

Eagles hold their own at Kansas Relays

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While many of the University of Kansas's incoming track and cross country recruits won't be able to test out their new digs until the fall, Colby High senior Josh Baden was able to get out of the starting blocks a bit early—so to speak.

Baden, a KU cross country/track signee, ran the first of many races to come on his soon to be home track in Lawrence's Memorial Stadium at the 81st Annual KU Relays April 16-19.

"I really wanted to try and impress the coaches and everything," said Baden. "It will be really exciting for me to get to run at the college level and at KU."

The pressure to perform well in front of his coaches-in-waiting may have let to added nerves, but any negative effects went unseen.

Going up against the best distance runners from all over the Midwest, Baden finished ninth in the 3200 meter race with a time of 9:51.51 and 23rd in the 1600 meters with a time of 4:32.39.

Both times rank as his second best ever in each race, and Baden's ninth place finish in the two mile was the best of any Kansas 4A runner in the event.

"I was really happy with my two-mile time," said Baden. "I was pleased with my time in the mile too. I just got boxed in at the beginning of the race."

The champions in each race were both from out of state. Andrew Perkins of Watertown (Wisc.) HS won the 3200, while Kevin Williams from D'Evelyn

(Colo.) HS won the 1600.

In all, Baden was up against a field that featured 35 runners in the mile and 20 in the two mile. All of Baden's competitors came from schools with a larger enrollment than Colby and most also came from schools in large metro areas like Kansas City and St. Louis.

"Colby doesn't have a whole lot of big towns around to run against," said Baden.

"There are not too many people around here that run distance. The few chances I get to run in eastern Kansas are a good opportunity to improve."

Now the question for Baden is whether his successful weekend in Lawrence can build enough confidence to vault him to a state championship. He believes the opportunity is there.

"I think I have a pretty good shot at it, especially in the two mile," said Baden.

"The kid that beat me at state (David Roberts of Mulvane) didn't run, but the two kids who beat me at state track last year (Tom O'Connell-Andover and Andrew Wagner-El Dorado) I beat at the Relays."

Joining Baden in Lawrence over the weekend was Lady Eagle senior Lissa Mazanec. Mazanec, a state champion discus thrower as a sophomore, threw in only the discus at the KU Relays.

Mazanec improved her distance with every attempt, and her final throw measured 128-3. That was good enough to vault her up to 10th place. Mazanec also finished as the highest 4A competitor in her event. Heather Bergmann of Concordia finished 18th (107-3), Peoples Kearsten of Ottawa was



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Colby Eagle senior distance runner Josh Baden, pictured, and senior discus thrower Lissa Mazanec competed in the 81st KU Relays Friday and Saturday in Lawrence. Baden, a KU signee, finished ninth in the 3200 meter race and 23rd in the 1600 meters. Mazanec finished 10th in the discus.

19th (106-7) and Maggie Roepke of Royal Valley was disqualified. Jacquelyne Leffler of Northern Heights won the event with a toss of 152-3.

After the weekend to showcase

their skills at one of the nation's premier track events, Baden and Mazanec will rejoin their Eagle squads for their next meet 3 p.m. Friday at Goodland.



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Colby Lady Trojan second baseman Courtney Duell tried to backhand a ground ball during the team's 7-1 loss to Garden City Tuesday at Carl Adams Field.

Lady Trojans see hot streak end against Garden City

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game against Garden as they fell to 24-27 overall and 7-11 in the Region VI standings.

"We didn't make in-game adjustments," said Lady Trojan head coach Ryan Sturdy. "That's something we had been doing these last 12 games."

The bats went silent, and Colby College's hopes of reaching .500 for the first time since March 12 went wistfully away as well.

Coming off an impressive streak of 11 wins in 12 games, including seven in a row over the weekend, the Colby Lady Trojan softball team came back to earth Tuesday losing both games of a double-header to Garden City 5-2 and 7-1 at Carl Adams Field.

After scorching the ball the previous two weeks, the Trojans managed just four hits in each

Garden tagged Trojan starter Karri Panno for five runs in the first inning of game one. Bronbuster starter Joni Stegman surrendered a run in each of the first two innings, but nothing more. Garden's game two starter, Taylor Cange, was even more unhittable. Cange surrendered just a run and three hits in six innings. Ninotska Amaro took the loss for Colby.

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