games and even discus.

Colby High's Lissa Mazanec went back and forth with a girl from Tonganoxie before claiming first in the discus at the state high school track meet Friday and Saturday in Wichita.

Mazanec's winning throw was 135-5.

"She had won every meet in the discus," said Colby track coach Gordon Rasmussen. "And when 4A schools threw it was under tough conditions with the wind."

Rasmussen said, after Mazanec attempts the Tonganoxie girl's throw would be farther.

"But Lissa always answered," Rasmussen said.

Last season, Mazanec placed second at state in discus with a distance of 122-4.

Mazanec's first place finish helped the Colby girls score 13 points and place 12th. Concordia won the girls meet with 80 points. Concordia also won the girls meet last year.

Andrea Barker placed sixth in the 100 meters in :12.67. Zanae Baird

placed seventh in the 3,200 meters in 12:28.4.

Jessie Stephens, who has excelled running for Colby throughout the season, was slowed by leg injuries during her events.

"She has had leg problems for several weeks," Rasmussen said.

Barker, Stephens and Baird who have qualified for track multiple times finished their high school track careers.

"They are all outstanding athletes," Rasmussen said.

The lone Colby boy at state track, sophomore Josh Baden, placed sixth in the 3,200 meters in 10:16.4. Baden's finish gave Colby two points.

In Class 1A boys, Brewster tied for eighth place and scored 19 points. Jonathan Collett won the 3,200 meter run in 10:08.36. Karman Selby placed second in the 800 meter in 2:04.84.

Brewster's 3,200 meter relay team placed seventh in 8:46.51.

Golden Plains boys placed 49th with 2.5 points.

Golden Plains girls tied for 30th with six points. Liz Staats finished sixth in the 400 meter in 1:02.66.



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Kansas wins Big 12 baseball tournament

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Until this year, Kansas had never won a game in the Big 12 baseball tournament.

The Jayhawks are now the tournament champions behind the pitching of brothers Nick and Don Cxyz after holding off a late Nebraska rally and beating the Cornhuskers 9-7 Sunday at Bricktown Ballpark in Oklahoma City.

Kansas (42-23) had been 0-4 in its previous tournament appearances, but defeated Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Missouri and Nebraska behind solid pitching.

The No. 14 Cornhuskers (42-15) scored five runs in the final two innings off Jayhawk senior Kodiak Quick, including two runs after two were out and no one was on base in the bottom of the ninth. Quick was making his first relief appearance of the season.

Kansas brought in Don Cxyz, the NCAA saves leader, who picked up his 18th save by getting Nebraska's Jake Opitz to ground out to first base for the final out, then was tackled by teammates in celebration.

Kansas head coach Ritch Price said it has been impressive to see how far his team has come.

"When we first got here we weren't able to compete, so it says a lot about our progress that we've gotten to this point," Price said.

Nebraska head coach Mike Anderson said Kansas deserves credit for wanting the win more than this team.

"I just felt that the outcome of this

game had a lot to do with want, and they wanted it.

"We did at the end, but it wasn't enough."

Fourth-seeded Nebraska had come from behind in its previous wins in the tournament and looked to be making a strong comeback after Husker sophomore Ryan Wehrle's two-run home run in the eighth inning.

"Once we got down, we tried clawing our way back into it, but it didn't work out," Wehrle said.

Jayhawk center fielder Matt Baty, who was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player, said scoring early was a big factor in helping Nick Cxyz.

"When you have a freshman on the mound, all the runs scored are huge," Baty said. "He needs some confidence and with the runs, he starts feeling stronger and stronger."

Cxyz (4-3) got the win after going 5 1-3 innings, giving up three hits and two runs.

Nebraska sophomore Jon Klausung (4-2) took the loss and was knocked out during a four-run Kansas third inning.

Kansas' Jared Schweitzer hit a solo home run in the sixth and the Jayhawks added another run in the eighth to lead 9-2 starting the bottom of the eighth.

Nebraska is assured a spot in the NCAA baseball tournament and will host one of 16 regionals, while Kansas will await Monday's announcement from the NCAA to find out where the Jayhawks will play.

ABOVE: Colby's Josh Baden made a run for sixth place in the 3,200-meter-run at the state track meet Saturday in Wichita. RIGHT: Jonathan Collett of Brewster High School, left, accepted congratulations for his win in the 3,200-meter run at the state track meet Saturday in Wichita.



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Bonds passes Ruth

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Now there's only Hank Aaron.

Barry Bonds hit his 715th home run during the San Francisco Giants' 6-3 loss to the Colorado Rockies on Sunday to slip past Babe Ruth and pull in right behind Aaron, whose long-standing record of 755 may prove even tougher to crack. No. 715 played out exactly the way San Francisco's slugger wanted — he hit it at home.

The historic home run came eight days after he tied the Babe for second place on the career chart. But at 41, Bonds has been slowed by health problems. He underwent three operations on his right knee last year that limited him to 14 games, and also has bone chips in his left elbow.

And many believe his rapid ascent up the home run ranks was fueled by performance-enhancing drugs — though he has always denied knowingly taking steroids.

AUTO RACING

INDIANAPOLIS — Sam Hornish Jr. overcame a disastrous mistake in the pits and a pair of Andretti on Sunday to win the Indianapolis 500.

Hornish was penalized a lap late in the race for leaving his pit with the fuel hose still connected. Somehow, with pit strategies playing a role, he found himself back on the lead lap and in fourth, trailing Michael Andretti, his 19-year-old son Marco and Scott Dixon with two laps to go.

In a last-second move, Hornish whipped around Marco Andretti on the final straightaway and won the second-closest Indy ever, by .0635 seconds.

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