

# Wind annoys Eagle runners

Colby High's cross country teams fought the competition and the elements Thursday at Oakley.

Strong winds throughout the meet hampered runners and it showed in their times.

"It was just so windy," said Colby coach Bob Mannebach. "The times were not all that good."

Colby's boys team placed second, only trailing meet winner Greeley County by three points. Greeley County scored 37 points.

"When the runners turned south, it looked like they were standing still," Mannebach said about the wind.

For Colby boys, Josh Baden won the meet in 18:30. Darren Sporing was right behind him in second place in 18:39.

"Despite the wind, they both ran well," Mannebach said.

Mannebach said runners can better battle the wind by lifting weights.

Even though the Eagle boys took the top two spots, Greeley County crowded the top 10 to give them the win. Greeley County runners finished in third, fifth and ninth place.

Colby's Trevor Siebert finished 10th in 19:41. Kahle Phillips finished 15th in 20:05, Trenton Powell finished 17th in 20:09.

For the girls, Colby's Paige and Aubrette Stephens finished seventh and ninth, respectively. Paige's time was 17:51 and Aubrette finished in 18:20.

Mannebach likes how those two girls are progressing this season. "Those two performed well at state last year," Mannebach said.

Colby finished third with 70 points. Greeley County won with 38 points followed by Oakley with 45 points.

Kelly Gerstner is having some knee problems but Mannebach said that has not stopped her efforts. She finished in 17th in 20:12.

Colby runs 5 p.m. Thursday at Hill City.

# Trojans set for Garden City Tournament

Fresh off a victory over Pratt Community College Wednesday, the Lady Trojan volleyball team travels to Garden City for the Garden City Tournament today.

The Lady Trojans are currently 6-7 on the season and 2-0 in the conference standings.

Awaiting them at the tournament is some tough contests against ranked opponents. Here is a look at the Lady Trojans opponents this weekend.

Colby plays noon today against Western Texas; 4 p.m. today against Cowley; 9 a.m. Saturday against Western Nebraska and 2 p.m. Saturday against New Mexico.

# Punter stabbed by teammate

GREELEY, Colo. (AP) — The backup punter at Northern Colorado has been arrested on suspicion of stabbing his teammate — the starting punter — in the kicking leg.

The motive may have been competition for the first-string job, police said.

Mitch Cozad was accused of attacking punter Rafael Mendoza in a parking lot Monday night, Evans police Lt. Gary Kessler said.

Mendoza was treated and released from the North Colorado Medical Center Monday night. Coach Scott Downing said Mendoza will not punt in Saturday's game at Texas State University.



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Colby Eagle Britt Kersenbrock defended the net during one of Colby's three matches Thursday at Scott City. Colby defeated Oakley 2-1 (21-25, 25-19, 25-11); Scott City 2-0 (25-20, 25-21) and Hoxie 2-0 (27-25, 25-19). Individual statistics were not available by press time today. Colby plays 10 a.m. Sept. 23 in a four-team match in Colby.

# Heartland Christian falls to Grinnell

Heartland Christian's junior high volleyball teams lost Thursday at Grinnell.

The B team lost 2-0. In the first game, Grinnell won 25-22. Rachel Myers led Heartland scoring 13 points. Grinnell won the second game 25-20. Cheyanne Sowers led

Heartland with five points.

Heartland's C team lost to Grinnell 2-1. Heartland won the second game 25-23. Grace Corbett scored 10 points for Heartland. Five of her points were the last five for Heartland.

Grinnell won the decisive third

game 15-11.

"They are showing improvement," said Heartland coach Melissa Regier.

Heartland hosts a junior high and high school volleyball tournament Saturday at the Colby Community Building.

Action starts at 10 a.m.

# Hunters and Outdoors Enthusiasts

THE TIME IS NOW.

The National Wild Turkey Federation NEEDS A CHAPTER IN COLBY.



We the NWTF are making a push to bring the Wild Turkey to Western Kansas. The NWTF and its partners are working for the everyday hunter more so than most people realize. In 2005 the NWTF and its partners reduced the age to hunt turkeys in Kansas. We feel it should be the parent's decision as to when their young hunter can shoot a turkey, not the government. The NWTF has also proposed relocation of turkey in Western Kansas in the near future. We have 4 different divisions in the NWTF; one that represents the everyday outdoorsman (regular member), but more importantly are our other 3 divisions. We have our Jake's program that supports our youth; we give away scholarships to high school student every year in your town. We have education fun days with shooting and outdoors skills every summer. The NWTF knows the youth are the future of hunting. We also have our Women in the Outdoors division set up to educate women not only in hunting, but outdoor recreation, hiking, fishing, and camping just to name a few. Then to our last, but definitely not our least division, our Wheelin Sportsman. The NWTF created this division to help anyone that has a disability. We raise money to help those that need a little extra help getting out to the woods to go hunting or fishing. All of these programs come with there own magazine to cater to there special wants and needs. Colby needs a Conservation group like the NWTF to educate and to bring the Wild Turkey back to Western Kansas. The new committee, along with myself will host an annual Fundraising banquet each year, filled with Bronze sculptures, artwork, and firearms.

Please give me a call, Dustin Noble at 308-530-6376 or email me at [nwtfnoble@hamilton.net](mailto:nwtfnoble@hamilton.net), if you are interested in helping. This costs you nothing and is entirely volunteer.



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